

June 1, 2017



PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Start Here



Home and Away



Lee Canipe

Summer is upon us, and before we all start going thither and yon to camps, vacations, mission trips, and so on, I've got three requests to make of you. The first two are for when you are away from Providence this summer. The third is for when you are here.

First, this summer, when you are out of town, wherever you are, please find a church and go to worship there. Your soul needs to be nourished. That's part of a healthy, restorative vacation. Don't neglect your soul. More importantly, though, is the fact that God deserves our praise and thanksgiving whether we are at home or away, working or resting. Our need to worship—to pray alongside God's people, sing our praises to God, hear God's Word proclaimed, and respond to God's love and mercy with grateful devotion—never takes a holiday.

So, as your pastor, I'm telling you: Go to worship while you're out of town on vacation this summer. Visit a different kind of church and see how different Christians worship in different ways. When you do this, please save an order of worship and bring it back for me. I enjoy looking at them and learning how other churches are creative and innovative in their worship—and, no, this isn't some sort of sneaky way to make you prove that you actually went to church at the beach. I knew a guy who used to bring back orders of worship from other churches with a handwritten note from the pastor: "Yes, he was at church today." That's really not necessary.

Second, this summer, when you are out of town, please continue giving generously to Providence. Maybe you don't need reminding because generous giving is a habit for you. That's good. Giving is indeed a spiritual practice that, perhaps more consistently than anything else we do, both reflects and strengthens our trust in God. We don't take a holiday from that. It's not just a matter of good discipleship, though. It's also a matter of good stewardship. The missions and ministries of Providence are going strong between Memorial Day and Labor Day regardless of whether you are in town or not, so continue to support them—regardless of whether you are home or away.

Finally, this summer, when you are in town, and at worship, and giving faithfully, I'd like you to pay attention to those sitting around you in the Sanctuary who might be guests. I can personally attest to the fact that Providence people treat newcomers very well. Others have shared with me their own experiences

of being a guest here and receiving a warm, sincere welcome. We need to keep that up.

In the summer, though, things tend to slow down. We feel less rushed on Sunday mornings, and maybe more willing to take time to have conversations with guests, both before and after worship. Thom Rainer, president of Lifeway Christian Resources, writes that there are seven things we should say to our guests in worship. I thought them worth passing along:

- "Thank you for being here." That seems like such an obvious thing to say, but I suspect we'd be surprised at how seldom it actually happens.
- "Let me help you with that." For the parent struggling with baby gear, the elder struggling with a walker—for anybody, really, who needs a hand—this small gesture speaks volumes about who we are and what we're like.
- "Please take my seat." Nothing tells a guest, "You're not welcome here," quite like a roomful of regulars who refuse to scoot over.
- "Here's my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way." You may not want to share this information with every guest, but for people you connect with—especially those who are new to Charlotte—having a friendly contact can be a huge source of comfort and assistance.
- "Can I show you where you need to go?" Providence is a big place. Newcomers need to know how to find their way around. Signs are fine, but kind guides are much better.
- "Let me introduce you to ____." The more people guests meet while at Providence, the more likely they are to feel at home here and want to return. It's that simple. I believe I speak for all the staff when I say that we, especially, want to meet our guests on Sunday morning. Please help us do that.
- "Would you join us for lunch?" According to Rainer, this is the single most effective way of making the kind of impression that leads first-time guests to become second-time guests.

So, three things to work on this summer. When you're away, go to worship and continue to give generously to Providence. When you're here, welcome guests with warm smiles, kind words, and friendly hospitality. May these summer months be a blessing to you—and, wherever you are between now and the beginning of September—may the peace of Christ be with you!

Student Minister Update



What an exciting time!

After many months of prayer, meetings, discussion, and interviews, the Student Minister Search Committee is prepared

to recommend a candidate to be our next Minister with Students and Their Families.

The committee's recommendation is unanimous and reflects our sense of God's leadership in our decision. The entire committee is convinced this is the right candidate for our church, our students, our congregation, and our community.

We are requesting a Called Church Conference for the express purpose of affirming this decision. We look forward to the future and we know God will do mighty things at Providence.

~ Chair, Chris Squier

**Special Called
Church Conference**

Sunday, June 25th
Following
10:30am Worship

This Church Conference is called to vote on the recommendation of the Student Minister Search Committee for the next Providence Minister with Students and Their Families.

Information regarding the candidate will be available prior to the meeting.

Deacon on Call

Deacon on call phone number:
704.366.4030x147

May 31 - June 6: Linda Mullis

June 7 - 13: David Miller

June 14 - 20: Kelly Perrone

June 21 - 27: Kate Perry

June 28 - July 4: Tom Philson



Minister on Call

June 4: Lee Canipe (704.975.0340)

June 11: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)

June 18: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)

June 25: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)

May 21st, 2017

2017 Projected Deficit Reduction Fund*

\$30,687 (to date) \$128,285

Worship Total: 538

Christian Stewardship

Revised Average Weekly Requirement \$43,976

The average weekly requirement is the annual budget of \$2,286,776 divided by 52 weeks.

Revised Revenue and Expenses

Projected 2017 \$2,286,776

Revenue Through 5/21 \$ 829,455

Expenses Through 5/21 \$ 817,831

Net Revenue to Expenses Through 5/21 \$ 11,624

***Includes 2017 Projected Deficit Fund Receipts**

Honoring a Sweet Saint



Dorothea Compton

Mrs. Dorothea Compton has spent the last three decades leading a Bible Study at Sharon Village Retirement Center.

Once a month for thirty years, Dorothea sang hymns, brought refreshments and offered the residents of Sharon Village much joy through

a Bible Study with the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) of Providence. A beautiful flower garden is named in her honor there, a gift that suits Dorothea's special kind of beauty perfectly.

"Dorothea is one of those people who God's light just shines through," said a fellow WMU volunteer. "We are just so very proud of her and her witness of God's love."

Student Accomplishments

It isn't often you hear of someone taking the United States' Citizenship Test, but that is exactly what **Tata Sing** will be doing before the end of June. Once completed, Tata will be a full-fledged US Citizen. We are so proud of his effort, dedication and hard work! Congratulations, Tata!



Tata Sing



Esther Kim

Esther Kim is one of our eight graders. She has been invited to participate in a special Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) program where she will go to high school on the UNC-Charlotte campus. After five years, Esther will complete the program with a high school diploma and two years of college credit – all at

CMS expense. Esther is one of 50 students selected for this new program. Congratulations, Esther!

Young Professionals



Monday, June 19
6:45pm

@ LeRoy Fox

Calling all Young Professionals!

Do not miss this time of debate and fellowship. A dynamic discussion always develops.

Speakers may vary. The friends do not!

Father's Day Focus

Sunday, June 18
9:15am

Crouch Fellowship Hall

Fathers, it's YOUR big day!
So we've got something special planned for you.

Enjoy your own special Fireside Chat with Lee Canipe as he passes along some lessons he's learned during the last 15 years with his children. It will be informal, informative and inspirational.

Don't miss this special time for dads!

Worship in June

Sunday, June 4

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Baccalaureate Sunday
Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, June 11

Trinity Sunday
Jonah 1:1-4
(David Jordan Preaching)

Sunday, June 18

Genesis 18:1-15

Sunday, June 25

Matthew 10:26-39

Summer Schedule

Enjoy our summer schedule now through
Labor Day Sunday, September 3.

Rotunda Fellowship with Refreshments

8:30am - 9:15am

Sunday School

9:15am - 10:15am

Worship

10:30am

Donuts, Anyone?

Can you or your class provide refreshments for one
Sunday morning this summer?
Be the friendly face of Providence
and greet your friends with goodies!
(After all, donuts make everyone happy...)

Find out more and sign up in the Rotunda.

"COME SING" CHOIR

All are welcome!

Beginning June 11, the Sanctuary
Choir is extending an open invitation to
"Come Sing!"

For worship we will be singing familiar
songs that only require a 30-minute
warm-up each week.

Join us at 10:00am in the choir room
Sunday mornings. You won't even
have
to wear a robe ... we'll be disrobed"
for the entire summer!

We will have a few rehearsals to keep
us on track, so check out those dates
to the right ...

We hope to see (and hear) you soon!



Summer Rehearsals

Once-a-Month Wednesday Nights 7:15pm

June 28

July 26

August 30

Meet in the
Lowell Dotson Music Suite.

Join your friends and fellow singers
for a quick "touch up"
of upcoming music selections.

For more information regarding the Music Ministry contact, Carol Arant at 704.366.4030x121 or carant@providencebc.org.

Saddle Up!

It's time for the Circle G Ranch!

Vacation Bible School

June 19 - 23

9:00am – 12:00noon

(Extended care is available from 7:30am – 5:30pm for a small fee.)

For ages rising K – 5th grade completed



Register now: www.providencevbs.org. Bring a friend!

VBS Preparation Day

For all adult and student volunteers

Sunday, June 18

5:30pm

Sanctuary

For questions about VBS, please contact Julia Wright at jwright@providencecbc.org.

Summer Day Camps Are Coming!

“Start Here” for summer fun for your child! Our Day Camps offer great opportunities for building friendships and making memories. Bring a friend with you and join the fun!

Flag Football Camp	June 26 - 30	\$115
Passport Kids Overnight Camp (full)	July 9 - 12	\$280
Soccer Day Camp	July 10 - 15	\$115
Children's Music Day Camp	July 17 - 21	\$115
Basketball Day Camp	July 24 - 28	\$115
Cooking Day Camp	July 31 - Aug 4 (plus \$15 food supplies)	\$115

To register, please e-mail Kristen Hendrix at khendrix@providencecbc.org.

VBS Leadership

Here's the Round Up, Ya'll!

Meet your VBS Leadership Team. We've been busy roping and riding through plans for this great week at Providence!



Julia Wright
Head Cowgirl in Charge



Lauren Stroupe
Preschool Ranchers



Kristen Hendrix
Registration



Lia Hinson
Recreation and Snack



Kelly Perrone
School Age Ranchers



Jennifer Rabon
Weekday Ranchers



Cristan Latty
Craft Corral



Kristen Gennett
Set up and Theme Decorations



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For more information about the Children's Ministry, contact Kristen Hendrix at 704.366.4030x125 or khendrix@providencecbc.org.

A Personal Look at Missions

This past year, Providence has made an effort to become more involved in QC Family Tree (QC = Queen City), a local “mission” that seeks to be kinfolk who are rooted in discipleship in West Charlotte. On April 21, the Young Pros hosted their first Friday night dinner with QC. The Providence Young Pros, of which Natalie Lodato is a member, are helping to lead this partnership. Recently, following one of their evenings with QC, Natalie wrote the following article in an attempt to convey her passion for this type of involvement in the community.



Natalie Lodato and her daughter Lia.

Growing up at Providence, I enjoyed missions. It has always been a huge part of this church, one that shaped my experience as a child and youth. I always walked away from

service days and mission trips with a feeling of

accomplishment, renewed faith, and belief that the work I participated in helped to spread the love of God. But somehow, QC Family Tree (QC) has been a different kind of experience.

First of all, you have to understand what QC does in the neighborhood of Enderly Park. Helms and Greg lead this ministry, which focuses on developing “community” in an underserved population in West Charlotte. They host community meals, youth group, art and summer tutoring, entrepreneurship/empowerment programs, and they help with just about any needs that arise. They live in the neighborhood they serve, and their house is a home to all of their neighbors - particularly the children who come and go constantly.

When you participate in the QC ministry, you are asked to be a partner and to come often. At a regular community meal you are asked to participate as an equal with the neighbors; eating with them, yet not serving them; speaking with them, yet mainly listening to them. QC asks their neighbors to share their truth with all visiting volunteers.

When you attend - you will be told about how the neighbors live their lives. The first time I went, a child told me about her first grade class and then asked me the difference between written letters and numerals on a game. The second time a neighbor explained how difficult it was with neighborhood gentrification, rising rent, new shopping centers (they couldn't afford) overtaking places they could, and displacement. The third time, a neighbor

spoke to me about politics and health insurance and how she couldn't have children because she could not afford them.

When I leave an evening at QC, it feels unlike any other mission experience... I don't leave feeling warm and fuzzy. I leave feeling bothered and broken.

That meal we provided is nothing compared to these neighbors' needs. I feel overwhelmed; overwhelmed by the courage that it takes to live in their neighborhood, on that income, with another color of skin. I feel overwhelmed by how much I have and how much I take for granted. It does not feel good to stand face to face with a neighbor's

need and my lack thereof. And then I'm overwhelmed by replication of this in neighborhoods where there is no QC showing people that they are loved and valued just as they are.



A lovely seating area at QC Family Tree, an oasis of green in the Enderly Park neighborhood.

Today, if Jesus were walking on earth - teaching, and helping - maybe he would be in a neighborhood such as Enderly Park. Perhaps he would be sitting on the floor of a broken front porch, in the dirt, talking with neighbors about their lives. Maybe the kind of mission that can truly change us is the kind that ruins us. It makes us stare in the mirror and say, “I have too much. I haven't done enough. What more can I do?”

As for me and my family, and the Young Pros of Providence, we will continue to befriend these neighbors and offer to be broken with them together.

~Natalie Lodato

Be on the lookout for ways you can get involved. Throughout this summer, our entire church family will collect backpacks and school supplies for the QC fall kickoff. You will not want to miss this opportunity to serve these families.

Congratulations, College Grads!

From Texas to Canada to North Carolina, our recent college graduates have made us proud! Congratulations to you!

Rachel Ellen Bradshaw

Clemson University
Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Lindsay Alyssa Clouse

North Carolina State University
Masters of Accounting
Summa Cum Laude

Rachel Victoria Dotson

High Point University
Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communications

Taylor Nicole Fairley

Carson-Newman University
Masters in Counseling

Katherine Joyce Farrell

Texas Christian University
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing

Kelsey Michelle Green

University of South Carolina
Doctorate of Pharmacy

Robert Avery Hall

Lees-McRae College
Bachelor of Arts in English

Timothy Paul Hill

Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies
Master of Worship Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Mallory Anne Johns

North Carolina State University
Bachelor of Science in Business,
Concentration in Marketing
With Honors

Emma Grace Landers

University of Mississippi
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science,
Minor in Biology
Magna Cum Laude

Catie Leavitt

North Carolina State University
Bachelor of Science in Textile Design

Riley Oxendine

Appalachian State University
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science
Cum Laude

Sara Fairley Parkerson

University of North Carolina Wilmington
Master of Science in Accountancy

Taylor Stewart

Lenior-Rhyne College
Bachelor of Science in Marketing,
Concentration in Finance
Cum Laude
SAC Conference Commissioners All Academic
(Baseball)

Mary Abigail Stout Hendrix

Concordia University
Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Minor in Leadership

Benjamin Craig Weathers

North Carolina State University
Bachelor of Science in Sports Management

Justin Bennett Winter

Western Carolina University
Bachelor of Science in Geology

SHARE IN the Journey

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Brian and Sabrina Cole joined Providence in 2011, and despite moving to Salt Lake City, Utah three years ago, they have managed to participate in every Providence Vacation Bible School since. The Cole's have two children: Caroline, who is in second grade, and Oliver, who is 4 years old. Even though the family moved across the country, Brian and Sabrina make sure that participating in the Providence VBS remains an integral part of their summer plans. Brian volunteers during VBS every year, and the children enjoy reconnecting with their Providence friends. Due to work commitments, Sabrina is not able to make the trip with them, but she makes sure that her family spends this important time with their North Carolina church family. What a huge commitment!



Sabrina and Brian Cole with their children Oliver and Caroline.

SHARING the Journey



High School students volunteer during VBS.

“VBS is important to me because I hear and learn more about Jesus and the different ways he shows us love. My favorite part of VBS is singing and helping others around the world. I get excited to make things in the fellowship hall. We make things - like a cross necklace - that remind me Jesus died for us so that our sins could be taken away. I am excited when dad says we are going to VBS again each year because I know it will be fun seeing our friends from Charlotte.”

Miss Caroline Cole

“What an opportunity we have through Vacation Bible School to reach the children of our community! We have the opportunity to lay a foundation of faith in each child’s life. They hear Bible stories, sing Bible-related songs and learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus. This foundation could very well shape and transform the direction of each child’s life!”

Julia Wright

Minister with Children and Their Families



Caroletta Partain mesmerizes our youngest during VBS.

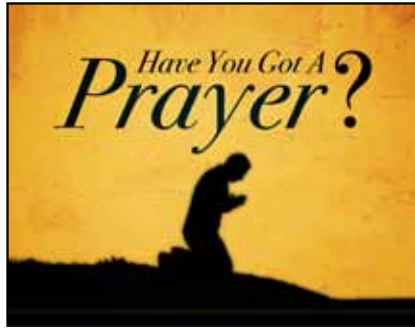
Cheerful Giving

When the Holy Spirit leads the heart of the giver, lives are transformed. It is the responsibility of all members to share the resources that God has blessed us with. Give today to help transform the lives of children in the Cotswold community and beyond. Visit www.providencebc.org/give.

Share IN the journey of being a cheerful giver by visiting www.providencebc.org/give and supporting the ministries at Providence.

Providence Prayer Warriors

Have you ever needed prayer? Did you ever want to have your burden shared by someone who would lift your worries to God?



Providence is blessed to have a very special team of dedicated prayer warriors. This committed group of people regularly pray for Providence and its members. Specifically, this team concentrates on the prayers that are written down and dropped in the prayer boxes located around the Providence campus. All requests are kept in the strictest confidence. Those on the prayer team are not identified and every effort is made to keep those requesting prayer anonymous.

These special prayer boxes are located across the Providence campus: in the Rotunda, in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall, outside the Libby Gray Media Center, in the student area, at the entrance to the Activity Center, at the entrance to the Nita Moss Children's Building, and in the hallway near the Providence courtyard.

Please let us pray for you!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Wednesday, June 28

5:30pm

Bring a picnic dinner to the Providence Gazebo and enjoy an evening cheering on the Providence men's softball teams!

Beverages and desserts will be provided. Just pack your picnic supper full of your favorite things and get to Providence for a relaxed evening with friends.



Nothing is better than being outside sharing a lazy summer night with your Providence family!

Prayers for Mission Trips

Young Pros in NYC

June 7 - 11

Our Young Pros will be going on mission together to Metro Baptist Church in NYC. They'll be partnering with local ministry sites, including "God's Love, We Deliver."

Middle School in Nashville

June 11 - 16

Our Middle School students and chaperones will be working in the impoverished neighborhoods of Nashville, Tennessee. They will be partnering with Center for Student Missions to serve in food pantries, clothes closets and soup kitchens.

Please pray for their safety, provision and providence. May they bless and be blessed.

Sign Up High Schoolers!

It's YOUR turn!

Mission Trip

July 16 - 22

Do you want to be a part of something fantastic? Be sure to sign up for the High School Mission Trip.

Contact George Mulley at gmulley@providencebc.org or go to the Student Page on the Providence website. The deadline is June 18th.

\$200 deposit due June 21st.

Sign Up Now

You Said How Many?!

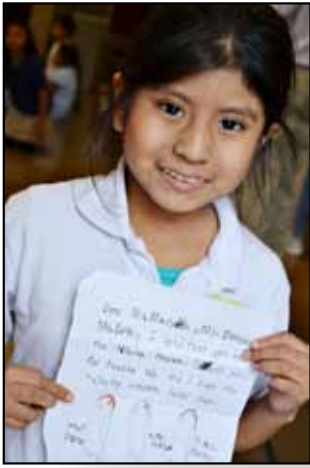
Amazing job, Providence! You gave a whopping total of 417 collared shirts to Charlotte Rescue Mission (CRM). These shirts will help men in our homeless community look sharp for job interviews.

Thank you for giving with such an open heart!

(Take note of the special "thank you" received from CRM printed on the next page!)



Rama Road Tutoring Wrap Up



Thank you, Providence, for helping us have another successful year of tutoring with our Rama Road students. We appreciate your generous support throughout the years. Thank you for the many ways you continue to share in this ministry through your prayers, snack donations, prizes for our carnival and more. This year's Carnival was so well supported that the students were able to select gifts for themselves AND

win prizes for their siblings and Mother's Day! One precious child (pictured above) wrote a note thanking the tutors. The note says, "Dear Ms. Mary Ann, Ms. Donna and Ms. Dorothy, I loved that you helped the tutoring program. Thank you for teaching us and I hope the tutoring program never stops." That says it all!

New Member



Sydney Query joined Providence on May 14. She made her profession of faith and will be baptized in the coming days. Sydney is in the fourth grade and is the daughter of Stowe and Carrie Query. She is also a big sister to Davis.

A Special Note for a Special Congregation

Dear Rev. Canipe,

Imagine our genuine surprise when our friends from your congregation recently dropped off over 400 men's dress shirts. You have blessed us over the years with your generous and loving hearts, as we strive to help men and women transform their lives through Jesus Christ. We are so very grateful to everyone at Providence Baptist Church for partnering with us through donations, grants and volunteering. One of your volunteers even took the time to show some of our residents how to sew a button on their shirts! Thank you for your generosity, friendship and helpful hands!

Blessings, Greg Gooden - Charlotte Rescue Mission

In Sympathy

- Jamie Pittman in the loss of her mother-in-law Elizabeth Grainger Pittman on April 4th. She was grandmother to Price and John Pittman.
- Charlotte Guthrie and her family in the loss of her cousin Nicholas Wayne Maddox on April 22nd.
- Dawn Martin in the loss of her uncle Mitchell Wayne Sullivan on April 29th.
- Randy Hopkins in the loss of her grandmother Agnes Sims Pittman on April 30th. She was great grandmother to James and Jonathan Hopkins.
- Cristan Latty in the loss of her aunt Susan Burks on May 1st.
- Julia Wright in the loss of her aunt Korney Adams on May 2nd.
- Mary Sluder in the loss of her husband Tex Sluder on May 4th.
- Lindsey Cope in the loss of her grandmother Gladys Nelson on May 9th. She was Lisa Cope's mother.
- Rebecca Kerley in the loss of her mother Judith Laughlin on May 13th. She was grandmother to Peter and Jimmy Kerley.
- Leslie Jones in the loss of her grandmother Christine Little on May 15th. She was great grandmother to Parker and Henry Jones.
- Margaret Smith in the loss of her brother Erwin Potts on May 18th.
- The family of Donald Jeffries in his passing on November 5, 2016. Don was a charter member of Providence.



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Next Connections is July 1, 2017.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, announcements, etc, is
Noon, Monday, June 12th.
Articles should be 350 words or less.
Email your submissions to:
ssneed@providencebc.org.
Thank you!



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