



PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Start Here



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...

Hebrews 12:1



Ministering to Our College Students



Lee Canipe

I want to tell you about a *Providence Will* initiative involving our college students this summer—first, because I want you to know about it; second, because I want you to pray for it; and third, because I want you to support it.

Beginning June 1, Caitie Jackson will provide leadership for our ministry to college students who are home for the summer. She currently serves as our Music Ministry Associate. This part of her role at Providence will not change. Caitie previously served as Baptist Campus Minister at the University of Richmond. Ministry to college students is where Caitie's gifts are, where her calling is, where her training is, where her passion is, and where her experience is.

During the school year, Caitie serves the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC) as the Charlotte-area coordinator and campus minister in a new Cooperative Baptist Student Fellowship (CBSF) chapter that began in the fall of 2018. Her work with CBFNC during this past school year has already started to bear good fruit. Which brings us to this upcoming summer at Providence. We are blessed to have Caitie here and want to put her gifts to good use. We'd be foolish not to.

One of our *Providence Will* strategic priorities is Making Disciples. Another is Sending Apostles. Ministry to our college students invests in both of these priorities. These students are at a transitional moment in their faith development, as old certainties from childhood are challenged and new ideas about truth, authority, and purpose are introduced. They need encouragement. They need support. They need a safe, nurturing church home where they can talk with other Christians about their faith and what it means to follow Jesus in the face of today's challenges

in their daily lives. Our hope is to aid them in their walk and help them define what it means to be a strong disciple.

Another priority is Sending Apostles from Providence out into the world. Students spend a significant portion of their college years on the go, out in the world, and among non-believers, both in this country and abroad. They have the unique opportunity to be the Church to the world around them. Equipping them to be confident, faithful Christians who can share about Jesus and serve gracefully in his name means that, when our students do go out in the world for work and study, they will be prepared to share good news as opportunities arise.

The College Summer Program is a *Providence Will* initiative. As such, it will be supported by money from the *Providence Will* designated fund, which exists for the purpose of funding start-up projects that further our strategic priorities, but are not included in our annual Financial Plan for Missions and Ministry. The Coordinating Council is responsible for releasing these funds and has agreed to do so. This summer ministry initiative will run through August 10, as students return to campus. In September, Caitie, Blake Kendrick, and I will evaluate this summer's work and decide what our best next steps should be.

Are you interested and willing to help? Want to spend time with our students? Willing to open your home for a college fellowship event? Interested in hosting a college Bible study? Curious about how you can encourage our students after they go back to school in the fall? Please reach out to Caitie. She not only wants to help our college students grow in their faith, leadership, and community—she also wants to help this church grow in its ability to support college students well. I am confident that our students will become stronger in their faith this summer. God willing, by summer's end, we will be a stronger church as well.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

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

Do you have questions about the new College Ministry?
Contact Caitie Jackson at cjackson@providencebc.org. or 704.366.4030x121.

Are You Ready for Realm?

It's happening. Providence is making the change.

We recently changed our database software to REALM. There are lots of reasons for the switch. REALM is a ministry tool just for our church. It offers many great features, allowing members to find other member information, check out committee assignments and view upcoming events. Members can also view graphs of their online giving versus pledges, see their giving statements and make online gifts. With REALM, we are light years ahead of where we were as far as utilities.

The staff continues to work through the transition, ensuring accessibility and confirming information.

So, how do YOU make the switch? **Look for an email from Providence** asking you to create a REALM account. There is a link at the bottom of the email. Click the link and it will take you to the "Create an account" page. Our church logo is on the page. **The Link is active for 24 hours.**

Once you have your account set up, you can return to your REALM account online at **WWW.ONREALM.ORG**, or download the Realm app on your smart phone.

Here's how:

1. The first step is to get the REALM app, so **DOWNLOAD** it from the APP Store.
2. Type in "REALM" in the APP Store search box and look for "CONNECT - Our Church."

The icon looks like this:



3. Then, click the "GET" box and download the app.
4. First things first, set up your profile. You can add as much or as little information as you like. (You can update it at any time.)
5. Questions? Call us. We can help.

And there. You're done. You can even make payments through the REALM app. Say you want to pay for your PrimeTimers' luncheon. Use the app. Sending your student to summer camp? Pay through the app. Need to pay for your Wednesday night meal? Use the app! Sounds good, right? It IS!

Questions?

Amy Shoemaker / 704.366.4030x141.

Deacon on Call

Deacon on call (Weekdays): 704.366.4030x147

- June 2 - June 7: Penny Hewett
- June 9 - June 14: Mary Bonheimer
- June 16 - June 21: Steve Jarrett
- June 23 - June 28: Charlie Jones
- June 30 - July 5: Linda Mullis



Minister on Call

Minister on call (Weekends): 704.366.4030x147

- May 31 - June 3: Lee Canipe
- June 7 - June 10: Timothy Hill
- June 14 - June 17: Julia Wright
- June 21 - June 24: Julia Wright
- June 28 - July 1: Randy Ballard

May 19, 2019

Cultivate Generosity - 2019 Financial Plan for Missions and Ministry

Weekly Requirement \$ 45,192

The average weekly requirement is the \$2,350,000 Financial Plan for Missions and Ministry divided by 52 weeks.

Revenue Received

Through Sunday, 5/19 \$ 814,075



Expenses Paid

Through Sunday, 5/19 \$ 754,175



Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 5/19 \$ 59,900

Summer Day Camps

We offer many different camps for children in grades K – 5 completed.

Sign your child up to participate this summer!

Brochures are available in the Children's Ministry office or online at www.providencecbc2.org.



Galactic Blast

Vacation Bible School

June 17 - 21
9:00am - 12:00pm



Have you SIGNED UP? All children (rising K through 5th grade completed) are invited to attend.

Be sure to get your buddies signed up so you can enjoy learning about Jesus together.

www.providencevbs.org

First Aid and CPR

June 17 - 21

Providence Baptist Weekday Education Ministry would like to offer both CPR and First Aid classes to interested families. The training will be held in the Crouch Fellowship Hall and offered on a weekday evening in June from 6:15pm – 9:00pm.

The cost is \$40.00 per person. After completion of the session you will receive an electronic certificate of completion from The American Heart Association.

Interested families please sign up at the front desk. The spots are limited to 20 per session and are offered on a first-come first-served basis.

From Ursula's Desk

This is a continuation of the monthly series; "How does the Weekday Education Ministry support the outreach and mission of the church through Cultivating Generosity, Making Disciples, Engaging Cotswold and Blessing Charlotte." This month's focus is *Bless Charlotte*.



Ursula Taylor



Bless Charlotte

The Weekday Education Ministry provides affordable, quality early childhood educational opportunities for children throughout the city of Charlotte. The yield of fruits

and vegetables from the Weekday garden is given to Friendship Trays (a non-governmental Charlotte-based organization created to deliver healthy meals to elderly and infirmed community members in their homes). Our Weekday Ministry touches 124 families every day in its outreach and mission. And that is something of which Providence can be VERY proud.

Ursula S. Taylor

VBS Is for Weekday, Too!

June 17 - 21

All of the preschoolers in our full-time Weekday program will join us in Vacation Bible School. We are happy that they will learn about Jesus with us. (Our summer preschool program will not meet June 17-21.)

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

Sundays at Providence

8:30am Breakfast Fellowship

9:00am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

June 2

Baccalaureate

Dane Jackson - John 12:20-26

June 9

Caitie Jackson - Amos 5:21-24

June 16

Galatians 6:1-10

June 23

Guest Preacher Andy Jung

Associate Executive Coordinator, CBFNC

June 30

Luke 9:51-62



Sunday Fellowship

June 2 - September 29

Join us for our breakfast fellowship every Sunday morning at 8:30am in the Rotunda.

Meet your friends and make some new ones as you enjoy doughnuts and coffee together!

Want to be on the team?

Sign up to provide refreshments! Individuals, Sunday School classes, and service groups are invited to help. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall. We'll provide instructions and make it super easy for you. Just sign up!



Dinner With The Pastor

Thursday, June 27

6:30pm

“Let’s Talk” about what we see for the future of Providence. Join Lee Canipe for dinner and meaningful conversation at the home of Zach and June Hall.



The next dinner will be hosted by Michael and Holly Christian on Thursday, July 25. Other dates will soon be released, so be on the lookout for sign ups in the Rotunda.

Contact:

Colette McCollum / 704.618.4396

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Missed Your Chance?



We still need your help to RETIRE the DEBT!

Designate a special donation (above your 2019 pledge) to help us retire our debt on the Moss Children’s Building.

A very generous donor has offered to match any gift made to the debt fund. As of May 23, our loan balance was \$211,000.

To take advantage of this opportunity, simply make a donation and mark it as “Anniversary Gift.”

Anniversary Sunday gifts designated for debt reduction totaled \$40K in contributions (so, doubled, it equals \$80K).

Help us eliminate our debt so that we can focus on our future!

Adults, We Need YOU!



Dane Jackson

Summer is here and George and I are so excited about the upcoming opportunities for students. This is going to be a packed summer with lots of great events and trips. The success of these plans depends on adult volunteers. Please let me or George know if you can help with one or more of these opportunities!

Summer Schedule



Our Summer calendar is now available! Visit the website to download yours today!

Baccalaureate

Sunday, June 2

10:30am
Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate our graduating seniors in worship. This is a meaningful service meant for the entire Providence family.

Remember:

Dane would like to attend your student's graduation, so let him know the details of your event!



Passportmissions Camp



Parent and Student Meeting

Sunday, June 9th at 12:00pm
Chapman Youth Room

This meeting is intended to present final information and address last minute questions about the trip.

A "Parent Guide" is available on the website for parents of campers.

Sunday Night Live

Sunday, June 2

5:30pm
Gazebo



It's our "official" start to summer! Students and their friends are invited to a cookout and kickball game. Join us for the fun and bring your kickball shoes!

Passport Shopping Trip



Tuesday, June 18

Join us for a fun outing to Goodwill to shop for Passport Camp costumes! The theme is "60's Party." We'll gather after VBS and head to Goodwill to shop

for some totally awesome swag!

* Adult chaperones/drivers needed.

Contact Dane if you can help!

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

High School Mission Trip



Our high school students continue to prepare for their summer mission trip to Slovakia. Keep those prayers coming!

Buy A Mile

We need your help getting our High School Mission Trip team to Slovakia this summer. You can buy a mile of our journey for only \$1. Anyone can participate and you can buy as many miles as you want.



For every donation, you will receive a “luggage tag” bookmark. Donations are accepted at our special TV billboard in the hallway between the Rotunda and the Crouch Fellowship Hall. You can track our progress and read profiles and prayer requests from team members.

The bottom line is, EVERY little bit helps! Just drop your cash in and watch the progress we make!

Thank you for supporting and praying for our students and our mission!

Artisan Fair



Sunday, June 9
8:30am - 12:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall

Want to help our students on mission? Just stop by our artisan silent auction, bid, and take home a one-of-a-kind piece of art!

Come peruse unique items from our talented membership. We will have hand-crafted jewelry, paintings, grapevine wreaths, wood crafts, special photographs and more.

Your silent auction purchase goes to support the high school mission trip to Slovakia.

ARTISANS: We would still love your talent! Crafters, woodworkers, potters, needlepointers, painters, knitters, jewelry designers ... Let us celebrate your talents!

Contact:
Linda McConnell / 704.545.9815
linda28227@carolina.rr.com

Thank you, Providence

We would like to say a special word of thanks to our Senior Adult Committee for sponsoring and coordinating the recent Providence Bake Sale.

Thanks to your hard work—and the generosity of our members—we raised more than \$1300 to support our student summer mission trips.



The students are so very grateful to the Providence family for embracing the event and for donating and/or enjoying the homemade treats!

It seems like the Providence Bake Sale was a WIN for everyone!

Singing Together



Timothy Hill

It is truly a joy to sing together! As we worship, it is my hope that our congregational singing will encourage, inspire and move us closer to God! John Bell, author of *The Singing Thing*, elaborates on what we do when we sing together.

“It is not simply to move, to convert, to influence others that we sing in church. The object or recipient of our singing is not those standing around us, but God, to whom our worship is offered. And so something extremely rare happens whenever a congregation sings to its Maker. For not only are there ten or fifty or five hundred individual voices giving their unique gift as they open their mouths and sing; there is also the unique blending of high and low voices, sharp and flat, sophisticated and rough-tongued, male and female, old and young. The chances are that never again will every one of these people be in exactly the same place singing these

particular hymns and songs. At the next service of worship some will be missing, others will be new and the likelihood is that the liturgy will require a different selection of texts for singing. So, if we can but sense it, every time a congregation sings, it is offering an absolutely one-time-only gift to its Maker. It is important that every song sung is offered to God with that sense of uniqueness. God is worth it.”

Soli Deo Gloria!

Thank You

As another Wednesday night Music and Missions season comes to a close, we are grateful to Debra Wallace, Children’s Choir Coordinator, and all of our amazing volunteers!

Each week, these folks give their time and talents to teach and share music with our children. These lessons are more than just songs—they are forming a community of life-long worshipers!



The Music Ministry wishes to thank these wonderful leaders:

Music Experience for 3s

Julia Wright, director
Jennifer Reaves, helper

Cherub Choir

Timothy Hill, director
Rosalynn Miller, helper
Vivian Carroll, helper

Melody Makers

June Hall, director
Kristen Genett, helper

Trinity Singers

Sandy Barber, director
Vance Ayscue, helper
Sylvia Case, helper
Jane McCoy, helper

Young Musicians

Debra Wallace, director
Diann Clark, accompanist
Gaelyn Wanek, helper

“Come Sing” Summer Choir

The Sanctuary Choir is extending an open invitation to “come sing!” During the summer, 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, grab some music and a robe, and you’ll be all set! Adults and students are welcome, as are guests and friends ... come sing!

Choral Scholars

We are thankful for another wonderful year with our talented Choral Scholars! In the past, our program has included students from Wingate University, Queens University, and UNC Charlotte. This year all of our students studied Music at UNCC.

Jasmin Cropper
Bryson Harding
Cecilia Nguyen

Nicholas Perakis
Amber Ward

If you’d like to support this program, please contact Timothy Hill.

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

College Graduates

CONGRATULATIONS to our college graduates and those continuing their education!
Your Providence family is so proud of you!

Aslan Brienz Freidline
UNC Charlotte
Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Design

Hannah Elizabeth Kay
University of South Carolina
Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management
Cum Laude

Emily Grace Gaskin
Appalachian State University
Bachelor of Science in Economics
Magna Cum Laude
Completing her MBA/Economics in August 2019

John Mung
Central Piedmont Community College
Associates Degree in Art
(Will be continuing education at UNCC
studying accounting and music production.)

Brandon Michael Green
University of South Carolina
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Minor in Business Administration
Cum Laude

Jackson Thomas Wright
Clemson University
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
Minor in Financial Management
Magna Cum Laude

Summer PrimeTimers

June 13

Day Trip to Flat Rock, NC
(Sold Out)

July 18

Bingo and Snacks
Nalley Missions Center

August

No Activitites

Missions Grants

Providence is a mission-minded church and our Missions Committee is tasked with determining where our resources and funding go. The Committee sifted through numerous requests for aid, paying special attention to the call to Bless Charlotte as set out by *Providence Will*. Below is a list of this year's mission grant recipients:

- Beds for Kids
- Charlotte CROP Walk
- Charlotte Rescue Mission
- Community Culinary School
- Crisis Assistance
- Hoskins Park
- Loaves and Fishes



Bless Charlotte

- Passport Camps
- QC Family Tree – Enderly Youth
- Refugee Support Services
- Rise Against Hunger
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Urban Ministries – Readiness

Monthly Prayer Vigil



Saturday, June 29

8:00am - 12:00pm
Gordon Weekley Chapel

The deacons will offer a meditation guide or you can just sit quietly and pray.

Staff Recognitions



Martha Haigler

Martha Haigler celebrates her 19th year with Providence this month. She is the Pastoral Care Director and manages all aspects of member care. She is spearheading the effort to bring Stephen Ministry to Providence, so that our members can be trained to care for each other. Read the article on page 11.

Brady Sneed celebrates his 2nd year at Providence. Brady is one of our Audio Technicians and is a junior at Myers Park High School. Brady enjoys all aspects of sound, including the physics of it. He is currently looking at colleges that offer audio engineering and is hoping to make a career out of this passion.



Brady Sneed

Dedications of Life



William McKinley Hastings II
Son of William and Jessica Hastings
Brother of Hadley
Dedicated on May 5



Caroline Elizabeth Anderson
Daughter of Bobby and Laura Anderson
Sister of Rob
Dedicated on May 12



Henry Alexander Ferguson
Son of Ian and Holland Ferguson
Brother of Holland
Dedicated on May 19

Welcome Blake!



Blake Kendrick

June has finally arrived! That means our waiting is over - Rev. Blake Kendrick is here! Blake's first day on church staff as our Minister for Adult Discipleship is officially June 1, but his office hours begin on Monday, June 3. His office is located off the Rotunda across from Lee Canipe's office. As Minister for Adult Discipleship, Blake will develop and implement adult education ministries, encouraging spiritual growth for adults.

He will also create and facilitate programs aimed at continued spiritual growth and discipleship development through Wednesday night Bible studies, small group Bible studies and retreats. The studies and programs will connect members across generations, creating a strong sense of church-wide community.

Blake will coordinate the adult education ministries of the church and serve alongside other ministers to provide a comprehensive approach to Christian education. He will enable opportunities for our adults to put their faith in action through service and missions in Charlotte and beyond.

Blake is married to Anna Godwin Kendrick, who grew up at Providence. They have three children: Winston (9), Eleanor (7), and Mary-Blake (6). He and his family will be settling in and getting used to life in Charlotte. They are building a house near Fort Mill.

In Blake's own words: "I am grateful for this opportunity to serve at Providence. I extend my thanks to the search committee, staff and congregation for their hospitality, prayerfulness, and preparation. I am eager to take this next step with you!"

Be sure to stop by and welcome Blake! You can email Blake at bkendrick@providencebc.org, or you can call him at 704.366.4030x126.

Stephen Ministry

Hopefully you have heard that Providence will soon be offering a Stephen Ministry Program. Below are some helpful answers to common questions.

Why Stephen Ministry? We have many needs for care in our congregation and community; people experiencing grief, divorce, loss of a job, hospitalization, loneliness, retirement, terminal illness, or many other challenges of hurt or suffering. Stephen Ministers who are trained can use their gifts of caring by sharing Christ's love to people in need.

Who are Stephen Ministers? Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation that will be thoroughly trained to provide quality and confidential Christian care to those in crisis. Each Stephen Minister is carefully matched with a care receiver of the same gender and generally meets with their care receiver on a weekly basis. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the care receiver needs care. Stephen Ministers are expected to participate in twice monthly supervisory meetings to ensure quality care.

How does Stephen Ministry Work? When someone requests a Stephen Minister or is referred as a potential care receiver the Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinator meets with the individual to explain Stephen Ministry and determine the care needed. The Referral Coordinator then matches the person with an available Stephen Minister. The Stephen Minister contacts the person and begins meeting with him or her for about one hour per week for as long as needed. Everything

discussed with the Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister does not try to solve problems; rather he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find the path to healing and wholeness. The ministers trust God to work through them to bring the love of Christ to their care receivers.



Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry? Everyone! Those receiving the care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in a meaningful ministry. Our pastoral staff benefit because the caring ministry at Providence is expanded and fewer people fall through the cracks. Most of all we benefit from the knowledge that special care is available and we have a place to refer friends, neighbors, co-workers, relatives, or anyone else going through difficult times and needing special care.

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Submitted by Martha Haigler

We Offer Our Sympathy

- Elizabeth "Libby" Stevenson in the death of her son, Philip Russell Stevenson on April 2.
- David Riggsbee in the death of his brother, Edwin Byrd Riggsbee, Jr. on April 15.
- Cathy Tommie in the death of her grandmother, Catherine Barnes Cabaniss on April 28.
- Ray Cooper in the death of his wife, Mary Helen Cooper on May 6th.
- David Simmons (son of Carol and Greg Simmons) in the death of his mother-in-law, Margaret Kelly on May 7th.
- The family of Terry M. Adcock in her death on May 13.

Cotswold Farmer's Market

Help us **Engage Cotswold** by helping the Providence Team at the Cotswold Farmer's Market.

Sign up to either set up or take down for the market. It's easy and fun, so get involved!



Engage Cotswold

Multiple Saturday shifts are available. This is a **ONE-HOUR** commitment.

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Next Connections is July 1, 2019.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, or announcements is
Noon, Friday, June 14. Articles
should be 350 words or less. Email
your submissions to:
ssneed@providencebc.org.

Thank you!



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