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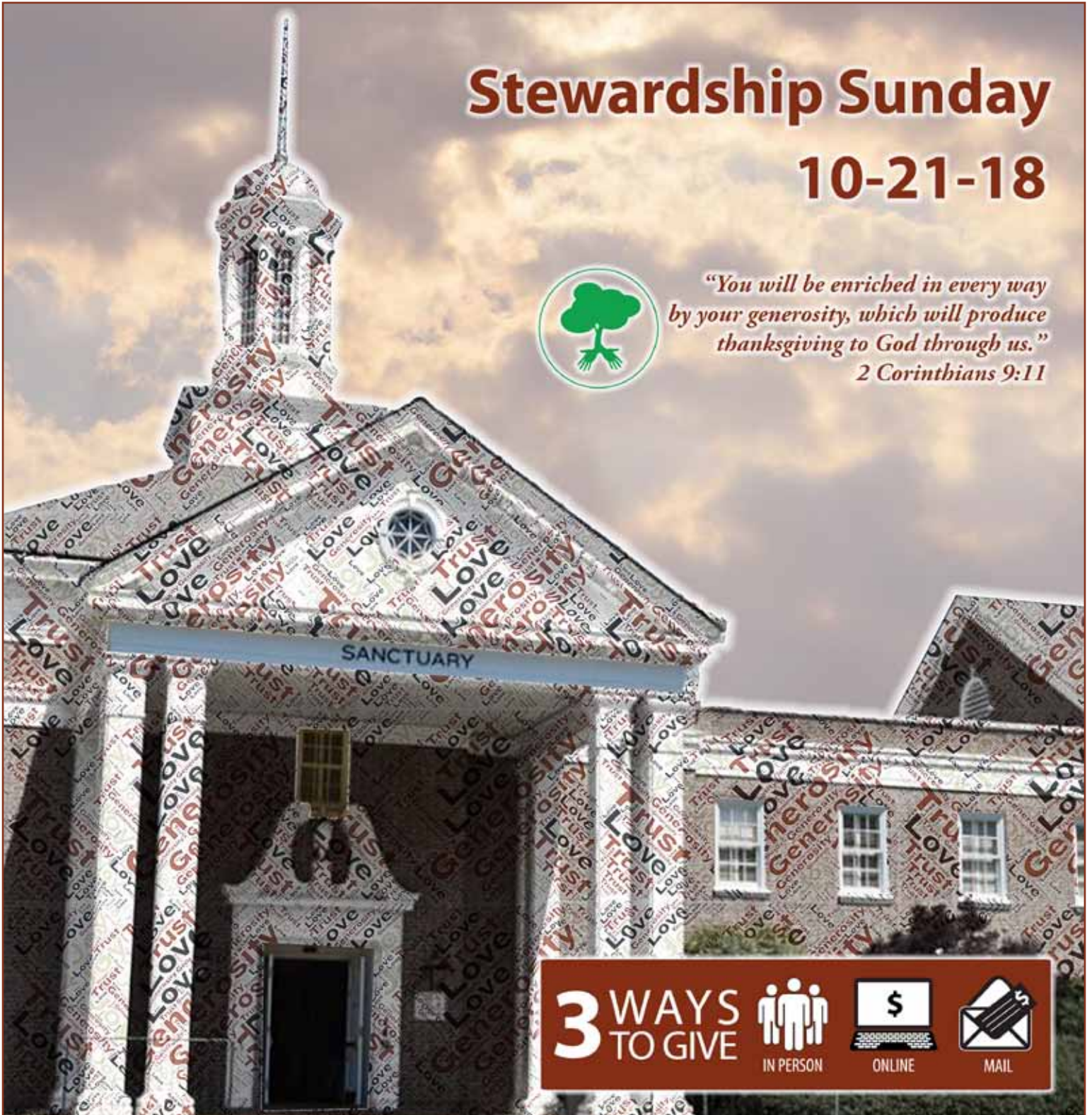
Start Here

Stewardship Sunday

10-21-18



*"You will be enriched in every way
by your generosity, which will produce
thanksgiving to God through us."
2 Corinthians 9:11*



3 WAYS
TO GIVE



IN PERSON



ONLINE



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Sharing Abundantly—Together—in God’s Good Work



Lee Canipe

On Sunday, October 21, every member of Providence Baptist Church will be invited to make a financial commitment to support our shared mission and ministry in 2019. Commitment cards will soon be going out in the mail. Extra cards will be available in numerous locations around the church for those who, for whatever reason, don’t receive one in the mail or misplace the one they got.

As you pray about your giving to Providence in the coming year, I hope you will do so with a spirit of joy and gratitude, because we have much to be joyful about and grateful for.

Already in this year alone, the Lord has used the offerings we’ve given to provide warm shelter and hearty meals to our city’s homeless population during the winter months, crisis assistance to our fellow Charlotteans in times of need and distress, and several hundred pounds of produce from our garden to Friendship Trays so that our hungry neighbors can have fresh, healthy food to eat.

Already in this year alone, the Lord has used the offerings we’ve given to help send teams of missionaries to do evangelism and food bank ministry in Quebec; compassionate service to the sick and hungry in New York City; community-building outreach in Danville, Va.; and home repair work in underserved areas of Knoxville, Tenn.

Already in this year alone, the Lord has used the offerings we’ve given to bring over 400 children and their families onto our athletic fields and basketball courts on fall, winter, and spring weekends; up to 580 children and their families to Vacation Bible School and day camps over the summer; and 185 children and their families to our Weekday Education Ministry throughout the year.

Already in this year alone, the Lord has used the offerings we’ve given to support Christian education and spiritual formation for all ages every Sunday morning; inspired and inspiring music during worship; and the technology to make weekly sermons and other devotional material available online.

These are just a few examples of how, already in this year alone, the Lord has used our offerings to share, serve, welcome, and encourage in Jesus’ name for the good of God’s kingdom. There are, of course,

many, many other examples of how God transforms our generosity into life-shaping, life-changing ministry at Providence. You can probably think of several right off the top of your head that I didn’t name. Each one of these examples is yet another reason to be both joyful and grateful in our giving.

As the apostle Paul puts it in 2 Corinthians 9:8, God provides us with blessings in abundance so that we “may share abundantly in every good work.” Our giving in support of the mission and ministry of Providence is how all of us can share abundantly in the good work that God is doing through our church. The result? According to Paul, it’s joy and gratitude. That, at least, is what God intends: that we all share abundantly in the good work of this church—and in the joy and gratitude that comes from being a part of something bigger and better than ourselves.

Between now and October 21, then, as you decide how generous you will be in 2019, I’d like to give you something to think about. When it comes to cultivating generosity in our financial giving here at Providence, I have two dreams. The first is that every member be a giver. Not all of us are right now, but we need to be, both for the good of the church as a whole and for the good of our own spiritual health as individual followers of Jesus.

The second dream I have is that every giver become a tither, which is the biblical word for someone who offers the Lord ten percent of his or her income. This amount is the Old Testament standard for faithful giving (see, for example, Malachi 3:8-12). Hilary and I tithe—that is, we give ten percent of what we earn to support the mission and ministry of Providence—which is why I am comfortable asking for the same kind of financial commitment from my fellow church members. For most of us, moving from our current giving level to a full tithe is a process. But it can be done. I know that for a fact.

So, maybe you’re a member who’s not giving. Now is the time to start. Maybe you’re a giver who’s not yet tithing. Now is the time to begin moving in that direction. We are, as Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12, better when we are together—more joyful, more grateful. It’s through the church that Jesus has chosen to continue his ministry in this world—and God has given us everything we need in order to be faithful to that work. What’s left is for us to make God’s blessings available to be used for God’s purposes.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Canipe', written in a cursive style.

A Heart For Providence

Richard Landers gave me his letter of resignation on September 23. Already I can tell you: He will be missed when he steps down as Church Administrator on October 19. He knows how to get things done, manage multiple projects simultaneously, solve knotty problems in creative ways, and still have time to listen attentively to colleagues and church members alike.

On top of his expertise, though, Richard's genuine love for Providence has added another, deeper dimension to his service here that will be hard to replace. I will be forever grateful, in particular, for the kindness he showed to my children when we moved to Charlotte. I remember him sitting beside one of my sons in the Sanctuary the day I was called to Providence, talking about how hard it was when he

was a boy and had to move with his family. Richard didn't have to take that time—there were plenty of other things going on here that morning—but he took that time, I believe, because his heart is big and his spirit generous.

I wish Richard well as he makes the transition now from staff member to church member. He leaves with our blessing and our gratitude.



Please read Richard's letter to Providence on page 15.

Richard's last day in the office will be October 5, although he will be offering his expertise and support through Friday, October 19. To honor Richard and his time with us, Providence will host a church-wide reception on Sunday, October 14. We will collect a love offering for Richard that will be given to him at the 11:00am worship service that Sunday. Be on the lookout for a letter detailing the specifics.

In the meantime, the Personnel Committee will work with Lee Canipe to make sure all of Richard's daily responsibilities are addressed during the interim. The search for our next Church Administrator will begin later this month, after the Personnel Committee's October meeting.

Deacon on Call

Deacon on call (Weekdays): 704.366.4030x147

September 30 - October 5: Jeff Hinson

October 7 - 12: Steve Jarrett

October 14 - 19: Charlie Jones

October 21 - 26: Pike Jones

October 28 - November 2: Les Miller



Minister on Call

Minister on call (Weekends): 704.366.4030x147

September 28 - October 1: Lee Canipe

October 5 - 8: Timothy Hill

October 12 - 15: Martha Haigler

October 19 - 22: Julia Wright

October 26 - 29: Julia Wright

September 23, 2018

Share the Journey

Weekly Requirement \$45,385

The average weekly requirement is the \$2,360,000 financial plan for missions and ministry divided by 52 weeks.

Revenue Received

Through Sunday, 9/23 \$1,488,649

Expenses Paid

Through Sunday, 9/23 \$1,610,636

Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 9/23 \$ -121,987

Preschoolers of Providence



Julia Wright

One of my favorite things to do at our church is to walk through the Moss Children's Building and see the happy faces of our preschoolers as they enjoy learning and growing with their friends.

Preschoolers are such a precious gift from God! These first five years of life are the most important of all in the total development of children. Sybil Waldrop, in her book, *Guiding Your Child Toward God*,

says that "during these preschool years foundations are laid for a lifetime. A foundation is crucial to the life of a building. The first five years are crucial to the building of a child's life. What a child becomes during his first five years largely determines the kind of person he will be for a lifetime. During the first and most important year of life, a child develops a sense of trust or lack of trust in himself and others. The spiritual qualities developed during the first year of life will live on as the child moves through his childhood, youth, and adult years. The beginnings of life are powerful."

I find it quite remarkable that God has entrusted so many preschoolers to our care. In any given week, we see over 300 preschoolers enter our doors along with their parents. (185 preschoolers in our Weekday Education Ministry, 40 preschoolers on Wednesday nights, and 75 preschoolers on Sunday). Did you know that our preschool building is the most heavily used space on our property? It is used six days a week!

Since my time away on Sabbatical back in January, I have been thinking about the gift of these 300 preschoolers. It is my prayer that we will be faithful stewards of this gift. I want every preschooler who enters our doors to learn the simple biblical truth that Jesus loves them. In the days and months ahead, you will see some new things in our preschool ministry as we try to reach and nurture families of preschoolers.

If you are interested in working with me in this area of ministry, please give me a call. I will be waiting by the phone.

Julia A. Wright



For Our Young Ones

Baby Steps in Sunday School

Sunday, October 21

9:45am - 10:30am



Parents of babies are invited to join us for an Open House in our baby room in Sunday School.



Coming Soon ...

Children's Bible Drill

Beginning Sunday, November 4

For Grades 3 - 5

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Room 2232



Waffles and Wiggles

Saturday, November 10

9:30am - 11:00am

Preschoolers of Providence are invited to join us for yummy waffles along with music and wiggles (Baptist dancing)!



Waffles & Wiggles!

Regional CBF Children's Mission Day

Saturday, November 17

Hosted by Providence

For Grades 1 - 5

Cost: \$15.00 per child

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

Called to Worship

I love to watch movies. The lights dim and the screen illuminates. The plot evolves, characters develop, and everything begins to fit together. By the time the movie ends I have often been moved, perhaps even changed. New perspectives uncovered. New insights gained.



Timothy Hill

These newfound revelations propel me to tell others about this movie—a must see! Should not our response to God’s revelation be more exciting? His story is the story!

“God is the primary character, we too are characters in the story, and our actions impact the course of the story as it moves towards its appointed end, which still lies in the future.” This biblical narrative is at the heart of worship and tells of the “continuous and ongoing relationship between God and his people.” This relationship, initiated by God, is a two-fold movement: God towards creation and creation back to God. It is not what we do for God, but what Christ does on our behalf.

“Christian worship is, therefore, our participation through the Spirit in the Son’s communion with the Father, in his vicarious life of worship and intercession. It is our response to our Father for all that he has done for us in Christ.” But how do we know how to respond? If our response is to be acceptable to God it must be rooted in Scripture.

The prophet Isaiah emphasizes the stand-alone power of God. “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 40:25, 28). “Acceptance of this one and only Creator requires worship.” When we look ahead to the New Testament, Colossians brings the Creator into a Christocentric focus. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation” (Colossians 1:15). With Jesus clearly placed at the center of our worship, he becomes our Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16) and “is supreme and infinite. He rules now and deserves our devotion and praise.”

Harold Best brings the Theocentric and Christocentric views together while placing us within the ongoing framework of worship. Worship is at once about who we are, about who or what our God is and about how we choose to live. It is about something that is quite simple but wrapped in a mystery. It is about God himself, who has but one face and whose face has been clearly shown in the person and work of his only begotten Son. He goes on to say:

“We are . . . unceasing worshippers.” So, we see that worship is about so much more than our weekly services. It is a biblical mandate on how we should live our lives. Worship is the proper response to our God who has given us everything.

We should live every moment of our lives in accordance with his law. To live in such a way requires practice. Our Sunday gatherings for worship become the obvious rehearsal space. “We are always in the presence of God, but we acknowledge an intensification of that presence during worship.”

Next month, we will explore the first part of our worship service – The Gathering.

Quotations taken from:

Eric Bolger, *A Biblical Theology of Worship*

James B. Torrance, *Worship, Community and the Triune God of Grace*

Dinelle Frankland, *His Story – Our Response: What the Bible Says About Worship*

Harold M. Best, *Unceasing Worship: Biblical Perspectives on Worship and the Arts*



RSVP to Caitie Jackson
 cjackson@providencebc.org

For more information regarding the Music Ministry contact Caitie Jackson at 704.366.4030x121 or cjackson@providencebc.org.

Pray for Those . . .



Dane Jackson

October is “National Bullying Prevention Month” and I encourage you to have conversations with your family about bullying and how bullying impacts people of all ages.

In life, we all run into people that let us down and disappoint us. Sometimes people don’t say or do the right thing. Perhaps people have bullied you or treated you

unkindly. What do you do in situations like these when people aren’t treating you with the respect and care you feel you deserve? Christ reminds us in Matthew 5:44 to “Love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!”

That kind of sounds like an impossible task and it goes against what most of us want to do. We want to get even when someone treats us wrongly.

But the Bible tells us to love our enemies. How can we do that? It is really hard to love someone who isn’t doing nice things to, or saying nice things about you.

The good news is this: “For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.” (Romans 5:5) This verse shows us that God fills our hearts with his love.

This is good news. That means that we don’t have to love our enemies on our own. God will give us the love to love our enemies with. God doesn’t ask us to do something that He doesn’t give us the power to do. Loving your enemies can be hard, but God gives us the love to do it.

So, no matter what a mean person has done to you, and no matter how bad someone might have hurt you, you still have the responsibility to respond back to them in love. The good news is that God will help you by giving you the love to do it with. It’s just up to you to believe it and tap into that love that is already inside of you.

Loving mean people can be hard, but with God’s help you can do it! In the Student Ministry, we remind our students that they are enough, and that they are loved. You can find resources about bullying and how to prevent it at www.stompoutbullying.org.

Sunday Morning Series



Youth are figuring out who they are as they search for *whose* they are.

The “Feasting on

the Word” curriculum provides opportunities for this age group to explore their personal and communal identity in Jesus Christ through meaningful community-building experiences, engaging Bible study, and relevant learning activities. Biblical stories will come alive in new and creative ways. In response to God’s amazing, unconditional love, youth will be challenged to put their faith into action as they grow to understand themselves as Christ’s disciples. This curriculum is based on the Revised Common Lectionary, so it will align with the worship and preaching texts each week.

Sunday Night Series

“This is Us” - Two of the major issues that affect teens today are the attitude of narcissism and the distraction of technology. Actually, these two issues affect everyone in our society.

The big questions are: How can we approach these issues from a biblical point of view?
Are there ways to fight our natural human drift toward self-centeredness?
Are there boundaries that can limit the influence of technology?

Let’s talk about it during “This Is Us.”



Student Fall Retreats



Middle School

October 12 - 14
Awanita Valley

Get ready to relax, grow, and have fun in the mountains. You can register

and find other information on the website!

High School

November 16 - 18
Awanita Valley



Enjoy a weekend of fellowship, music, and retreat. You can

register and find other information on the website!

Wednesday Adult Series

Every Wednesday in October (except 10/31) Dane will offer an adult study called “Growing Young.” We know that churches are losing both members and vitality as more and more young people disengage. Yet, unleashing the passion of young people in our church IS possible.

By exploring six Essential Strategies, we will learn what it takes to involve and retain young people. We will profile innovative churches engaging 15 to 29-year-olds who are growing—spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically.



“Growing Young” is not just about youth and young adults, it is about the whole church. Join us as we learn together.

To register for student events, or to find out more information, visit the student page of the website at www.providencebc.org/students.

Main Event Calendar

- October 12 - 14 | Middle School Fall Retreat
- November 16 - 18 | High School Fall Retreat
- December 9 | Middle School Christmas Party
- December 16 | High School Christmas Party
- January 25 - 27 | Winter Ski Retreat
- March 15 - 17 | Middle School Spring Retreat
- April 26 - 28 | High School Spring Retreat
- June 2 | Baccalaureate Sunday
- June 23 - 28 | PASSPORT *missions*
- July (TBD) | High School Mission Trip

Holiday Hangouts, Summer Schedule, and other events will be announced month by month. Times, locations, costs, & other details are subject to change and can be found on our website or on social media!

Raise Your Hand

Volunteers are crucial to the success of Student Ministry. And while it is easy to focus on the negative effects of having too few volunteers (cancelled events, over-crowded classes, burn-out by overworked volunteers), I want to focus on the GREAT things volunteering with students brings. Things like being able to work with an awesome team of folks, to help students grow in their faith, to have a lot of fun, and to foster community between generations.

We would love for you to join us as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday Night or Wednesday night leader, or as a chaperone.

We hope you will at least give us a try, and we really do NEED your help. Contact Dane or George for more information!



For more information about the Student Ministry, contact George Mulley at 704.366.4030x116 or gmulley@providencebc.org.

PrimeTimers' Update

Thursday, October 18
12:00pm



Our PrimeTimers will enjoy another entertaining luncheon in the Crouch Fellowship Hall this month. Join us and enjoy beautiful music by Matt Blackwell and his mother Sandra Blackwell.



Tickets are \$7. Reservations are required. Simply call 704.366.4030x211 to RSVP.

Youth Basketball

REGISTER NOW through October 15!

Registration forms can be found on our website, at the Activity Center desk or in the Rotunda.



We've got teams for children from ages 6 to 17.

The league will run from November through March.

Contact Randy Ballard.
rballard@providencecbc.org

Community Thank You

During this year's Vacation Bible School, Providence raised \$1000 to support two local elementary schools.

Cotswold and Billingsville Elementary PTAs thanked Providence for the "generous contribution to their physical education programs." Now that's how you **Engage Cotswold!**



Engage Cotswold

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, October 21
8:30am and 11:00am

Join the Providence family as we draw closer to each other and to God. Prayerfully consider how generous you will be with your 2019 tithe. Be on the lookout for your personal financial giving statement in your mailbox.



Cultivate Generosity

Q4 Conference

Wednesday, November 28
6:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall



Among other items, the fourth quarter conference will address the 2019 financial plan for missions and ministries, which will be presented for a vote.

Children's Missions Day

Saturday, November 17
9:30am – 3:00pm

Be on the lookout for more information about this CBF regional missions event involving churches from around the region.

Breakfast Is Back

Beginning
Sunday, October 7

It's that time of year again, when the breakfast is hot and the fellowship is fine. Join us each Sunday morning from 7:30am – 9:15am for the best breakfast in town.



Cost is \$5 per person.

WMU

Tuesday, October 2

10:30am – Connie Andrews Prayer Group
 11:30am – General Meeting
 Nalley Missions Center
 Lunch \$2.00

Guest Speaker Karla Emery
 Director Volunteer Engagement
 Crisis Assistance Ministry



October Sundays

Join us for worship and fellowship
 each Sunday morning!

Schedule

7:30am Hot Breakfast
 8:30am Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship



October 7

Deacon Election Sunday
 Jeremiah 29:1-14

October 14

Amos 5:6-7, 10-16

October 21

Commitment Sunday
 Hebrews 5:1-10

October 28

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Special Thanks To ...

Everybody knows it. Doughnuts are a draw. And thanks to some very special people, Providence has enjoyed these breakfast treats every Sunday morning this summer. Thanks for making our Sunday mornings even better!

Church Budget

Donna Eason

Synago Sunday School Class

Kerygma Sunday School Class

Jay and Julia Wright

Christian Lifestyles Sunday School Class

Adult Discipleship Minister Search Committee

Immanuel Sunday School Class

Faithful Friends Sunday School Class

Covenant Sunday School Class

Harold and Ann Eddins

Agape Sunday School Class

David and Tanya Price

Cornerstone Sunday School Class

Esther Sunday School Class

Joy Sunday School Class

Martha Iley Sunday School Class

Sharing Sunday School Class

Donna Eason and the Won By One Sunday School Class

Bereavement Ministry

Providence Church Staff

Wilna Eury

A special thanks goes to Rocky Cannon and David Purinton for setting up our breakfast fellowship each week.

We appreciate you!



Prayer Vigil

Saturday, October 27

8:00am – 12:00pm

Come. Sit. Pray. Ponder.

The God of the universe waits.
 The Gordon Weekley Chapel
 will be open for you.

October Wednesdays

If you haven't been to Providence on a Wednesday night, you should join us. Children bustle to their classrooms for music and missions. Students revel in Fusion. And our adults choose from any number of learning opportunities (October options are listed on the next page). Besides that, you can enjoy the best food in town - and YOU didn't have to cook it! Check out our weekly schedule below.

4:30pm	Children's Bells
4:45pm	Dinner Line Opens
5:30pm	Children's Choirs
6:15pm	Adult Seminars and Children's Missions
7:00pm	Dismissal Student Bells Sanctuary Choir

We will NOT have adult programming on Wednesday, October 31. Instead, Providence will host our annual community outreach event TRUNK or TREAT. Invite your friends and neighbors to this fun event and let them see what Providence is all about.



Wednesday, October 31

Sanctuary Parking Lot

Cars Come at 5:00pm

Food at 5:30pm

Trunk or Treat at 6:00pm

Invite your friends and neighbors to this free event! Enjoy Grilled Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks and more.

Got a trunk? We need you!
A prize will be given for Best Decorated Trunk.

Bring candy donations to the Activity Center during the month of October.



Engage Cotswold

Contact Randy Ballard.
rballard@providencecbc.org

Fellowship Dinner Menu

Enjoy this family-friendly buffet every Wednesday from 4:45pm - 6:00pm in the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

October 3

Beef Pot Roast
Roasted Potato Wedges
Squash Casserole
Yeast Rolls
Lemon Chess Pie

October 10

Chicken and Beef Tacos
Red Beans
Spanish Rice
Nachos and Cheese Sauce
Tres Leches Cake

October 17

Roasted Pork with Gravy
Steamed Rice
Steamed Broccoli
Yeast Rolls
Chocolate Cake with Buttercream Frosting

October 24

Chicken Picatta
Orzo w/ Alfredo Sauce
Roasted Vegetables
Lemon-Blueberry Muffins
Chocolate Chess Pie with Whipped Cream



October 31

TRUNK OR TREAT
(No adult programming)
See above for menu.

Pizza and Salad Bar included with all meals except Trunk or Treat.

PRICES: Adults and Teens \$8.00, Seniors \$7.00, Children \$5.00, Max Family \$25.00

Wednesday Evening Seminars

These classes run from 6:15pm - 7:00pm (note location in the class description below). Join us every Wednesday in October (except October 31) for one of these specialized learning opportunities:

Growing Young

Dane Jackson - Activity Center Parlor / Room 1315

Churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Yet, unleashing the passion of young people in our church is possible. Dane will share data gathered at Providence and compare the information taken from more than 250 of the nation's leading congregations.

By exploring six Essential Strategies, we will learn what it takes to involve and retain young people. We will profile innovative churches engaging 15 to 29-year-olds who are growing spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically.



“Growing Young” is not just about youth and young adults, it is about the whole church and how it is relatable in today’s culture.

Caring For Aging Parents

Lea Evelyn Tatich - Upstairs Parlor / Room 2111

Are you dealing with tough decisions involving the care of a parent or spouse?

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed?

Have you had to take on a new “parenting role” that you feel unprepared to handle?

If these questions sound familiar to you, the good news is that God did not intend for us to be alone in this life’s journey!

All praise to the God and Father of the Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort - we get a full measure of that, too. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 Message

Join Lea Evelyn Tatich on Wednesday nights during the month of October and share openly about the struggles of this new role in caring for aging parents. The group will use the book “30 Days of Hope: When Caring for Aging Parents” by Kathy Howard, which will inspire and guide you through this experience.

Missions Round Table

Various Speakers - Kerygma Sunday School Class / Room 2105

The Bless Charlotte Team and Missions Committee are thrilled to present speakers from across our city who will help us learn about the challenges our neighbors face.

As we seek to find a way to Bless Charlotte, we will first learn from those on the front lines, who are being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Wednesday speakers include:

10/3 - Dale Mullennix, Urban Ministries

10/10 - Erin Brighton, Charlotte Food Council

10/17 - Rachel Humphries, Refugee Support Services

10/24 - Rob Kelly, ForCharlotte

Wednesday Sunday School

Lee Canipe - Nalley Missions Center

Every teacher needs the chance to be a student!

Lee Canipe invites all those serving in our Sunday school ministry—as well as whoever else wants to listen in—to join him for a time of Wednesday night Bible study based on the Smyth & Helwys Formations Sunday school lesson for the upcoming Sunday morning.

Missions Education Month



Bless Charlotte

The Bless Charlotte Team and Missions Committee are thrilled to present speakers from across our city that will help us learn about the challenges our neighbors face. As we seek to find a way to Bless Charlotte, we will first learn from those on the front lines, who are being the hands and feet of Jesus every day. Join us for one of these special learning opportunities:

Sunday Seminars at 9:45am in the Crouch Fellowship Hall:

- 10/7 Jeff Glenn, Rescue Mission
- 10/14 Greg & Helms Jarrell, QC Family Tree
- 10/21 Margaret Marshall, School Board/Education
- 10/28 Rob Kelly, ForCharlotte

Wednesday Seminars at 6:15pm (see page 11 for locations):

- 10/3 Dale Mullennix, Urban Ministries
- 10/10 Erin Brighton, Charlotte Food Council
- 10/17 Rachel Humphries, Refugee Support Services
- 10/24 Rob Kelly, ForCharlotte

Charlotte CROP Walk

Saturday, October 13

Let's WALK, Providence!

Tie your shoe laces and get in the game to help us stomp out hunger. Get together with your Sunday School Class, your Bible Study group, or just walk with friends. Just DO IT.

(If you can't walk, no problem. Sponsor someone who can.)

Crop Walk Team Leaders will be available in the Rotunda on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

They can sign you up or take your donation.

Contact Cayce Martin at cmgw2015@att.net.



Good Work!

The ladies of the WMU made 1,012 sandwiches for Urban Ministry on September 4.

Thank you to all those who participated and made the event such a great success!



Women's Mission Trip

October 17 - 21

Metro Baptist Church



Got your ticket to fly?
Get on board and get serving.

Spend time with your Providence family as we serve our friends in New York City.

Contact Randy Ballard.
rballard@providencebc.org

Children's Walk



Our children are also helping in our efforts to support the CROP Hunger Walk.

We are proud to announce that the children from the Weekday Education Ministry will be joining Providence Baptist Church by participating in the Charlotte CROP Walk.

During the week of October 8th, our children will walk to show support for people across the globe who don't have access to enough food or clean water.

We will have an opportunity to sow a financial seed that will help change lives here and around the world.

Walk with us to end hunger and poverty!

Welcome New Providence Members



Willie Mae (and Alonzo) Blount

Willie Mae and Alonzo Blount joined Providence on September 9 by transfer of membership from Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, NC. We welcome you, Willie Mae and Alonzo!



Jane Ebermeyer

Jane Ebermeyer joined Providence on September 9 by transfer of membership from Bethel Baptist Church in Ellenboro, NC. Please make her feel welcome at Providence!



Mary Krisco

Mary Krisco joined Providence on August 30 by transfer of membership from First Baptist Church in Thermopolis, Wyoming. Welcome Mary when you see her!

In Sympathy

- The Motsinger Family in the death of Gary Motsinger in late August.
- Linda Mullis in the death of her husband, Ward Franklin Mullis on August 29.
- The family of Carol Parrish Hodges in her death on September 1.
- Jackie Kirkman and family in the death of Dr. Alvin Victor (Vic) Kirkman, Jr. on September 3.
- Sue Norris (and family) in the death of her brother, Oliven Thomas Cowan on September 16.
- Sam Edge in the death of his wife Edith Edge on September 21.

In Celebration

Catherine and Chason Trahan dedicated their daughter, Holland Chase Trahan, on August 26. Holland is the granddaughter of Jim and Amy Shoemaker.



Catherine, Holland and Chason Trahan with Lee Canipe

Minister Search Update

Greetings from the Minister for Adult Discipleship Search Committee! We are excited to share with you that we have officially begun to accept resumes as of September 1 and will close the application period on October 31. The job profile is available for candidates to review on the church website at www.providencebc.org/connect/employment. All resumes must be submitted to the Search Committee's email address (ministersearch@providencebc.org) in order to be considered for the position. Please continue to pray for the Committee's discernment as we enter this new stage, and pray also for the individuals with whom we will be meeting. Thank you for your continued support!



*Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.*

Psalm 37:5

Ministry Intern

We are glad to welcome Vance Ayscue on board as a ministry intern this fall! Vance grew up at Providence and is a familiar face to many of you. While continuing his work toward an engineering degree, Vance has also begun to explore ministry options—and this internship is an opportunity for him to get some experience doing hands-on work and learning from our staff ministers.



Vance Ayscue

Vance's primary responsibilities will be with our senior adults, but he will also be working in our music and student ministries. Providence is committed to Send



Send Apostles

Apostles out into the world to share good news in the name of Jesus. Encouraging and training young people who may be called to ministry is one important way we do that!

Master Planning in Full Swing

The Property Committee, per the Providence Will Strategic Plan, has engaged Consultant-Tim Cool of Cool Solutions, LLC. He and his team will be on campus at various times while compiling research for their report. In the month of October he will be holding workshops for staff and a cross-section of members. See below for a list of workshop representatives.

- Staff October 16: This will include the ministry team, senior staff and administrative support.
- Members at Large October 21: Bonnie Adams, Steven Allison, Pauline Bethea, Mary Bonheimer, Michael Aycock, Frankie Ayscue, Kaitlin Bensch, Vivian Carroll, Holly or Michael Christian, Tim Dukes, Mark Fenimore, Mike Freeland, Bob Gaskin, Bill Griffin, Jeff Hinson, Katie Iams, Charlie Jones, Margaret Marshall, Dave Miller, Jim Morgan, Pam Morton, Jennifer Mulley, Kelly Perrone, Stowe or Carrie Query, Jen Rabon, Charles Stroupe, Kristy Thomas, Mike Tommie, Catherine Trahan, David Williams, Myra Zweier. Additionally, Sarah or Matt Blackwell, Laura Bruch, Bill Fairley and Jamie Pittman will serve as alternates.

We all look forward to seeing the results of these workshops and the many other tasks that Tim Cool and his team will be completing as the Providence Baptist Master Plan is developed.

Church Staff Recognition



Jim Tucker

Jim Tucker celebrates 15 years of service at Providence on October 1! Jim is known for his perfectionism and professionalism when dealing with all forms of media and technology projects. His commitment spans from the sanctuary sound system, to our flat-screen systems in the common areas and hallways, to all things computers and networks, to photography and video, to event posters, to newsletter covers, to slideshows, and many projects in between. His expertise is key to many things we see and hear at Providence. The next time you see him make sure to thank him!

Senior Staff

As is our tradition, the Personnel Committee will recognize our senior staff (ministers and directors) during our worship services on Sunday, October 7, which is National Clergy Recognition Day.

Find a way to join the committee in expressing your appreciation by writing a note, stopping them in the hallways or giving them a call.

Grateful

Dear Providence,

As I write this note to you my heart is heavy... as I have decided to resign as Church Administrator. I see you as my extended family—not just folks that have employed me...you truly helped raise and foster me as a young adult. Many Providence members (current and past) have been my mentors and role models. It is because of you that I strive to do my best and hope that my best will be enough.

It all began in the late 1980's when I first came to Providence. The excitement and commitment of being part of a mission-minded church with servant-minded leaders was contagious! I had no doubt that Providence was the church for me.

I came to know that God was in the details all along...after a few years my then employer decided to close the Charlotte operations and relocate the staff to other regions. I was offered positions in Florida and other regions, but no job would be left in Charlotte. At the time, I was an adult Sunday School teacher and before class I wandered into the Sanctuary. I sat down to lift prayers to God—not to complain, but to ask “what’s next, what do I do?” Soon after, I heard “Why would you leave?” I was startled and I desperately looked around, but no one was to be found. I then felt a calmness and knew that God was nudging me to stay in Charlotte. Without any obvious “new door opening,” I made the decision to stay put in

Charlotte, which meant giving up a lucrative opportunity.

Soon after this experience our beloved Church Administrator Wendell Sloan announced his retirement and I was asked to “fill-in” as the Interim Church Administrator while a search committee completed their task. It didn’t take long for me to adapt to church management as many tasks are similar to those in corporate management. (It became clear that this is why the voice led me to stay.)

I had been told early on that I wouldn’t be considered for the regular position because they wanted to hire a “real church administrator.” I respected that decision; but a couple months into the position I realized that church administration was what God had been preparing and training me for all along. I decided that I would stay at Providence as long as needed, but I would begin looking for a church position.

One day, I looked up from my desk and standing in the doorway was the deacon chair, finance chair, personnel chair, and the associate pastor. In my head I thought, “oh, they’ve found someone and they are here to tell me the news.”

Well, I was both right and wrong. For you see, they had decided that I was the person that God was leading them to. They told me that the pay wasn’t as lucrative as I was accustomed to in the corporate world, but they

hoped I would say yes. I jubilantly accepted the offer! That decision in 1992 resulted in a long commitment to serving others through the ministry of church administration. It also led me to complete seminary training to be a licensed Church Administrator—a REAL Church Administrator.

I have been blessed to serve Providence and four other congregations...I’m so glad that I listened to that voice! To quote Al Cadenhead: “This brings me back to where I started.” I have been honored and privileged to have been called for a second tenure as Church Administrator for Providence.

Indeed, I have been challenged, stimulated, and I have endeavored to do my best as a member of the Providence staff. While I admit that I have not heard the “voice,” I sense that it is best that I return to being a Providence member-at-large. I am hopeful and I trust that this is God’s will. I have no doubt that God is in charge and that Providence will always be a mission-minded and servant-led church working for God’s kingdom.

I am so grateful that you continue to be my extended family!

Continued blessings,

Richard Landers



Richard Landers

Retirement

After serving 23+ years at Providence, Sharon Isley has retired! Sharon began her service as administrative assistant to our Children’s Ministry and then transferred to the front desk/receptionist position following the retirement of Dawn O’Neal.



Sharon Isley

Most recently she was working as the Interim Church Secretary.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, the staff will host a farewell celebration and will honor her with gifts. She will be recognized in worship on October 7 at 8:30am.

Join us in wishing Sharon every blessing in her new journey.

Congratulations

Damaris Rivera joined the Providence staff in April as a temporary receptionist. She has been the friendly face you see behind the desk and the kind voice you hear over the phone.

Thanks to her dedication, natural ability and sense of compassion, Damaris was promoted to Church Secretary in August following Sharon Isley’s retirement. She will continue to be the first point of contact for our church family. She will also be responsible for membership records, calendar updates, and volunteer schedules. Congratulations, Damaris! We’re glad to have you.



Damaris Rivera



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WMU Monthly Meeting

*Tuesday, October 2 at 11:30am
Nalley Missions Center*



PrimeTimers' Luncheon

*Thursday, October 18 at 12:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



Commitment Sunday

*Sunday, October 21 at 8:30am and 11:00am
Sanctuary*



Trunk Or Treat

*Wednesday, October 31 at 6:00pm
Rotunda Green*

Next Connections is November 1, 2018.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, or announcements is
Noon, Monday, October 15.
Articles should be 350 words or less.
Email your submissions to:
ssneed@providencebc.org.

Thank you!



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