

January 1, 2021



# PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

*Start Here*

*In the bleak midwinter ...*



## The Power of the “Next” Note



Lee Canipe

Dave Brubeck made a jazz listener out of me—and, because Brubeck made a jazz listener out of me, I discovered the theological significance of the next note, which may be a helpful thing for us all to think about as we begin a new year.

Not familiar with Dave Brubeck? He was a pianist and composer who died a day before his 92nd birthday in 2012. Brubeck hit his

popular peak in the 1950s and 60s with songs such as “Take Five,” which you’ve probably heard before even if you didn’t know what you were listening to.

I confess that I had never heard of Dave Brubeck until I happened upon his obituary in a magazine. Reading it, two things immediately jumped out at me.

First, was his bright, happy smile. If the photo that accompanied the obituary was any indication of his personality, then Dave Brubeck clearly was the exact opposite of the stereotypical brooding, tortured, musical genius. He appeared to radiate joy—and, by all accounts, he did.

Second, was the way that Brubeck’s Christian faith shaped his music. He came to faith in middle age, after completing a piece commissioned by a Roman Catholic publication. In his original score, he had accidentally left out an arrangement of the Lord’s Prayer. Asked to go back and include it, Brubeck one night dreamed the entire orchestration and chorus—then jumped out of bed and immediately wrote it all down before the music slipped out of his mind. “Because of this event,” he said, “I decided I might as well join the Catholic Church because someone somewhere was pulling me toward that end.” For the rest of his life, he worked hard in his music to convey what he considered to be the heart of Jesus’ teaching: Love your enemies.

By the time I finished that obituary, I had decided that Dave Brubeck was a musician I wanted to get to know better. So, I bought some albums, started listening, and before long my appreciation for jazz expanded beyond Brubeck.

Specifically, I started to appreciate the art of improvisation—the moment in a song when a musician steps out of the group and begins to play solo. Improvising soloists have an idea of where they want

to end up, but they haven’t decided exactly how they’re going to get there. So, each note, then, opens up a whole range of possibilities and becomes a jumping-off point for the next note, whatever that note may be.

I was talking about improvisation once with Noel Friedline, the jazz pianist I know best. “There really is no such thing as a wrong note in improv,” Noel told me. “It’s the next note that counts. A good soloist can take what sounds like a wrong note and use it to take the song in a great new direction. It’s all in what you decide to do with that next note.”

For most of us, last year was one, long, loud, sustained wrong note. Now, as we begin a new year, it’s time for the next note. How will we play it?

We really have two choices. We can look back and obsess over what went wrong, how it went wrong, and why it went wrong. We can nurse grudges, point fingers, look for scapegoats, and continue to expect the worst from our leaders, from one another, and from the year ahead. It’s not easy to recover from a wrong note. Sometimes it can bring the whole song to a screeching halt. That’s one option.

Or, we can look forward, focusing our hope on what lies ahead and where God is opening doors that we’ve never noticed before. If this is the decision we make—if we choose to concentrate our attention on the next note—then we allow the melody to continue flowing in a direction that may be different, but is most definitely something new, positive, and joyful.

There are plenty of places in the Bible where we read about God’s plans for the future—and God’s determination not to let God’s people stay stuck in an unpleasant past. While Isaiah 43:19 and Philippians 3:13-14 are obvious examples of this, it’s Hebrews 12:12-13 that—for me, right now—highlights the theological significance of the next note. “Therefore, lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet,” we read, “so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.” We can stay out of joint, or we can be healed. That’s where things stand at the beginning of this new year. All of us have choices to make.

And so, may the next note we play together in the name of Jesus bring healing in 2021—and may the peace of Christ be with you all year long!

## What to Expect When

As we begin a new year, Providence is still in Phase 3 of our regathering plan that was published last June. The Covid-19 Task Force's goal is for Providence to regather on campus for indoor worship, education, fellowship, and play as soon as it is safe for us to do so. All of us are impatient to be back together, especially given the fact that some churches in Charlotte have been moving faster in this direction than we have. That said, other churches will likely move slower in this direction than we will. In following our Providence plan, the Task Force will continue listening to guidance from, and following best practices advocated by, our public health authorities.



We will begin to regather for in-person worship in the Sanctuary when these same public health authorities deem it safe for 150 or more people to gather indoors in a movie theater-like space. Right now, that number is 100. Here are the other guidelines now in effect under Phase 3 of our regathering plan:

- Worship remains online only, with recorded services broadcast on Sunday morning at 10:30am.
- Church offices are open on a limited basis during the week. Ministers and staff still have the option to continue working remotely. Those working on-campus are observing posted safety protocols.
- Sunday school classes, Bible studies, prayer groups, and committee meetings are still online only, with outdoor meetings of 50 people or fewer on-campus encouraged, weather permitting. Outdoor worship events are suspended through at least the end of January.
- Small weddings and funerals are allowed on campus, provided that social distancing practices are followed.
- The Activity Center is open on a limited basis, with guests observing posted safety measures.
- The Weekday Education Ministry and the Oaks School classes are meeting on campus, in strict compliance with guidelines established by North Carolina health officials.

There is light at the end of this tunnel. With vaccine distribution already underway, we hope that sooner, rather than later, we will be able to regather again on Randolph Road. Between now and then, let's continue to bear witness to God's love as the church is scattered—seeking to be good neighbors, serving with humble spirits, and putting others' interests ahead of our own (Philippians 2:4b).

## Campus Closures

Please take note of these upcoming closures:

The Campus will be closed Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1.



We will also be closed for MLK on Monday, January 18.

## Minister on Call

Our ministers continue to find new ways to support the Providence congregation amid Covid-19 restrictions. If you have a need, please call the number below and be connected to one of our ministers 24/7.



**Minister on call: 704.366.4030x147**

## Save the Date



**Drive Through Blessing Event**  
 Sunday, January 10  
 3:30pm - 5:00pm

*Watch for more information in upcoming Diaspora emails.*

## From Julia



Julia Wright

Whenever a couple dedicates a child at Providence, our children's ministry gives them a copy of *Nurturing Your Child's Soul* by Timothy Jones. In this book, Jones explores "soul nourishers" that can make all the difference in a child's life and faith. I offer the first three of these "soul nourishers" (out of 10) for your thought as you begin a new year of nurturing the gift that is your child or grandchild.

**1. Start with teachable moments.** Each day presents opportunities for teachable moments with our children. When we are alert, we notice the moments upon which we can build. When we see a beautiful sunset, we draw attention to it and say, "God made all things beautiful." When a young child is still in the crib, hymns can be sung while the child falls asleep. Remember that faith is as much caught as it is taught. Children are always watching us. We are never not teaching our children about matters of faith. Either by our words and habits or our lack of words and habits, we are communicating to our children.

**2. Simply be present.** One of the greatest needs of childhood is the presence of caring and loving parents, the need to know that someone will be there. This begins in infancy. Responding to cries and the extent and manner in which the child is held and spoken to form the essential elements of providing a foundation of trust or mistrust that the child will bring to all future relationships. Our presence not only opens opportunities for discussion; it communicates profound truths about our children's value to us—and ultimately to God.

**3. Rediscover the power of stories.** Stories—told, read, remembered, made-up—provide an undervalued resource in nurturing a child's soul. We tell our children the stories of faith. We do it at home, and at church. We do all we can to keep the memory of the important stories alive. As the old hymn puts it, "I love to tell the story of Jesus and His love." No story I can think of matters more.

To discover more, read *Nurturing Your Child's Soul*. Copies are available at your nearest bookstore.

*Julia A. Wright*

## Children's Bible Drill

Begins again January 3  
Zoom from 5:00pm - 5:40 pm



Our Bible Drillers should be working on verses 1-10 and the books of the Old Testament.

Haven't joined yet?  
Children in grades 3 - 5 are welcome to join us!

Call Mrs. Julia to sign up!  
704.366.4030x140

## MOPS

Wednesday, January 13  
6:00pm - 8:00 pm

Invite a friend  
to join us!



*this is motherhood*

## Welcome Baby

### Hudson Kemp Lowry

Born November 24, 2020  
Hudson is the son of  
Tyler and Molly Lowry.  
He is the grandson of  
Rob and Becky Gaither.



For more information about the Children's Ministry, visit the website at [www.providencebc.org/cherish-the-gift](http://www.providencebc.org/cherish-the-gift).

## Winter Weather



With the consistent low morning temperatures, it looks like the winter weather is here to stay. We continue to go outside daily for fresh air, cooperative games, nature walks and free play/exercise.

Please be sure to send your child with weather appropriate outerwear. Also, we ask that you label all items (including car seats) with your child's name. Everyone likes going home with their own "stuff!"



*Ursula Taylor*

## Thank You!

We thank all the families that participated in our two day Winter Wonderland event. As holiday music filled the air, children manipulated a variety of collage materials to create keepsakes that will last a long time. I "caught" several parents who seemed to let their creative juices flow as they, too, got in on the holiday fun. It was great to see families engaged in conversations and to hear laughter in the air. I believe this day was good for the spirit and soul.



## Childcare COVID-19 Info

Governor Cooper and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has established the "ChildCareStrongNC" Public Health Toolkit. This guidance is intended to help licensed/regulated childcare facilities make informed decisions about COVID-19 and minimize the risk of exposure to both the staff and the children in their care. Health and safety guidance for childcare facilities during COVID-19 is outlined and updated whenever there is a change in the requirements or recommendations. If you are interested in reviewing this information, please visit:

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/childcare/NC-Interim-Guidance-for-Child-Care-Settings.pdf>

## Dates to Remember

**January 4**  
Back in session



**January 18**  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day (Center Closed)

## Happy New Year

May the New Year ring in lots of love, happy tidings, good health and loads of blessings for you and your family.



For more information about the Weekday Education Ministry, visit the website at [www.providencebaptistweekday.org](http://www.providencebaptistweekday.org).

## The “Best” Things



Dane Jackson

I hope you're excited about the new year! I am—and not just because 2020 was ... well ... not great. New Years always offers us new hope and promise. But right now, I want you to take a moment to reflect on what's happened in your life in the past year and thank God for all the blessings that God's given us. If you need some help, here are some of mine:

I was able to meet my niece for the first time.

I was in the wedding of my best friend and officiated weddings for three former students.

I discovered new hobbies, learned new skills, and found creative ways to do my job.

While this year may not have been what any of us expected or wanted, there is still so much to be thankful for.

And as I think of the best things of 2020, I believe that God had something to do with those “best things.” Even with problems and difficulties, God has still been at work in our lives.

As you remember the things that God has done in your life in the past year, read and hear these words from Psalm 105:1-5:

*“Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works! Give praise to God’s holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord! Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always! Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared.”*

Happy New Year and THANKS be to God!

## Let's Connect



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Get connected. You'll love the daily scripture images, and you'll be the first to know about all things student related!

## Opportunity to Serve

**Saturday, January 9**

10:00am - 12:00pm

Want to make a difference? Pitch in and do your part as the Providence church family works together to **Bless Charlotte.**

We will gather on campus and then walk the neighborhood, picking up trash as

we go. We will have safety vests and trash grabbers, but bring your own gloves! Sign up by January 5!

Email Blake at [bkendrick@providencecbc.org](mailto:bkendrick@providencecbc.org).

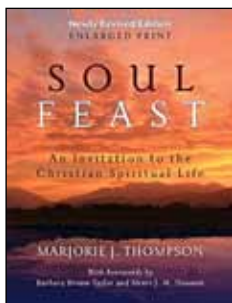


For more information about the Student Ministry, visit the student website at [www.providencecbc.org/students](http://www.providencecbc.org/students).

## Soul Feast Study

It's here! The study on Marjorie Thompson's book "Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life" begins January 6. Book study participants will gather periodically via Zoom to discuss the book and build community. We will conclude the 10-week study with an outdoor, socially-distanced prayer retreat.

Last chance to sign up: January 3  
 bkendrick@providencebc.org



**Session 1:**

Wednesday, January 6 @ 6:30pm

**Session 2:**

Wednesday, January 27 @ 6:30pm

**Mark your calendar:**

Prayer Retreat  
 Saturday, March 27 @ 10:00am

## Thursday Bible Study

Beginning January 14, let's take an 11-week journey through Matthew's Gospel, retracing Matthew's account of Jesus' life and public ministry, culminating with the saga of Holy Week and Easter. Together, we'll also explore the life of Matthew – AKA "Levi," the son of Alphaeus. He was an apostle, a tax-collector, and an evangelist.



Blake Kendrick

Mark your calendars and join us as we—*together*—deepen our knowledge, commitment, and faith through studying God's Word. Watch for the link in each Wednesday edition of the Diaspora email.

## Family Service Project

**Saturday, January 9**  
 10:00 am - 12:00pm



Let's do some good, Providence! All ages welcome for this community service project that directly impacts our neighbors AND our campus! We will be picking up trash and beautifying the

neighborhoods right around our campus, including on Randolph Road, Hunter Lane and Rutledge Avenue.

Sign up by January 5.  
 Email Blake Kendrick.



Bless Charlotte

## Need a New Podcast?

As you begin a new year, you might like to add a faith-based podcast to your daily routine. Not familiar with what to do?

First, you'll need to pick a podcast player. (Choose from Apple Podcasts, Google Play Music, Spotify, SoundCloud, Stitcher, TuneIn, Pocket Casts, or Overcast.) Once you have one of these apps downloaded on your device, just go searching!



Below are some titles to try:

The Academy for Spiritual Formation Podcast  
 BibleProject

CBF Podcast – Conversations Matter

On Being with Krista Tippett

Sacred Pilgrim – Guided Lectio Divina

Pray As You Go Podcast

The Emotionally Healthy Leader Podcast

The Practice Podcast  
 (Willow Creek Community Church)

Things Above (Apprentice Institute)

Time to Pray: Common Worship Day and Night  
 Prayer with The Church of England

Turning to the Mystics with James Finley

## Cooking with Kendrick

He's pulling out his apron and tossing up some delicious recipes! Join Blake Kendrick as he reprises his Facebook Live cooking demos.

Watch for these fun cooking "shows" on Facebook every third Wednesday at noon.

January 20, February 17,  
 March 17, April 21, and May 19

For more information about the Adult Discipleship Ministry, email Blake Kendrick at bkendrick@providencebc.org.

## New Dimensions of Sound



Timothy Hill

With each new year, I normally take time to highlight the many wonderful ensembles and programs within the Music Ministry. In doing so, I also acknowledge, with gratitude, all the music offered during the Advent and Christmas season. The key word here is “normally.” Well, 2020 was no normal year. In fact, its devastations continue to affect us all, making planning for future programs and rehearsals nearly impossible. The key word here is “nearly.” You see, my faith gives me hope in the nearly impossible ... a baby born to a virgin, water turned to wine, walking on water ... RESURRECTION! Yes, these things were certainly not normal, and they were surely seen as impossible—but with God, ALL

THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. Can I get an “Amen!”?

**Now that I've got your Jesus juices flowing, let's get practical for a moment.**

Until there is a widely distributed vaccine, reduced community spread of the virus, and/or viable treatments for Covid-19, singing together—especially indoors—is a risky venture. There were times in 2020 when we took the risk, doing our best to be safe in order to provide meaningful moments of music in worship, but for the near future, we will wait with hopeful expectation. I know what you're thinking, “that sounds like Advent Talk”—yep. Advent is about much more than getting ready for Christmas. It's about preparation ... and it's about longing. We join our voices with the psalmist in saying “How long, O Lord?”

Last month I quoted a hymn lyric by Fred Pratt Green. It continues to resonate—even more so today:

*How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound ...*

When I reflected on these words in December, I was fixated on how music helps us transcend the troubles of the world, and that's still true. But, as I consider the text again, the phrase “new dimension” stays with me ... it won't get out of my head! What new dimensions of sound might we offer in 2021? How might our worship be strengthened by these? Perhaps the new dimensions of sound will burst forth when we can finally be together again. What a glorious day that will be!

Each January (sometimes in late December), I also try and take a moment to say “Thank You” to the many choir leaders, musicians, singers, and volunteers that enrich our shared ministry. While 2020 was most certainly *the year that wasn't* (chorally speaking), my gratitude remains high. I am forever grateful for your prayers, your support and your encouragement.

When we can, once again, return to music and worship programming, in some ways, it will feel like starting over. While this might sound daunting, let us be encouraged. I leave you with another hymn text, this one by Natalie Sleeth. May it resonate with you this day, and in the days to come.

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

May the peace of Christ be with you.

## Dedications of Life



Bonnie Evans McGarry was dedicated on November 29. She is the daughter of McLean and Whitney McGarry and the granddaughter of Jim and Margaret Ford.



William James Oliva was dedicated on December 6. He is the son of Ryan and Kathryn Oliva and the grandson of Phil and Suzanne Lail.

## Sermon Scripture

January 3: Ephesians 3:1-12

January 10: Psalm 29

January 17: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

January 24: Caitie Jackson Preaching

January 31: Mark 1:21-28

For more information about the Music Ministry, visit the music ministry website at [www.providencebc.org/music](http://www.providencebc.org/music).



## What Is A Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are members of Providence who have answered God's call to serve others. They are trained to provide Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, grief, loss of job, hospitalization, terminal illness, relocation or loneliness.

Would you consider becoming a Stephen Minister? Will you pray and seek God's will? If you are ready, request an application from Martha Haigler. Once the application is completed, you will be scheduled for a one-on-one interview.

If selected as a Stephen Minister, you would attend training classes. Training includes weekly two and a half hour sessions for approximately 10 weeks, with two additional weekend retreats. *(These classes will be scheduled once we get through the pandemic.)* At the end of training, Stephen Ministers are commissioned by the congregation.

Stephen Ministers are normally assigned one care receiver and commit to meeting with them for an hour a week. This caring relationship lasts for as long as the care receiver needs. (Stephen Ministers are trained to recognize when a care receiver's needs go beyond their level of skills. When this occurs, Stephen Ministers are trained on how to refer the care receiver for additional care.)



Stephen Ministers meet twice a month for supervision and continuing education. They are held to a high standard of confidentiality and trust. Stephen Ministers initially commit to two years of service, but many recommit to serve additional years.

Do your gifts and talents align with that of becoming a Stephen Minister? You can be assured that you will be a blessing to our church, our community, and the Care Receivers to whom you minister.

Being a Stephen Minister may be one of the most rewarding opportunities you will ever embrace. We pray that you will consider being a part of this ministry in our church. Together we can make a difference in caring for one another and our community.

*Submitted by Martha Haigler*

## Sympathy for Loss

Our hearts reach out with sympathy and compassion, as we pray for those who have recently experienced loss.

- Laura Anderson lost her father, William Kaiser (11.16)
- Dawn Martin lost her aunt, Carol Harwell (11.23)
- Cam Wallace lost his mother, Lucy French Wallace (11.26)
- Rita Stanley lost her mother, Betty Stanley (11.26)
- Jay Wright lost his father, Jerry Truman Wright, Sr (11.26)
- Peg Heavner (12.1)
- Karen Dukes lost her aunt, Virginia O'Rourke (12.5)
- Charter member Barbara Hardaway Bowen (12.2)
- Jan Johnson lost her mother, also Carly Fenimore's grandmother, Marcelle Rogers (12.12)
- Ronald Withrow (12.16)
- Annie Neely lost her husband, Al Neely (12.19)
- George Mackie (date of death unknown)




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## Please Reach Out

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or are in need of prayer, please contact Martha Haigler at 704.366.4030x112. Martha cares for our Providence community by scheduling visits, notifying deacons and praying with those who are hurting. But if you don't tell us of your need, we won't know! Please contact Martha so we know how to help!



Contact Martha Haigler:  
[mhaigler@providencebc.org](mailto:mhaigler@providencebc.org) or 704.608.7947

## 2021 Committee Chairs

Church Moderator: Steve Jarrett  
Moderator Elect: Hunter Cook  
Deacon Chair: Mark Powers  
Sunday School Director: David Price  
WMU Co-Directors: Penny Hewett & Anne Tunstall  
Librarians: Virginia Whilden & Wilna Eury  
Church Clerk: Linda McConnell  
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### 2021 Committee Chairs

Activities: Keely Allison  
Children's Ministry: Ashley Honeycutt  
Endowment: Vivian Carroll  
Finance: Rob Gaither  
Grounds: Mark Fenimore  
Missions: June Hall  
Music: Zach Hall  
Nominating: Kelly Perrone  
Personnel: Karen Dukes  
Property: Sid Carpenter  
Senior Adult: Wilna Eury  
Stewardship Co-Chairs: Jonathan Bensch & Sheila Winborne  
Student: Ashton Williams  
Weekday Education: Amy Stokes

## Senior Adult News

Welcome to a new year! Hopefully, we will be closer to returning to normal very soon. 2020 was a very unusual year with restrictions that kept us apart. However, PrimeTimers did meet on Thursday, December 10th in the Sanctuary for an in-person gathering for our last 2020 event. Blake Kendrick, Tim Hill, Diann Clark, and Dane Jackson presented "Advent Art and Carols." The program taught us the meaning of the Advent Wreath and how art and carols played a role in bringing it to life. It was a very interesting program, and everyone enjoyed experiencing the Sanctuary decorated for Advent.

Your 2021 Senior Adult Committee members are: Bonnie Adams, Pauline Bethea, Sylvia Case, Maxine Dunn, Wilna Eury, Darren Griffin, Glenn McConnell, Marlyn Morton, and Dawn O'Neal. We will be planning activities for this year as soon as it is safe to meet again.

All PrimeTimers' events are open to any person over the age of 50. If you can join AARP, why not get involved with the PrimeTimers? The group enjoys fellowship, good food and fabulous entertainment.

The Senior Adult Committee wishes everyone a Happy New Year of good health and prosperity. Once we are able to safely meet, plan to join the PrimeTimers for fellowship and fun!

*Submitted by Wilna Eury*

## Q1 Conference

**Wednesday, February 10**  
7:00pm ZOOM

Our first quarterly church conference will be held online. Conference materials will be available two weeks prior to the meeting (watch the weekly Diaspora email for details) and can be mailed upon request.



## Church Staff News

**Amy Shoemaker** is our Accounting Manager and is celebrating 17 years in ministry at Providence. She manages all things "financial," and has recently added several human resources tasks to her plate. She is a master of successfully juggling her many jobs and has a special knack for party planning. She uses her gifts to bring the staff together for amazing team-building events.



*Amy Shoemaker*

## Start 2021 Off Right

At Providence, we are all about “cultivating generosity.” Here are four quick ways to be generous as we begin 2021:

**1) Be generous with your time.** The last year has shown us the importance of spending time with those who are significant in our lives. Make sure you prioritize your time so that you can be generous with your family, friends, and those to whom Christ leads you.



**2) Be generous with your talent.** Out of the unique person God has created you to be, and has also gifted you through His Spirit, make sure you offer yourself to those around you in generous ways.

**3) Be generous with your treasure.** Make sure you hold loosely to the resources which God has entrusted to you. Remember, giving doesn’t reveal generosity; a generous heart is fulfilled in our giving.

**4) Be generous with your touch.** Generosity is not generosity unless a person takes action on one’s Christian faith. There are many people whose lives need your special touch on them. Determine how you might “touch” them in the name of Christ.

Happy New Year!

*Submitted by Allen Schuyler  
2020 Stewardship Chair*

## Being Faithful

Please continue to give faithfully . . . our ministries are still very active. Consider scheduling your giving directly through your bank, saving us processing fees.



*Cultivate Generosity*

Mail your gift to:  
Providence Baptist Church  
4921 Randolph Road  
Charlotte, NC 28211  
See all your giving options  
when you visit our website:  
[providencebc.org/why-give](http://providencebc.org/why-give)

## Activity Center Update

For our members’ safety, we are maintaining limited hours for the Activity Center through the month of January. Our current schedule prioritizes the safety of our members, while offering them a safe place to exercise. Hopefully, we will be able to expand our schedule in the near future.



If you are interested in spending time in the gym, watch for the SignUp Genius link in the weekly Diaspora emails or contact Katelyn DeVane to schedule your workout.

704.366.4030x103

## Endowment Giving



Did you know you can make Providence a beneficiary of your estate? Your worldly possessions can support foreign or home missions, provide housing for the poor, or feed the hungry—all in God’s name. Simply include Providence as a part of your estate planning.

The Providence Endowment receives and manages all deferred, outright, honorarium and memorial gifts so that your assets can be used for God’s work long after you are gone. You can give to the Endowment in a number of ways...

Lifetime Gifts, Testamentary Gifts,  
Memorials, Life Insurance  
Real Estate Grants, and Life Income Agreements

All donations to the Endowment at Providence are tax deductible. Talk to your financial planner to see how you can provide for God’s work through your estate planning. For questions, contact Carson Dean.

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



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## “Soul Feast” Study Begins

*Wednesday, January 6*  
**ZOOM**



## Trash Pick Up Event

*Saturday, January 9 at 10:00am*  
*Meet at the Rotunda Green*



## Drive Through Blessing Event

*Sunday, January 10 from 3:30pm - 5:00pm*  
*Supporting Charlotte Rescue Mission*



## Campus Closed

*Monday, January 18*  
*In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Next Connections is February 1, 2021.

Deadline for submitting articles,  
photos, or announcements is  
**Noon, Friday, January 15th.**  
Articles should be 350 words or less.  
Email your submissions to:  
[ssneed@providencebc.org](mailto:ssneed@providencebc.org).

*Thank you!*



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