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## Where Your Treasure Is ...



Lee Canipe

I am slowly - and, I hope, surely - reconciling myself to the reality of Charlotte traffic. It hasn't been easy. Nothing I was taught in

driver's ed ever prepared me to make a left turn off of Colony Road onto Carmel Road at 4:30 in the afternoon. At some point, I'm learning, the Steve Winwood philosophy of the road has to kick in: While you see a chance, take it—and then, hang on and hope for the best.

Here's the thing, though: All those cars on the road represent a whole bunch of priorities. People are willing to get out and brave the traffic because they believe there's something important waiting for them on the other end of that drive. Maybe it's a job, or another day of school, or a doctor's appointment. It could be a child's practice, lesson, or game. Perhaps it's a workout at the gym, a quick trip to the grocery, or a cup of coffee with a friend. Whatever it is, it's important - important enough, at

least, to make a drive through the busy intersections of south Charlotte seem like a reasonable price to pay.

Priorities have a way of doing that - driving us forward when it would be a lot easier, cheaper, safer, and more restful to stay put. If it's important to us, then we make the time. If it's important to us, then we find the money. If it's important to us, then we take the risk. If it's important to us, then we endure the hassle because, in the end, we're convinced that what we're headed toward is worth it. We know about priorities. We make choices every day based on them. Each time we get into the car and pull out of the driveway we are, in a sense, revealing something about our priorities.

We're also, Jesus suggests, revealing something about our hearts. "Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth," he tells us in Matthew 6:19, because none of it will last. What doesn't get all rusty and moth-eaten, is liable to get stolen or misplaced. Investing our treasures - whether we're talking about the days of our lives, our God-given talents, or our hard-earned dollars - in short-term securities is a poor strategy for kingdom growth. Instead, says Jesus, "Store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven" where neither rust, nor moth, nor thief can destroy what is of greatest importance to you. "For where your

treasure is," we're told in Matthew 6:21, "there your heart will be also." In other words, how we use our time, talent, and money reveals something about our hearts—and, often, it's something we're probably not very proud of. I know that's frequently the case for me.

We don't have to stay this way, though. God can - God wants to - change us into people whose hearts are in the right place because our priorities are in the right order. When we finally let Jesus have his way with us, this kind of transformation is precisely what we can expect to happen. Will it be easy? No. Nothing that's truly worth doing ever is. But, now is the time to start. Throughout the month of October, our Stewardship Team is inviting us to turn our priorities, and the decisions we make about how we will use our treasures, over to the Lord. If we do this, and are serious about following as Jesus leads us, then I suspect that, the ways we spend our time, talent, and money will indeed begin to change. More importantly, however, our hearts will, at last, arrive at that gracious, generous place where God intended them to be all along.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Lee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Canipe".

### Stewardship at Providence

#### **Week 1 October 2nd – Time**

Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

#### **Week 2 October 9th – Talent**

Romans 12:5 "... in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

#### **Week 3 October 16th – Treasure**

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

#### **Week 4 October 23rd – Transformation**

Matthew 6:21 "Where your treasure is, your heart will be also."

## Wednesday Evenings

It's time to get in gear for our second session of Wednesday Night Studies. Here's your chance to sign up for your next favorite topic. Sign up beginning Sunday, October 2nd. Remember, we will have a special worship service on Wednesday, October 12th, and then we will begin our second study session on Wednesday, October 19th. Call David Jordan with questions at 704.366.4030x126.

### Children

Wednesday nights are fun for children! Right after our fellowship meal, our children's **music classes begin at 5:45pm**. Children as young as two are given the opportunity to learn principles of our faith through music. They dance and use instruments, too!

Our **missions education begins at 6:30pm**. Mission Friends (preschool children), GAs (school-aged girls) and RAs (school-aged boys) make learning fun! Check out the Children's Ministry page for more detailed information.

### Students

Every Wednesday evening from **6:00pm until 7:00pm** our middle schoolers join together for **Fusion**. This creative middle school group time features games, snacks and interactive Bible study. Join us in the student area and see what the buzz is all about!

High schoolers are invited to their own version of **Fusion**. Meet in the gathering room at **6:00pm** and have some one-on-one time with Andy for discussion and fun.

### Adults

Adults have multiple options for Wednesday night studies. Classes are from 6:00pm until 7:00pm.

Choose from:

- Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church (led by Randy Ballard and David Jordan)
- The Dangerous Act of Worship: Living God's Call to Justice (led by Timothy Hill)
- 12 Steps to Being a Better Christian (led by Al Cadenhead and Richard Landers)
- Gentle Yoga (led by Robin Clay)

## Sundays in October

**8:30am Worship and 11:00am Worship**  
Sermons by **Dr. Lee Canipe**

**October 2nd** – Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
World Communion,  
Deacon Election

**October 9th** – Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

**October 16th** – Luke 18:1-8

**October 23rd** – Luke 18: 9-14  
Commitment Sunday

**October 30th** – 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

## Thursday Morning Studies

**Letter to the Romans**  
with **Dr. Jordan**

Thursdays  
11:00am  
Nalley Missions Center

Join us for physical and spiritual refreshments as we share in good food, drink, fellowship and exciting Bible Study. This group is open to new members any time!

Dr. Jordan leads us in a study of Paul's letter to the Romans. For those who are interested, a supplemental book is available for more in-depth study.

## Let Your Light Shine

*You are the light of the world ... Matthew 5:14a*



David Jordan

Life can be hard. It is true now. It was true in Jesus' day. Yet Jesus shares surprising words to people just like us whose lives were very difficult. What he said then, and what he shares now, changes everything.

The rabbis in Jesus' day were referred to as "The light of the world." The same phrase also was used in conjunction with

the temple in Jerusalem. These words are familiar and loaded with meaning and emotion.

They imply: (1) sacred authority, as in the case of the rabbis, and (2) mystical power, as in the case of the temple. When Jesus' audience heard "You are the light of the world," they were shocked.

The thought that God could trust them - simple, regular, struggling people - as conveyers of God's hope, power, and connection was astounding. It still is.

While apparent at various points in the Old Testament, particularly in the prophetic calls to care for the poor and the left out, what Jesus says comes as a natural

extension of what the Bible had said all along. Yet his elevation of regular people, especially the previously excluded, was very controversial. It still is.

We still wonder if God can really use us. Sometimes, we have trouble seeing others as worthy conveyors of God's light. But Jesus reclaims the sacredness of God's perspective.

In the very beginning, in Genesis 1, God initiates creation by saying: "Let there be light." With the Sermon on the Mount, and through His life, teaching and resurrection, so does Jesus. This is the new law from the new Moses; this is the way God wants it to be.



Even in tough times or when it might be difficult for you to imagine, God's light shines in the darkness. Therefore, God's light is shining in you, no matter what.

Today, and the rest of this month, take what Jesus says to heart: you are the light of the world. Go out and shine!

Gratefully,

David

### *A Prayer for October*

*Lord, use me in redemptive ways.*

*Allow your light to shine in my humble life so that others might be drawn to your hope and truth throughout this lovely month.*

*And with your grace, allow me the insight to see your light in them as well.*

*Amen.*

## Join MOMs Group!

**Every Thursday  
9:30am  
in the Upstairs Parlor**



Anything that lasts for two decades is bound to be a GOOD thing. That generality is never more true than for the Providence MOMs Group. This year marks the 20th anniversary of our gathering of young mothers eager to find support, compassion and advice.

Providence mothers Heather Cochran and Liz Ross lead this book study and support group. Open to community and Providence women, MOMs Group offers free childcare and loads of fun and fellowship. Need childcare? Call Lauren Stroupe at 704.366.4030x138.

**HELP US GET THE WORD OUT! INVITE A MOM!**  
Better yet, bring her yourself!!



*MOMS Group Mother's Day Brunch - circa 2009*

### **MOMs Group - A Saving Grace**

*by Summer Sneed*

No friends. No family. New to Charlotte. New mom. Talk about difficult. The transition from working professional woman to life as a new stay-at-home mom was daunting. Pile on a move to a new city and it was even more challenging. And it was winter. Great. I don't remember a lot about those early months. But somehow I made my way to Providence. I enrolled my infant son in a preschool class in the Weekday Ministry and hoped I could figure out how to get my feet on the ground. To settle in. To find my way. But I was lost. I was lost in diapers. And doubt. I felt alone and afraid. How was I going to do this "mom thing" right? How was I going to get through this year of firsts when I didn't even know what I was doing from one moment to the next?

And then it happened. Another mom saw me, smiled and reached out. "Come to MOMs Group," she said. "You'll love it!" Simply, that invitation was life-saving.

My first year in MOMs Group literally changed my life. My Thursday mornings at Providence became sacred. It's where I "filled up" for the rest of the week. It's where I found solace. It's where I was challenged and encouraged and supported. It's where I laughed and cried with other moms who were walking WITH me on a very important journey. The interaction with other mothers made me see I wasn't alone. It gave me hope. It helped me make it through the days.

And then it was I who reached out to the mom who was all alone. I saw her. Because I once WAS her. I had been there. And I could understand.

That's how MOMs Group works. It's women helping women in a way only we can. The food is always yummy. The free childcare is delightful. But it's the interaction with the other moms that is lifesaving.

It's the encouragement and the love and the sharing that matters. And when you see other moms doing it (life), you get ideas and courage and you're simply made a better person, and a better mother. One with friends. One with family. One with hope.

I have often commented that MOMs Group was a lifesaver to me. And I don't think that is an exaggeration. The women I met and made friends with those many years ago are still the women I love and need and respect today. And I think they feel the same way about me. Because in the end, we are all moms. Pure and simple. And that is enough.

We have a saying in MOMs Group: "The days are long, but the years are short." I wouldn't trade those early days with my MOMs Group for anything. And now I understand how the years can be so short. I get it. And so will you.

Join us. You'll be glad you did.

## With Grateful Hearts...

It was July 6, 2014. As my family and I walked out of the Sanctuary (so the church could vote on the recommendation for me to become the next Minister of Music) we were escorted to the conference room to wait. There we were greeted by Debra Wallace, who said “it looks like I’ll be your Children’s Choir Coordinator ... if you want to keep me around.” I am certain in my nervous anticipation that I muttered “well, of course,” but inside, my heart was doing back flips! You see, unless you’ve served in Music Ministry, the importance of this role can often be overlooked. To say the least, I was overjoyed and now even more excited about this new calling to Providence.

Over the past two years, Debra has lived up to and exceeded my expectations. She is a cornerstone in our ministry, giving vital leadership not only to the choirs she leads, but as an experienced leader and mentor to our volunteers. Her desire to instill music and worship in the hearts of our children is accomplished through excellent musical training that leads to fuller participation in our worshipping community. Debra is so much more than a director or coordinator, she is indeed a servant leader and minister. We give thanks to God for Debra and her contributions to this church, and we congratulate her on 25 years of influence and leadership!



Debra Wallace

Tim



*In my time at Providence it was a blessing to work alongside Debra Wallace. Her gifts in music education for children helped to solidify the life lessons and confidence we seek in our young ones. Debra faithfully secured the stories of the Bible using music to guide spiritual formation – through weekly rehearsals, summer musicals, and worship leadership.*

*Thank you, Debra, for all the years of lining up children, straightening robes, picking quality music, and opening the ears and hearts of adults needing a word from God that only a child can provide. God blessed you and in so doing you have been a blessing to many.*

Carey Cannon

*Debra Wallace was a valued partner in music ministry during my years at Providence. She brought energy and excellence to everything she touched. Her expertise as a children’s music educator ensured we had a superb approach to our work with children.*

*She contributed greatly to the success of our student music ministry, directing youth hand bells that were every bit as important as our youth choir. She deserves a special place in heaven for managing to do this even on mission choir tours to the Bahamas and England! Kudos to you, Debra, for 25 years of ministry!*

Doug Haney

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## Student Sunday Nights!

Join us, one and all! We've got something special for students on Sunday nights! We know it's hard to make long-term commitments when you have so much going on, so we have designed our programming by "sessions" to make it easier for more students to get involved!

### Student Fellowship

We will gather Sunday evenings and begin with fellowship and snack. Students will meet in the Activity Center at 4:00pm for 30 minutes of food and fun. Different parents will host each week, giving students a chance to unwind, catch up, fill up and otherwise "chill" with their friends. This will be an informal time of gathering.

(Parents, **JUMP IN!** Be on the lookout for your opportunity to participate.)

Following our snack, middle school students will start with Bible study and high school students will start with choir. Then we'll swap! Check it out! Here's what's happening October 9th - November 20th:

### Animate Bible Study

We've got three sessions of Bible study planned throughout the year. We will gather in the Sanctuary and we'll be using the Animate Bible Study as a guide for our discussions (read more about the series on page 10).

- Middle School Students from 4:30pm – 5:30pm
- High School Students from 5:30pm – 6:30pm

### Student Choir

We also have three sessions of choir rehearsals planned. Our first session will focus on preparing for the greatly anticipated Hanging of the Green service. Mark your calendar for November 27th. Our students will lead this meaningful foray into Advent, helping us prepare our hearts and our Sanctuary for this blessed season.

- High School Choir from 4:30pm – 5:30pm
- Middle School Choir from 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Get involved! You'll be glad you did!**

## October Fellowship Meal Menus

### October 5th

**Breakfast for Dinner!**  
Sausage Links and Bacon  
Hash Brown Casserole  
Cheese Grits  
Scrambled Eggs  
Waffle Bar  
Biscuits  
Fruit  
Cinnamon Rolls

### October 12th

Baked Salmon  
Lemon-Dill Rice Pilaf  
Sugar Snap Peas  
Slaw  
Salad  
Pizza Bar  
Corn Muffins  
Key Lime Pie

### October 19th

BBQ Meat Loaf  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Salad  
Pizza Bar  
Biscuits  
Peanut Butter Pie

### October 26th

Chicken and Beef  
Enchiladas  
Red Beans  
Spanish Rice  
Nachos and Cheese Sauce  
Salad  
Pizza Bar  
Tres Leches Cake

Adults \$7.50, Seniors \$6.50, Children \$5.00, Max Family \$25

## Bible Drill for Children



For Children in 3rd - 5th Grades

Beginning Sunday, November 6th

4:30pm - 6:00pm Room 2232

**WHY?** Bible Drill teaches children all kinds of Bible skills – such as how to find each of the 66 books of the Bible. It also teaches Bible memorization as children learn 25 Bible verses. And lastly, it teaches children how to find 10 key passages of the Bible such as the Love Chapter (1 Corinthians 13). As children

learn these skills and how to drill, we believe in the power of the written Word to transform a child's life. We believe that children will be better equipped to be faithful Christ followers as a result of Bible Drill.

**HOW?** The material is divided into small portions to learn each week. Children typically learn two Bible verses a week while also learning where to find the books. They learn key passages during the last weeks of Bible Drill.

**WHO?** Children in 3rd - 5th grades can participate. Each year, we study a different cycle of material. If children participate all three years, they will learn 75 Bible verses, 30 key passages and all the books of the Bible.

**WHEN?** Bible Drill meets on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm - 6:00pm during November, and then from January to March.

Questions? E-mail Julia Wright at [jwright@providencebc.org](mailto:jwright@providencebc.org). We hope your child will join us!

## Sunday Afternoon Study



### Parenting with Love and Logic

October  
2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th  
4:30pm - 6:00pm  
CLC Parlor

Join us for a parenting study based on the book by Foster Cline, MD and Jim Fay *Parenting with Love and Logic*.

The book's principles are practical, keeping parents on track to rearing responsible, loving, confident children. We will examine these principles and talk about ways to implement the love and logic attitude. Participants will read assigned chapters of the book to be ready for group discussion. Sign up, then get the book (online or at your local bookstore) - it's that easy!

Childcare is available by reservation with Lauren Stroupe at 704.366.4030x138.

## Providence Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 28th

6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Rotunda Parking Lot

Wear Your Costume  
Enter Pumpkin Carving Contest  
Bring Extra Candy  
Provide a Trunk!

Call Randy at 704.366.4030x133  
if you will be providing  
a "trunk" for the "treats."





## Weekday Happenings

### Off to the Races

The 2016-2017 school year at Providence Weekday Education Ministry is off to a terrific start. To date, 172 children (aged eight-weeks through five years) are in our care during our half and full day programs. We are delighted to share the story of Jesus and God's love with these little souls.

The children are participating in several enrichment programs that include the Friendship Garden with Mrs. Pamela James, music with Mrs. Debra Wallace, and library with Mrs. Virginia Whilden. In addition, we have Play Spanish and PE programs, which keep our little ones active.



*Ms. Pamela James in the garden with her helpers*



*Fire Truck Day*

### October Events

We love fall! On Tuesday, October 3rd, our local firemen will stop in for a visit with our children. It's a time of excitement and hands-on learning! The children get to meet the firemen and sit in the firetruck cab. This is an annual student and teacher favorite!

Then, be on the lookout for how you and your family can participate in this year's Charlotte CROP Walk. We highlight how each of us can make this world a better place by engaging in big and little events. The



*Our children doing their part*

Weekday Education Family works together to be an example of how we can all do something to help others, regardless of size!

## School-Age Program



The Weekday Education Ministry is excited to offer a "School Age" program again this year. We offer care for

children from kindergarten through 5th grade from 7:00am – 6:00pm on the days that the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools system is closed and our Weekday Education Ministry is open.

Cost to register is \$25, and the cost of \$50/day includes breakfast, snack, hot lunch and an afternoon snack.

Questions? Want to register?  
Contact our office at 704.366.4030x129.

## Re-Link Your VIC Card

### Do you shop at Harris Teeter?

**Link your VIC card  
to #3085**

Your purchases help the  
Weekday Education Ministry  
raise money!

We receive 2% of your purchases when you buy  
participating Harris Teeter brand items.

Last year we raised \$821.69 through  
this program!!



You buy. We are rewarded.  
Simple.

Link up today at your  
local Harris Teeter.

## Animate Faith

### ANIMATE FAITH STARTS ON OCTOBER 9th SUNDAY NIGHTS IN THE SANCTUARY

4:30pm for Middle School

5:30pm for High School

Join us for our first session of “Animate!” Student Ministry is offering three sessions of Bible Study, where we will gather in the Sanctuary for discussion and debate. The Music Ministry will be offering Student Choir opposite our Bible Study, so everyone has a chance to get involved. We will be using the Animate Bible Study as a guide for your discussions. Our first session starts October 9th.

Here’s what to look for:



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#### October 9th: God | Faith is a Quest | Brian McLaren

“If you ask me, ‘Is God real?’ I first have to ask, ‘Which God are we talking about?’” With these words, Brian McLaren gives voice to a common struggle among people of faith—who exactly is this God we worship? Is God a mighty fortress, solid and unchanging? Is God a mystical, unknowable force that floats around us like a vapor? How can we speak of faith if we can’t even speak of God with any certainty? How can we chart a course through the often-murky waters of Christian tradition and find our way to God?

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#### October 16th: Religion | Spirituality Is Not Enough | Lillian Daniel

What does it mean to be spiritual? Is it the same as being religious? Lillian Daniel pushes back at this question that has been stirring up the cultural conversation for a while now. She asks us to consider how the seeds of faith take root and thrive. What role does organized religion play in helping - or hindering - growth? If religion is the problem, why has it held fast for thousands of years? In this age of religious pluralism, is it possible or even desirable to stick with our age-old traditions?

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#### October 23rd: Jesus | The Revolution of Love | Mark Scandrette

What does it mean to walk in the way of Jesus? To explore this question, Mark Scandrette looks to the ancient Japanese concept of the Dojo. What if our churches became places where we practiced being like Jesus? What if we were serious about joining in with Jesus’ Revolution of Love? What if we took the kind of social and economic risks Jesus took, and reshaped what it means to be a Christian? As Mark invites us into the Dojo, we find ourselves looking at a Master who might be asking us to walk down a path we never imagined.

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#### October 30th: Salvation | Abundant Life Now | Shane Higgs



The cross of Christ stands as a symbol of God’s saving work. But what, exactly, does it mean to be saved? From what? For what? Is salvation a reward we claim at death or something meant to change our lives right now? For Shane Higgs, these are the questions we need to answer if we are to truly receive the release that comes with salvation in the here and now.

## Help us **STOMP OUT Hunger**

### 2016 CHARLOTTE CROP HUNGER WALK OCTOBER 16TH!

The Charlotte CROP Walk includes people of all ages and faiths and provides help to people facing poverty and hunger both here in Charlotte and around the world. Last year, approximately 4,000 people walked 3.6 miles, which represents the length many people in developing countries have to walk to get food and water.



Providence remains a very strong supporter of the Charlotte CROP Walk. Last year we raised almost \$9,000, ranking us fifth among Churches, Temples and Mosques in our community! Of the money raised, 25% stays here in Charlotte and is split between Loaves and Fishes, Second Harvest Food Bank and Crisis Assistance Ministry.

The remaining 75% goes mainly to countries all over the world. A few examples include:

- Myanmar (Burma), to help people vulnerable to disaster to reduce their risk through education and training.
- Cambodia, for agricultural training and vegetable seeds and gardening tools to help families gain income.
- Liberia, Tanzania, Mozambique, to bring clean, accessible water and environmental education.
- Honduras, Guatemala & Nicaragua, to help find solutions to lasting problems of hunger and malnutrition.
- Bolivia, by improving nutrition for families by starting vegetable gardens.

Plan to join us this year by walking and/or financially supporting Team Providence. The Walk will begin at Independence Park at the corner of Hawthorne Lane and 7th Street. Activities begin at 1:00pm and the walk starts at 2:30pm. Sign up in the Rotunda to walk or sponsor a walker.

**Questions? Contact the coordinators!**

David Pyatt 704.778.0254 or email at dpyatt45@yahoo.com  
Jay Wright 704.526.8187 or email at jfamily11507@gmail.com

## Monthly Meeting



**Tuesday, October 4th**  
**10:30am**

**Nalley**  
**Missions Center**

10:30am Connie Andrews Prayer Group  
11:30am General Meeting

Guest speakers from the CROP Walk and Operation Christmas Child.

## October Missions Collection

**Operation Christmas Child**  
**Shoebboxes**

DUE  
Sunday, November 6th

Pick up packing instructions  
in the Rotunda.



## Providence Friendship Garden

It was 2009 and Providence just finished construction on the Nita Moss Children's Building. Beautiful. Lovely lawn. GREAT afternoon sun. Hmmmmmmm. Space AND sun? Something good was about to happen, especially with so many of our green-thumbed Providence gardeners being involved.

Almost six years later, we can be thankful for what an incredible ministry the Providence Friendship Garden has become. We have 29 beds that produce fresh vegetables and herbs almost 12 months out of the year. We have provided over 3,500 pounds of produce to Friendship Trays, in addition to what the garden grows for our Burmese community and our Weekday Education Ministry. And it all happens spontaneously. Not hardly.

Each week, the garden volunteers spend hours and hours preparing, planting, watering, weeding, mulching and finally harvesting the incredible bounty of our beds. Thanks to Bill Brown, Shari Carricker, Steve and Pamela James, Leslie Jones, David Jordan, and Bill Pangle (among others), we are able to supply Friendship Trays (and our own Providence kitchen) with fresh veggies, herbs and greens almost all year long.

Bill Brown got started with the gardens about five

years ago. "David Jordan asked me to get involved, and I thought, 'that's something good I can do at church,' so here we are!"

He's been volunteering ever since. His favorite part is the planting. "There's something really gratifying about planting a seed and watching it grow," said Brown.

And grow it has! From the initial three small beds, our Friendship Garden has multiplied to 29 raised beds, complete with a timed irrigation system. The produce keeps Leslie Jones, Bill Pangle and Shari Carricker busy with harvesting and delivery to Friendship Trays. And those trays go all across the city, complete with fresh vegetables for our friends.

Do you have a few spare hours here or there? You can make a big difference in the gardens. Join us.

We always can use more hands!



*Fresh herbs growing in the Friendship Garden*

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## PrimeTimers Gear Up!

**Thursday, October 20th**

**12:00pm**

Crouch Fellowship Hall

Food and entertainment!

Dr. David Jordan will be showing slides of his recent trip to the Holy Land.

Tickets are \$7.00.

RSVP to 704.366.4030x211  
by Sunday, October 16th.

## Join the Men's Group!

**Thursday Mornings**

**6:30am**

Craft Room #1327

Join other Providence men  
for a time of prayer and Bible Study.

Coffee is always available - -  
in case there are those who need help waking up!

Call Bill Caldwell at 704.366.6246.

## Basketball Registration

League for  
Kindergarteners - 12th Grade

Registration  
begins  
Saturday,  
October 1st



Deadline:  
Saturday, October 15th

Season runs from November - March  
We need coaches! Can you help?

Pick up registration forms in the  
Activity Center or go online to  
[providencebc.org/fellowship/sports](http://providencebc.org/fellowship/sports).

## Young Pros / Pub Theology

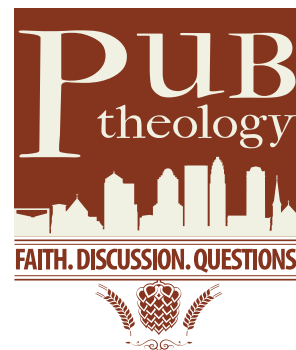
Monday, October 17th  
6:45pm

@ LeRoy Fox

Want to meet other Young Professionals  
in a small group setting?

**Then this is the place to be!**

Join us every month for Pub Theology.



This is where you can  
ask questions about  
your faith and have  
honest conversations  
about life, all while  
enjoying the company  
of friends who love and  
support you.

## Support Group

Alzheimer's Care-Giver's  
Support Group



Wednesday,  
October 12th  
at 11:00am

at the home of Sharon Winstead  
5090 Ashford Crest Lane

This group provides information, suggestions  
for care, and understanding for people who are  
taking care of a loved one who has Alzheimer's  
disease or who feel that their loved one may be  
in the early stages of Alzheimer's.

Call Sharon Winstead at 704.542.9662.

## Special Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, October 12th  
6:00pm

An Evening with Stephen Ware  
in the Sanctuary

Stephen Ware, star of film and stage  
(and also "Father" in the Providence production of  
*Children of Eden*) will be our special guest  
for this unique time of worship.

Ware will be singing selections from various  
Broadway musicals with inspirational and spiritual  
themes. Expect selections from *Les Miserables*,  
*Children of Eden*, and other spiritually centered  
Broadway productions. Come be blessed.

## Tour and Orientation

**Sunday, October 9th**  
**9:45am in the Rotunda**

For details, call David Jordan at 704.366.4030x126.

For new members and curious visitors!

Come hear all about the Providence history and future.

See how YOU can be a part of it.

## Stewardship Reminder

Be in prayer as we approach Commitment Sunday on October 23rd. Our Stewardship Committee has planned meaningful moments during worship:

October 2nd:	Time
October 9th:	Talent
October 16th:	Treasure
October 23rd:	Transformation

## In Sympathy

- Doris Golder in the loss of her son Richard Lamar Kennedy, Jr. on August 30th.
- Roberta Stover Whitaker in the loss of her husband Dennis Gerard Whitaker on September 1st.
- Liz Harris in the loss of her daughter Laura Webster on September 5th.
- Burt Banks and family in the loss of his grandmother Faye Hattaway Banks on September 8th.
- Steve James in the loss of his aunt Linda Faye Hickman on September 10th.
- Nancy Lockee in the loss of her husband Otto on September 12th.
- Janis Cook and family in the loss of her father James Carter on September 13th.
- Don Motsinger and family in the loss of his brother Kenneth Dale Motsinger on September 14th.
- Debra Wallace in the loss of her cousin Bonnie Stephens Lee on September 24th.
- June Danner in the loss of her sister Betty Lurie on September 25th.
- Dutch Klintworth and family in the loss of his sister Ruby Preacher on September 27th.

## New Additions

- Nolan Bel Motsinger, born August 30th, daughter of Christopher Motsinger and Chase Crouch, granddaughter of Mike and Debra Motsinger, and great granddaughter of Don and Carolyn Motsinger.
- Caroline Anne Davis, born September 1st, daughter of Kenny and Ashley Davis, and granddaughter of J.R. and Pam Morton. She is the great granddaughter of LaBruce Neely and great-great granddaughter of Annie Campbell.
- Khai Sian Hon, born September 23rd, son of Dim Lun and Nang Mang. He is the brother of Phillip, John, Jan, Esther and Sarah.

## In Appreciation

- We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Providence Baptist Church for hosting the 31st Annual Celebration of Sacred Music on Sunday, September 25th. The support and assistance of ministerial, administrative and custodial staff is greatly acknowledged. Thank you for allowing us the use of your church facilities to present this ecumenical service of worship for the community.

*The Officers and the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Music Ministries*

- For many years, PBC has been a church home away from home for my dad. The friendships he developed here meant a great deal to him. Your love and caring for him were evident throughout but especially during these last few weeks. Thank you for that and for your many expressions of sympathy and support to me.

*Sincerely, Janis Cook*

## Sanctuary Choir Workshop



**Come one! Come all!**

**October 8th  
9:00am - 12:00pm**

Join members of the Sanctuary Choir for an exciting Saturday! Kenney Potter, Wingate University's director of choral activities, will be with us as we begin our musical preparations for the Advent season. It is a time of excitement and meaningful music.

You'll want to be a part of this special experience!

Come early to enjoy some coffee and fellowship!

## 2017 Budget Requests

**Due Tuesday,  
October 25th**



Get your 2017 budget requests into Church Administrator Richard Landers by Tuesday, October 25th. To aid in the process, all committee chairs/chair elects and staff liaisons have been given 2017 budget worksheets and information.

The proposed budget will be voted on during the regular quarterly business meeting on Wednesday, November 9th.

## New Members



Senior Pastor Lee Canipe and his family officially joined Providence Baptist Church on September 25th. They joined by transfer of membership from Murfreesboro Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, NC.

Welcome to (L-R) Watt (7th grader at Carmel Middle School), Helen (9th grader at Myers Park High School), Hilary, Lee and Peter (4th grader at Olde Providence Elementary School). We are so glad you have joined our Providence family!

### ON RECORD - September 25, 2016

Worship Total:	702
Christian Stewardship	
Average Weekly Requirement	*\$42,823
*The average weekly requirement is the annual budget of \$2,226,774 divided by 52 weeks.	
Revenue and Expenses	
Projected 2016	\$2,226,774
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Revenue Through 9/25	\$1,368,946
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Expenses Through 9/25	\$1,493,954
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Deficit Through 9/25	-\$125,008

### This Month:

#### Deacon on Call:

704.366.4030x147

September 28 - October 4: David Miller

October 5 - 11: Dennis Stallings

October 12 - 18: Kelly Perrone

October 19 - 25: Harrison Marshall

October 25 - November 1: Tom Philson



#### Minister on Call:

October 2: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)

October 9: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)

October 16: David Jordan (704.724.2766)

October 23: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)

October 30: Andy Smith (704.763.9475)



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## Deacon Election

*Sunday, October 2nd, 8:30am and 11:00am  
Providence Sanctuary*



## Special Wednesday Worship

*Wednesday, October 12th, 6:00pm  
Providence Sanctuary*



## CROP Walk

*Sunday, October 16th*



## Commitment Sunday

*Sunday, October 23rd, 8:30am and 11:00am  
Providence Sanctuary*

## Next Connections is November 1, 2016.

Deadline for submitting articles,  
photos, announcements, etc, is  
**Noon, Monday, October 17th.**  
Articles should be 350 words or less.  
Email your submissions to:  
[ssneed@providencebc.org](mailto:ssneed@providencebc.org).  
*Thank you!*



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