

February 1, 2020



# PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

*Start Here*



## Engage Cotswold

*"For the whole Law is summed up  
in a single commandment:  
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"  
Galatians 5:14*



## Being A Sending Church



Lee Canipe

There are two components to being a church that makes Sending Apostles a priority.

The first component is nurturing, encouraging, and equipping people at Providence to become Christians who are open to hearing—and, then, saying Yes—to God’s call to go and serve others in Jesus’ name. The second component is supporting people from Providence and beyond who have been sent out in Jesus’ name

to share, in both word and deed, the good news of God’s abundant, generous love.

Basically, then, Sending Apostles is a matter of both raising up and holding up our fellow believers so that, together, we can respond to God’s invitation to participate in His redemptive mission in the world.

We raise up people who will go out in the future.

We hold up people who are out there now.

On Sunday, February 23, we have the privilege of welcoming to Providence Diane McNary, one of our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship global missions field personnel. Diane and her husband, Shane, minister with the Roma people in central and eastern Europe. One of the Roma groups they work with is located in Slovakia. If this sounds familiar to you, it’s because the McNarys hosted a mission team of Providence students and leaders last summer in Slovakia. They helped train and prepare our missionaries for their work beforehand—Dianne traveled here to lead one of the orientation sessions with our team last spring—and then invited them to come alongside them in their work with a Roma community in Telgart, a village in the mountains of Slovakia.

Providence holds up apostles like the McNarys in their ministry when we support global missions through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The McNarys help Providence raise up apostles in our midst when they encourage and equip our people who are willing to be sent out to serve in Jesus’ name. Partnerships like the one we have with the McNarys allow us to do more and go further much more effectively as apostles of Jesus Christ than we ever could otherwise, acting on our own. I hope you’ll join me in welcoming Diane to Providence.

It’s not just about our Cooperative Baptist partnerships, though. We have a long history of holding up apostles from Providence who are serving around the world in the name of Jesus—apostles such as David and Naomi Coward (in Indonesia) and Carrie Lee Arant Daniel

(in western Canada). We also have a long history of raising up apostles from Providence to go and serve. Our WMU is constantly at work raising awareness and highlighting opportunities for fruitful, life-changing mission work in Charlotte and beyond. Each year, we send mission teams of adults and students to serve in places like Slovakia, Quebec, and New York City. These short-term experiences give our short-term missionaries an opportunity to make a Kingdom difference in the lives of strangers who might, over the course of a week or so, become friends. When we support our Financial Plan for Missions and Ministry, we make these experiences possible for our students and adults.

Providence also invests in theological education for new generations of men and women who are responding to God’s call upon their lives. Sarah Blackwell, a divinity student at Gardner-Webb University, is serving this year as a volunteer community missions intern helping us build our Bless Charlotte relationship with Families Forward. At Providence, we encourage our young people who are wrestling with a sense of call to explore the possibility of ministry as a vocation. In 2019, Providence Will funds helped send Addison Aycock to the Summer Youth Academy at Duke Divinity School, a week-long program for high schoolers considering the ministry. Each week in RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends, we teach our children about what it means to go where—and when—God sends us out in Jesus’ name. This kind of intentional education plants seeds that will, eventually, produce new apostles.

My great hope is that, over time, Providence becomes even more intentional about sending apostles—that is, raising up people who are ready and willing to be sent, and holding up people who have already been sent—to share good news in Jesus’ name. There is a tremendous need for churches like ours to step forward and make room in our programs, our facilities, and our annual financial plans to promote this kind of spiritual formation. Sending apostles—one of our five *Providence Will* priorities—doesn’t just *happen*. It’s the fruit of much prayer and preparation and ... well ... prioritizing.

Wouldn’t it be a blessing for Providence to become known as a “sending church” that takes the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30-31) seriously enough to put them both into practice on a regular basis? It’s fun to think about. It’d be even more fun for us to move together in that direction and see what doors God opens next.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Canipe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## On Second Thought

“On Second Thought” is an extra little tidbit from Sunday’s sermon. Lee Canipe sends an email that arrives in your inbox every Monday morning with a question, a challenge, or a point to ponder based on the previous day’s sermon.



Think of it as going a step further in your conversation with God and His Word.

### Want to give it a try?

Just subscribe!

Contact:  
connections@providencebc.org

## Online Sermons

Did you miss Sunday’s sermon?

Out of town?  
No worries!



Volunteering with the children?  
You can still hear the good word!

Our Sunday sermons are posted online each week.

You can find sermons from last week to three years ago! Simply go to our website at [www.providencebc.org/worship](http://www.providencebc.org/worship).

Scroll down to “Sermons” and click “Listen.”

You can also subscribe to the Providence channel through iTunes: “Sunday Mornings at Providence Baptist, Charlotte, NC”

## Deacon on Call

**Deacon on call (Weekdays): 704.366.4030x147**

February 2 - 7: Frankie Ayscue

February 9 - 14: Debbie Garrett

February 16 - 21: Penny Hewett

February 23 - 28: Jeff Hinson

March 1 - 6: Steve Jarrett



## Minister on Call

**Minister on call (Weekends): 704.366.4030x147**

January 31 - February 3: Timothy Hill

February 7 - 10: Dane Jackson

February 14 - 17: Lee Canipe

February 21 - 24: Blake Kendrick

February 28 - March 2: Blake Kendrick

## Welcome New Members

Ben and Margaret Thompson joined Providence on January 19 by statement of Christian faith and previous baptism and by transfer of membership from the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort, SC. They have four children: Grayson (14), Emma Claire (12), Whitt (10), and Reid (7). We are so grateful they have joined our church family!



## Wonders of Worship



**Sundays in February**  
9:00am  
For Kindergarten Children

Our kindergarten children are invited to participate in this special series about why and how we worship. Kindergarteners will officially join worship with their parents beginning Sunday, March 1.

**Parents:** Remember your special seminar, "Parenting in the Pew."  
Sunday, February 9 at 9:00am  
Activity Center Parlor

## Wonderfully Made

**Sunday, February 23**  
At Myers Park United Methodist Church  
For all 5th graders | \$40 per family



Wonderfully Made is a one-day seminar and workshop designed for 5th graders and their parents to help them explore "growing up" and to learn more about how they are wonderfully made.

Contact Julia Wright with questions.  
jwright@providencecbc.org  
REGISTER and PAY by Monday, February 3.

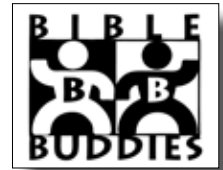
## PassportKids Camp

**July 15 – 18**  
Laurinburg, NC  
For Ages 3rd – 5th grade completed.

Registration and \$100 deposit is due now!  
Payment can be made online or by check.  
Contact Kristen: khendrix@providencecbc.org

## Bible Buddies

**Sundays Beginning February 2**  
5:00pm – 6:30pm  
Room 2204  
For Grades 1 and 2



Our first meeting will be held immediately following the Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch and will last until 2:00pm. The remaining weeks (February 9 - March 22) we will meet from 5:00-6:30pm.

To sign up, EMAIL Kristen Hendrix:  
khendrix@providencecbc.org  
Deadline: January 30

**For your calendar:**  
Bible Drill and Bible Buddies Recognition Ceremony  
Sunday, March 22 at 5:30pm

## RA Racer Night

**Wednesday, March 4**  
6:15pm  
Activity Center

It's time to RACE! Prepare your car and go head-to-head with other RAs.



This is a fun night for the entire Providence family.

Come cheer on the RAs!

## VBS Save the Date

**June 15 – 19**  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
For Ages rising K – 5th grade completed.

Vacation Bible School is coming soon!  
Before and after VBS care is available for children.  
Registration will begin in April.

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

## From Ursula's Desk

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

As we enter February, with all the reminders about Valentine's Day, love is on the brain. A question that comes to mind, however, is how often is love on our lips?

Do we speak love into the lives of those around us, or do we tear one another down with our words?

Our words have power. As parents, it is crucial that our children know that we love them. We need to say it with both our actions and our words. When my son, Joseph, was younger, we had this "I love you" routine that would be bantered back and forth every day. I'd say to him, "I love you," and he'd respond with, "I love you, too." Then I'd say, "I love you always," and he responded with, "I love you always." Other times, he'd come up to me and initiate the banter. This was his way of telling

me that he needed to hear me say it—multiple times a day. Certainly, I gave him hugs and affection, but he needed to hear it as well.

I also heard the words, "I love you," when I was growing up. I knew that I was loved. But, it is not that way in all homes. If you grew up in family where those words were not spoken often, it can be difficult for you to say them to others. I encourage you all, no matter how often you heard it as a child, to infuse these powerful words into your child's life.

My prayer for you this month is that you would know God's love and speak it into the lives of those you care for. God bless you!

*Ursula S. Taylor*



Ursula Taylor

## Valentine's Social and Songfest

**February 20**

12:00

Crouch Fellowship Hall

This month, our 4-year-old children will participate in a very special "Valentine's Social and Songfest."

This will be an opportunity for the children to share love through song and have personal interaction with the senior members of the church. I'm sure they will enjoy it just as much as the children.

## Fall In Love With Books

**February 10 – 14**

Outside the Mary Perry Children's Library

We are having a Scholastic Book Fair! We will offer a variety of books perfect for infants through 2nd graders. This is a fun opportunity for you to purchase books for your child as well as for other children in your life.

### Remember:

Books make wonderful additions to Easter Baskets!

## Current Openings

We still have a few openings in both Preschool and Full Care for this year's programs.

Call 704.366.4030x129 to get more information and to schedule a tour of our 5-Star facility.

**CURRENT OPENINGS**

## Teacher Workday

**Monday, February 17**

We will be closed as our teachers will be participating in Professional Development as well as TEAM building exercises.

## Summer Enrollment

**Register soon!**

Current Families and Church Members:  
March 2nd – March 6th  
Open Community:  
March 9th – March 13th

## Fall Enrollment

**Register NOW!**

Hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about the 2020 – 2021 school year for your preschooler!

Current Families | Church Members:  
Friday, February 7th  
Open Community:  
Friday, February 14th

**Register:** [www.providencecbc2.org](http://www.providencecbc2.org)  
Families will be notified of their placement or wait list status, by February 28th.

**ENROLL NOW**

## Love Always



Dane Jackson

Frederick Buechner, esteemed writer, poet, and theologian said that “If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.” (Whistling in the Dark, 1988) The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the church in Colossae: “We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. We’ve done this since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God’s people. You have this faith and love because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You previously heard about this hope through the true message, the good news, which has come to you. This message has been bearing fruit and growing among you since the day you heard and truly understood God’s grace, in the same way that it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world. (Colossians 1:3-6)

Have you ever gotten a note, message, text, email, card, or letter that sounded this great?

Wow, think about how much more the love of God is known because of people like the Colossians who loved their neighbors enough to share the Good News with them! Imagine what life would be like if we set up a regular (daily, weekly, monthly) practice of thanking God for Christians who share God’s love with their neighbors. What regular spiritual practices do you have? What ways can you develop a new practice that is devoted to recognizing acts of kindness and seeing how your neighbors have shared God’s love with you and others?

Be intentional about letting others see the love that God has shown you through them and others. Send a message through your favorite media to someone this week, thanking them for their acts of kindness.

God loves us. Not because of or in spite of anything. There is no qualifier to God’s love. God asks us to love the same way. Go and love today and always!

## Galentine’s Day Brunch



## One Night



## Sunday Night Live

For teens who have grown up around church, there are those Bible passages that they’ve heard a hundred times. They heard them as children, they heard them in youth group and they heard them in sermons. It’s become so tempting for them to just skip over them because they “know” what they say. But here’s the thing: what if we don’t? The challenge that the Bible brings is that the most recent letters were written down almost 2,000 years ago and the Bible that you hold has been translated a few times over. Reading the Bible isn’t so simple because just taking the English words at face value may miss things going on in the original language or context. The fact is, there are some amazing and insightful things going on in the text if we just learn to dig a little and see things with new eyes.



In this series, we’ll explore four passages where you may be tempted to say, “Been there, done that,” and we’ll ask some questions and dig a little to see if there are some things we may have missed beneath the surface.

For more information about the Student Ministry, contact George Mulley at 704.366.4030x116 or [gmulley@providencebc.org](mailto:gmulley@providencebc.org).

## Singing in the Light of God

On the last weekend of January each year, choirs from across the Southeast descend upon Charleston, SC for Festival by the Sea. This year, members of our Sanctuary Choir participated in this wonderful event, allowing for a time of learning and renewal. One of the most powerful songs from this year's festival was "Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls," written by Z. Randall Stroope. As the publisher states it:



*Timothy Hill*

*Solomon's temple was arguably the most magnificent structure ever built in the history of human kind.*

*This anthem invites listeners to come and dwell in a place where wisdom, righteousness, justice, and holiness join at the feet of God.*

Indeed, as the music grew and voices joined together, all were invited to "Come dwell!" And as the beautiful melodies painted glorious pictures of Solomon's temple, I was reminded that we, too, are temples of God – meant for worship, goodness, and peace. As we continue to build our temples – growing in the likeness of Christ – may we, like the golden door posts of Solomon's temple, shine God's light for all the world to see.



## Wingate University Singers Visit

On February 16, the Wingate University Singers will be our guest choir during the morning worship service. Through national and international concert tours and state-wide engagements, they are widely regarded as one of the leading choirs in the Carolinas.

The choir is led by Dr. Kenny Potter, who serves as Director of Choral Activities at Wingate University and as the Artistic Director of the Charlotte Master Chorale. In addition to his work at Wingate and with the Charlotte Master Chorale, he serves as Choral Conductor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Kenny is a long-time friend of the Sanctuary Choir here at Providence, and we look forward to having him and The Wingate University Singers with us.



## Student Festival By the Sea

### Final Call

This year, our Student Choir will once again participate in Festival by the Sea. The event brings together choirs from across the Southeast to sing, learn and worship. The festival will be March 6 - 8 in Myrtle Beach, SC. The deadline to register is February 5. Please visit the website or contact the Music Ministry for more information.



For more information regarding the Music Ministry contact Caitie Jackson at 704.366.4030x121 or [cjackson@providencebc.org](mailto:cjackson@providencebc.org).

## The Road Less Traveled



Blake Kendrick

Join me for The Road Less Traveled, a four-week seminar on faith and poetry! Wallace Stevens once wrote: “The poet is the priest of the invisible.” Throughout history, poetry has inspired and stretched the human imagination. During this series, we’ll read and reflect upon poems that inspire faith, cultivate prayer, and deepen our appreciation of creation. We’ll read poems by Frost, Oliver, Yeats, and more. Join us! Dates: March 11, 18, 25, and April 1 at 6:15pm in the Libby Gray Media Center. Email me by March 10 to sign up. (Contact information is listed below.)

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### Women’s Bible Study

#### Sunday Evenings Beginning February 9

5:00pm – 6:30pm  
Activity Center Parlor

Join the women of Providence (church members and guests alike) for a Bible study on Lysa TerKeurst’s book, “Trustworthy: Overcoming

Our Greatest Struggles to Trust God.”

This six-week study will be led by Sarah Blackwell and will be held during Bible Buddies, Bible Drill, and Youth Activities.

Come strengthen your faith and nurture intergenerational relationships at Providence!

### Do Justice

Have you ever written a letter to your political representative? Have you organized a litter pickup event? Do you watch the evening news and despair about poverty and injustice in our world? Simply: Have you ever wished that your faith in Christ could “grow some feet” so that you could better engage your neighborhood?

In Micah 6:8, we find these words:

“Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.”

This is a call to action for God’s people.

On March 15, you’re invited to join a new social and environmental justice team at Providence called “Do Justice.” Do Justice will discern together how God is calling us to respond to His call to action in Micah 6:8.

If you’re interested, please attend a short 10 minute meeting on Sunday, March 15 immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary. Email Blake with any questions or to begin receiving Do Justice updates.

### Thursday Bible Study

#### Thursdays

11:00am  
Nalley Missions Center

All adults are invited to attend this engaging and thought-provoking study on Acts. Through reading Acts together, we will discover how the Christian church was first developed and how it then spread throughout the ancient world.

What can we learn from the first apostles of Jesus? What wisdom does Acts have for us today?

\*\*We will NOT meet on February 6.

February 13: Chapters 4-8

February 20: Chapter 9

February 27: Chapters 10-11

### Prayer Retreat

#### Sunday, April 26

3:00pm – 4:30pm

Breath in God’s grace and peace. Breath out all worry and anxiety. Come enjoy the beauty of the McGill Rose Garden, one of Charlotte’s hidden gems. We’ll pray, bask in God’s beauty, befriend silence, and drink mimosas. This event is open to everyone. Children age 12 or younger must be accompanied by an adult. The McGill Rose Garden is located on the edge of the Noda Art District in Charlotte at 940 N. Davidson Street.

Sign up by April 22.

[bkendrick@providencebc.org](mailto:bkendrick@providencebc.org)

For more information regarding Adult Discipleship contact Blake Kendrick at 704.366.4030x126 or [bkendrick@providencebc.org](mailto:bkendrick@providencebc.org).



## Wednesday Night Meals



Don't cook on Wednesday nights! Enjoy our family-friendly buffet every Wednesday from 4:45pm – 6:00pm in the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

### February 5

Roasted Pork with Gravy  
Sweet Potato Casserole  
Vegetable Medley  
Yeast Rolls  
Coconut Custard Pie

### February 12

#### **Q1 Conference**

Southern Fried Chicken  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Steamed Green Beans with Red Pepper  
Biscuits  
Yellow Cake  
with Chocolate Frosting

### February 19

Creole Baked Fish  
Grilled Sausages  
Cajun Corn Bread Succotash Stuffing  
Sautéed Collard Greens  
Streusel Bread Pudding  
with Creme Anglaise

### February 26

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Beef or Spinach Lasagna  
Roasted Vegetables  
Garlic Bread  
Tiramisu Cake

(Salad and Pizza Bar also available.)

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

## Wednesday Night Studies

Our children's programming begins at 5:30pm.  
Adult programming begins at 6:15pm.



Make Disciples

### **“Holy Justice and Godly Righteousness: The Why Behind the What”**

Led by Lee Canipe in the Gordon Weekley Chapel.

This Bible study will explore the theological foundation for Old Testament ethics as found in the book of Leviticus—with the hope that, by better understanding the “why” of justice and righteousness, we will be better equipped to proclaim and practice the “what.”

*Will be held February 5 and 19.*

### **“Growing With ...”**

Led by Caitie Jackson in Room 2132.



This small group will discuss the popular parenting book, “Growing With” by Kara Powell and Steven Argue. During this small group journey, parents of teenagers and young adults will share parenting experiences, reflect, pray, and build a support network.

*Will be held February 5, 12 and 19.*

### **“MOPS”**

Led by Katie Hartwell in the Activity Center Parlor.



*this is motherhood*

May we, together, live life to the full!  
Open to the community. Join us and be encouraged.  
Topics vary.

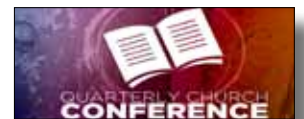
*All moms are invited to this gathering every Wednesday in February!  
Come share your insight, your ideas and your heart.*

## Q1 Conference

**Wednesday,  
February 12**

5:45pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall



## Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 26**

6:00pm  
Sanctuary

## The Providence Endowment

### Doing Good, And Making a Difference

Providence is a generous congregation. YOU are a generous people. Because of your generosity, this church family is able to support multiple ministries and missions through the Providence Endowment that are not supported through our regular churchwide financial plan.

Did you know that the Endowment Committee provided funds to rejuvenate our church grounds last year? Or that they helped our students attend a summer missions camp? Or that they purchased new equipment for several ministries that needed to replace failing or obsolete items? In each of these cases, ministry or updates or replacements would not have been possible without the Endowment Committee's grants.

Every year, the Committee draws on the Endowment account interest to serve our church, our neighborhood, and God's kingdom as a whole.

The Committee accepts grant requests and identifies the best, most appropriate uses for our earnings. If you have a need, consider submitting a proposal (go to the bottom of the page for more information).

If you would like to help grow our Endowment, contact Rocky Cannon.  
cba@providencecbc.org.

## Endowment Requests



The Providence Baptist Church Endowment Committee is accepting Grant Requests until March 1st.

Have you seen a need at Providence? Make an endowment request and help us address it!

The Endowment Committee will meet in March to determine which requests will be approved for 2020.

Requests should be made in writing using the Grant Request Form available online:

[www.providencecbc2.org](http://www.providencecbc2.org)

## Sunday Worship

Sanctuary

10:30am

**February 2**

Communion  
Micah 6:1-8

**February 9**

Matthew 5:13-20

**February 16**

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

**February 23**

2 Peter 1:16-21

**March 1**

Romans 5:12-19

**Enjoy a hot Sunday breakfast!**

**\$5 per person.**

Each Sunday from 8:15am – 9:00am.

## Souper Bowl Sunday

**Sunday, February 2**

Immediately Following Worship  
Crouch Fellowship Hall

“Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.” Proverbs 14:31  
We will have a church-wide SOUP and grilled cheese lunch with Mrs. Diana's potato soup and Mr. Blake Kendrick's tomato basil soup.



Donations will be accepted for lunch and will go to the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Who will win the can-off? It's the boys versus the girls! Bring cans of soup to help the Boys' Team or the Girls' Team feed the hungry in our community!



*Bless Charlotte*

RSVP for lunch!  
[khendrix@providencecbc.org](mailto:khendrix@providencecbc.org)

## An Evening Out



Calling All Adults!

**February 17**

7:00pm

“The History of St. Valentine”

Common Market Southend  
236 West Tremont

Our crowd is growing! After hosting an outstanding group in January, we are eager to gather again for some more thoughtful conversation and meaningful fellowship. Questions? [bkendrick@providencecbc.org](mailto:bkendrick@providencecbc.org)

## Retirement Celebration

**Sunday, March 8**

11:30am

We are making plans to celebrate Randy Ballard and his retirement! Join us on Sunday, March 8 in the Crouch Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. We'll eat a little, reminisce a little and talk a lot while we rejoice with Randy and Debbi.



It is a time-honored Providence tradition to collect a love offering for departing ministers. During the Farewell Reception, Randy will be presented with the love offering check. If you would like to donate, make your check payable to “Providence Baptist Church” by **March 4** and put “Ballard Love Offering” in the memo line.

## Prayer Vigil



**Saturday,**

**February 29**

8:00am – 12:00pm

Gordon Weekley Chapel

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

## Pancake Supper

**Shrove Tuesday, February 25**

5:00pm



*Lee Canipe and Rocky Cannon serve up hotcakes with a smile.*

The flapjacks are flipping again! The Providence staff will be serving up hot pancakes as they fire up the griddles in the Crouch Fellowship Hall on Shrove Tuesday.

Invite your friends and neighbors for this fun family meal full of all your breakfast favorites.

The cost is \$5 per person.

## Ash Wednesday Worship

**Wednesday, February 26**

6:00pm

Sanctuary

As we begin our Lenten journey, we turn our hearts more fully toward the Divine.

We examine our lives and work to eliminate habits that distract us from the holy.

We ask our Creator to create our hearts anew.

This is a student-led service.



## Drive By Ashes

**Wednesday, February 26**

7:00am – 9:00am

Don't have time to come to the Ash Wednesday worship? You can still observe this sacred and meaningful day on your way to work. Our ministers will be outside offering the imposition of ashes on the Rotunda side of the campus during the morning rush hour.

## Can You Help?

Each month, Providence publishes *Connections*, our church-wide newsletter, which you are reading right now (hurray)! We mail the publication to approximately 490 members, and we also publish the newsletter online every month. Did you know past issues are available on our website dating back three years? Many households choose to take advantage of the online version, which saves the church the cost of printing and mailing the publication.



If you receive a printed copy of the newsletter in the mail and would prefer to read the newsletter online, just let us know. Every cent counts! Thanks!

Contact:  
connections@providencecbc.org

## The Record We Wrote

In an effort to provide timely and accurate financial information, and to keep our congregation up-to-date each week, we will be publishing a comprehensive financial update every Friday via email.



Look for our actual revenues and expenses to date in the bi-weekly communication sent to church members in “The Record We Wrote” section of the email.

If you do not currently receive the bi-weekly email and would like to, just ask.

Contact:  
connections@providencecbc.org

## A BIG Thank You!

The year is off to great start, but let's begin by thanking those who joined us for our PrimeTimers' Luncheons and our day trip get-aways in 2019. A big thank you to Dianna Neil and her staff for preparing such wonderful meals! We would also like to thank the Senior Adult Committee members who rotated off in December. Thank you to Pauline Bethea, Ray Partain, and Sylvia Stockard. We have great things ahead. Come be a part of the fun things happening for seniors at Providence! We can't wait for you to join us!

*The Senior Adult Committee*

## PrimeTimers' Day Trip

Thursday, May 14

It's time for our PrimeTimers' Day Trip to Flat Rock, NC. The Senior Adult Committee has reserved 40 seats at the Flat Rock Playhouse for the 2:00pm matinee showing of “Million Dollar Quartet.” The performers take you back to an impromptu jam session that includes Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash as they sing their hit songs from the early days of rock ‘n’ roll.



The cost is only \$75 per person and includes round trip motorcoach and one ticket to the matinee. We will be stopping at the Flat Rock Wood Room for lunch on your own. (We will stop briefly at the McDonald's in Shelby on the way to Flat Rock.)

Reserve your space today with just a \$25 deposit. Make checks payable to Providence and write “Flat Rock Day Trip” in memo line. Final payment due no later than Monday, April 6.

Contact: Wilna Eury wilna.eury@att.net

## PrimeTimers' Luncheon



Thursday, February 20

12:00pm

\$7.00 per person

It's a DO OVER!

We can't wait to welcome Jeff Perks back!

Come enjoy this sensational pianist as he charms us with his music. RSVP Deadline: Sunday, February 16.

Call 704.366.4030x211 for reservations.

## WMU Mission Action Day

**Tuesday, February 4**

10:00am – 12:00pm

Nalley Missions Center

Calling all Providence ladies:  
Whether you are a retired woman,  
a young mother,  
a working professional  
or a college student, you are  
needed!



*Bless Charlotte*

Help us put our words into action as we seek to serve others during our mission action work day!

- Make sandwiches and deliver them to Urban Ministry.
- Prepare car snack bags for the homeless.

Lunch is provided.



For more information contact:  
Anne Tunstall - 704.567.9593  
Penny Hewett - 704.552.0688

## Mission Collection

**Loaves and Fishes**

During the month of  
February,  
we are collecting  
**canned goods**  
for Loaves and Fishes.



The agency provides nutritionally balanced groceries to families in the area who are in short-term crisis. Simply, they help people who need help the most.

Bring anything from soups, to vegetables, to canned meats, and help stock their pantry.



Bring your donations to the collection area in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

## Providence ON Mission



*Send Apostles*

**Adults!**

March 28 – April 3

Quebec Mission Trip

\$450 (includes airfare)

Join Lee Canipe for this week of servant ministry, hunger relief, and Christian encouragement with L'Église Chrétienne le Rocher, a French-Canadian Baptist church in Châteauguay, a suburb of Montréal.

Interested in joining the mission team?

Contact Lee at [lcانىpe@providencebc.org](mailto:lcانىpe@providencebc.org)

**Commitment is needed  
by March 1.**



## Missions AT Providence

We sometimes assume that mission work can only be accomplished when we GO somewhere, or when we are SENT. But we can serve others just as easily at home. And that is just what our crack team of designers, carpenters and cabinet makers did!

All you have to do is wander down the hallway towards the Crouch Fellowship Hall or look in the Sanctuary and you will see the team's handiwork. It took months of planning and careful execution, but their efforts are so appreciated!

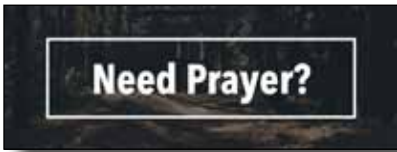
Our hallway is inviting AND functional. And our Sanctuary now boasts built in tables for our handbell choirs. Simply, it's beautiful.



When you have a chance, thank these amazing people, for they have truly served right here at home.

*Special thanks to these "team members:"  
Frankie Ayscue, Vance Ayscue, Rocky Cannon,  
Claudia Carpenter, Sid Carpenter, Bill Fairley,  
Margaret Ford, Gary Franceschi, Gil Laster,  
Stewart McCollum, Glenn McConnell,  
Dan Perrone, David Pyatt, Dennis Stallings,  
Al Traver, Bob Tunstall, and Bunnie Walker*

## Providence Prayer Team



Providence is a church built on prayer. Because of that important foundation, we have

a prayer team ready to pray for you and your needs. This dedicated group of warriors will stand in the gap for anyone who asks. All information is kept strictly confidential and each need is treated with great respect and importance. And no request should be considered too small!

Find a prayer box, write your request down and drop it in the box. The boxes are found all over the Providence Campus: on Randolph Hall, at the entrance to the Activity Center, outside the Libby Gray Media Center, in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall, in the hallway near the Providence courtyard, at the entrance to the Nita Moss Children's Building and in the Student area.

Add our voices to yours. Let us pray for you!

## Stephen Ministry

If you were to question the value of Stephen Ministry, just read this letter from a Care Receiver:

*"Without a doubt, my decision to receive help through the Stephen Ministry has been the best decision of my life. I thank God every day. Having a Stephen Minister has completely changed the trajectory of my life. Stephen Ministry is such a good model for how the body of Christ should work. Thank you for the work you are doing! God is truly being glorified in the service of Stephen Ministers everywhere."*



If you are in need of a Stephen Minister, please contact Martha Haigler at [mhaigler@providencebc.org](mailto:mhaigler@providencebc.org).

## Youth Soccer Registration

Register March 1 – March 22

For ages 9 and under

Member Cost: \$100  
Non-member Cost: \$110



Engage Cotswold

All games will be hosted at Providence  
Play begins April 25  
and will run through June 13.

Contact Brandon Whitener:  
704.366.4030x103

## Play Pickleball

Pickleball  
Open Court



Stay active and connected  
by playing Pickleball.

Every Tuesday  
12:00pm – 3:00pm

Open to all!

## Welcome Baby!

We are delighted to welcome our very newest:



Grayson Jacob Makofsky  
Born December 31, 2019  
Son of Brandon & Casey Makofsky  
Grandson of Eric and Terri Gill

## In Sympathy

- Al Cadenhead in the death of his father, Alton Cadenhead, Sr. on December 20.
- Laura Perrone in the death of her mother, Marianne Perrone on December 26.
- Martha Iley in the death of her brother, Stephen Hasty Strawn on January 7.
- Virginia (Jennie) Winstead in the death of her sister Myrtie Long Davis on January 9.
- Sue Norris in the death of her husband Clifford Norris on January 15.

## Staff News

Providence is blessed to have a capable and professional staff, and we have several anniversaries to celebrate this month.



Debra Motsinger

- This month we celebrate **Debra Motsinger** being on staff for four years as she plans and prepares our amazing Wednesday night fellowship meals. But she has been blessing the Providence church family for years with her delectable treats. Debra and her husband Mike have been on countless mission trips, sharing their culinary gifts with our mission teams, giving them the physical fuel they need to serve the Lord and our communities.
- **Stephanie Nivens** has been on our staff for 24 years, making her one of our longest tenured employees! Stephanie does a number of jobs for us, including cleaning the Sanctuary, preparing our silverware for Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners, and vacuuming around campus. And, if you're lucky, you'll receive one of her famous hugs!



Stephanie Nivens



George Mulley

- **George Mulley** is our Student Ministry Associate and will celebrate his fourth year on staff in February. George willingly shares his gifts and talents with the students (and people) of Providence. He is all in with the student ministry and has efficiently moved us into online event registration and payment - a parent's dream! THANK YOU, George!
- **Julia Wright** is celebrating 17 years as our Minister with Children and Their Families. Julia has been ministering by teaching God's Word, reading books, singing with (and loving on) children her entire professional career. One of her favorite things to do is to sit with three year olds and sing songs about Jesus on Wednesday nights.



Julia Wright

## Are You Social?

Do you want to keep up with everything going on at Providence? Connect with us on social media and be in the KNOW! Not sure how? Here's a quick tutorial!



**Search for us:** @providencebchurch or "Providence Baptist Church-Charlotte, NC"  
You'll see our logo. You've found us.  
Now, click "LIKE." Success!

You can also sign up to follow the Providence Student Ministry and the Providence Music Ministry.

STUDENTS: @pbstudentsclt | "PBCStudents"  
MUSIC: @PBCMM | "Providence Music Ministry"

"LIKE" us today! It's that easy!



Do you like pictures to tell the story? Our Providence students use an Instagram account to do just that.  
**Search for us:** "pbstudentclt"  
Now click "FOLLOW." You did it!!



Twitter is for quick 140-character updates.  
**Search for us:** "@pbcommunity"  
Now, click "FOLLOW" and you're all set.  
You'll receive tweets from Providence.



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## WMU Mission Action Work Day

Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00am  
Nalley Missions Center



## Church Conference

Wednesday, February 12 at 5:45pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall



## PrimeTimers' Luncheon

Thursday, February 20 at 12:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall



## Pancake Supper

Sunday, February 25 at 5:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall

## Next Connections is March 1, 2020.

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

*Thank you!*



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