



# PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

*With Christ at the Center*

We were glad to share not only God's good news with you but also our very lives because we cared for you so much. 1 Thessalonians 2:8



## My List of Joyful Things



Lee Canipe

The author of Ecclesiastes is famously jaded. He's been there, done that, lived to tell about it, and is awfully hard to impress. Life is brief, he writes—and when it's over, nobody knows for sure what happens next. And so, as a result, it can be hard for us to find meaning and purpose in our relatively limited time on this earth.

Truly, the author of this Old Testament book of wisdom often

strikes me as being like that guy in your college freshman Intro to Philosophy class who always tried a bit too hard to come across as blasé about matters of eternal significance.

Nevertheless, for all its supposed world-weariness, Ecclesiastes gives us a surprisingly upbeat set of marching orders: *"I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live"* (Ecclesiastes 3:12). Enjoy life. Make the most of the time you've been given. Do what makes you happy. How about that? All this from the guy we thought was too cool to care!

This summer, with masks gradually coming off and people gradually coming together as more and more of us get our vaccines, I suspect that many of us will gladly follow the advice we find in Ecclesiastes. Trips, parties, vacations, date nights, and all sorts of other fun events that got shelved last year because of the virus are now suddenly back in play again. It's finally time, in other words, for us to think about what great things the lazy days of 2021 might have in store for us. How will we enjoy life this summer?

I hope you've been giving it some thought. I certainly have been. So, in honor of the rapidly-approaching onset of summer—which officially begins on June 20—here is a partial list of joyful things I hope to do between now and Labor Day:

**Go to a baseball game:** I don't usually go to a ton of baseball games, but, for some reason, last year I *really* missed the experience of being at a ballpark. Sitting on the third base line at the Knights' stadium, with that great view of uptown spreading out over the rightfield wall, is one of my favorite places to be in Charlotte.

**Enjoy homemade peach ice cream:** The pandemic couldn't stop this from happening last summer—it's a Canipe family tradition to make peach ice cream during July—but I think I'll savor it more knowing that, unlike last year, we can invite the neighbors over to help us enjoy it this summer.

**Spend a week at the beach with extended family:** Again, we got to do this on a limited basis in 2020, but *this* year, my mom's whole side of the family—cousins, aunts, uncles, etc.—are planning to be at Emerald Isle for a few days of happily-cramped togetherness that would've been impossible a few months ago.

**Run a 5K race:** I try to do a few road races every year. I love the energy and positive vibe of being at a crowded starting line early on a Saturday morning with a few hundred people who are there simply because they like to run. Most of us aren't running to win—though, on a good day, maybe we can hope to place in our age group—but we're there because it's fun. The last time I got to do something like this was when I ran with a Providence team in Charlotte Marathon Relay in November of 2019. It's high time to race again!

**Take a road trip:** The Canipe boys—ie, my two sons and I—took an epic road trip during the summer of 2018 that took us to some sports halls of fame, two major league games, and a few historic sites. We had planned on doing Road Trip 2.0 last summer. This summer, we're hoping to make a go of it. As my children get older, I've become increasingly aware that the window of opportunity for road trips like this won't stay open forever.

**Visit Middle C Jazz Club:** This has *totally* been a post-Covid goal of mine for a while now. I've never been to a jazz club before. Our own Noel Friedline is a frequent performer at Middle C and I've asked him to let me know when he'll be doing shows this summer. I love the fact that Charlotte has a music venue like this and, knowing how much the arts have struggled during the pandemic, I'll be glad to do my small part to help support the comeback.

Well, that's my list. I'd love to hear about what's on *your* lists. Regardless, though, of whether your list of summer goals is long or short, modest or ambitious, the important thing is to take the advice of Ecclesiastes to heart over the next few months. God has given us the gift of life and all the many blessings that come with it, so let us be happy and enjoy ourselves. Otherwise, we're not truly honoring the gift that God gives us, acting instead more like the servant in Jesus's parable who buries his talent in the ground instead of making the most of it.

May this summer be a happy, joyful one for you! And remember: When you're away from Charlotte on a Sunday morning, you can still join your church family for worship online thanks to the miracle of technology. Even at the beach, in the mountains, or on a road trip, Providence is now just a click away.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

## Changes to our Covid Policies

Public health authorities announced that fully-vaccinated individuals can now safely gather indoors without wearing masks or taking measures to maintain social distance from others. Those who have not yet been fully-vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus, meanwhile, should continue to observe these basic precautions (masking and distancing).

The Providence Covid-19 Task Force met on May 17 to discuss the best next steps for our church in light of this most recent guidance and made the following decisions:

- People wearing masks may sit anywhere they choose during worship in the Sanctuary. Masks will be optional for fully-vaccinated individuals who choose to sit downstairs during worship. The balcony will be designated a "mask only" area of the Sanctuary. These measures went into effect Sunday, May 23.
- The Activity Center will be reserved until noon for children in our Weekday Ministry and the Oaks School. After 12:00pm, the walking track and fitness room will be open to all, and masks will be optional for fully-vaccinated adults. This change begins June 1st.
- Our expectation is that indoor, on-campus Sunday school for all ages will resume in late summer when the school year begins. Providence classes can continue to meet outdoors on-campus on Sundays, indoors in designated spaces on campus during the week, at off-campus locations, and remotely via Zoom. In early summer, we plan to begin a weekly gathering for senior adults to have fellowship and holy conversation in the Crouch Fellowship Hall before worship. Details about this weekly event will be forthcoming.

As our regathering process continues to move forward, thanks be to God for the joy of reconnecting with one another and re-engaging with our church family!



## NEW Church Office Hours

Beginning Tuesday, June 1st, the Providence administrative staff will be returning to regular office hours.

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Our ministers are in the office Monday - Thursday, with Friday being the start of their weekend.



## Contact Us

Call 704.366.2784 or  
704.366.4030 plus extension

### Staff Member / Extension

Lee Canipe x 114  
Diann Clark x 122  
Carson Dean x 145  
Katelyn DeVane x 103  
Kim Gray x 129  
Martha Haigler x 112  
Kristsen Hendrix x 125  
Tim Hill x 123  
Caitie Jackson x 121  
Dane Jackson x 118  
Blake Kendrick x 126  
Debra Motsinger x 119  
George Mulley x 116  
Amy Shoemaker x 141  
Summer Sneed x 127  
Ursula Taylor x 135  
Julia Wright x 140

**Getting Ready Class**

**Sundays, June 6, 13, and 20**

It's our last "Getting Ready Class" that Julia Wright will be offering. Older children who are thinking about becoming a Christian are invited and must attend all three classes. Space is limited. Call Julia to register at 704.366.4030x140.

**A Proper Thank You**



Julia Wright

Mark Sunday, July 25 and be sure to join us at Providence. This is Julia's last Sunday with us as our Minister with Children and Their Families. We are making plans for this special day, so be sure to join us!



**Summer Camps**

**We still have room for you!**

Check out our summer camp schedule below. Contact Kristen Hendrix to register your child (for children k-5th grade completed)!

All camps are \$125.

- Flag Football *(Wait List Only)* June 28 – July 2
- Fitness Camp July 5 – 9
- Camp Everything July 12 – 16
- Soccer Camp July 19 – 23
- Choir Camp July 26 – 30
- Basketball Camp August 2 – 6



**From Mrs. Ursula's Desk**

Every time I turn the page of a paper calendar depicting the month of June, there is a picturesque display of abundant sunshine, pristine beaches, small hands dripping with over-stuffed ice cream cones, and people dressed in sandals, shorts and tank tops. As this month approaches, I hope those pictures will become a much needed reality for all of us.



Ursula Taylor

As we enter into this last month of the 2020-2021 school year, a time filled with celebrations, let's take time to recognize the combined efforts of all. We must remember success in our schools does not come from the efforts of just one group of individuals; it come from a unified body. Sustainable, successful early education does not happen in isolation, but rather from a special kind of perseverance, resilience, dedication, and commitment from our *entire* community. We must take this time to remember and celebrate.

I wish you all a summer of quieter days filled with relaxation and celebrations with family and friends! Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and your child(ren) to ensure a rich educational experience as they make their journey through the early childhood years.

*Ursula S. Taylor*

**Summer Schedule**

Session One (June 7 – July 16)\*

\*Preschool Closed for June 21 – 25 for Vacation Bible School and July 4 Independence Holiday

Session Two (July 19 – August 27)

**Too Kind!**

The staff would like to thank you for all your kind words and gifts that were given during Teacher Appreciation Week.

You made us feel very special!



**Vacation Bible School Is Coming!**

**June 21-25**

9:00 – 12:00 noon

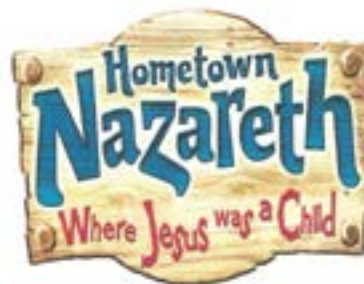
**Hometown Charlotte**

Our mission project for the week is with our partner Families Forward Charlotte. We will collect an offering each day to provide support to these families in our own Hometown.

**Support our Volunteers**

Can you provide snacks or goodies for our hard-working volunteers? All snacks and home-baked goodies must be individually wrapped. Call Sheila Winborne to help. 704.619.3759

**We still need volunteers!** Come lead a group of preschoolers or children. Marketplace shopkeepers are needed, too. Call us and we will help you find a place to serve!



**Strawberry Watermelon Smoothie Recipe**



- Yields 2 servings
- 1 cup watermelon
- 1 cup strawberries
- 1/2 cup yogurt
- 3/4 cup ice
- 1 tsp lemon juice

Want to make a delicious summer treat? Just mix all of the above together and VOILA! The consistency of your smoothie will depend on if you use fresh or frozen fruit, so adjust the amount of liquid and ice to your preference. I usually use frozen fruit in mine. (TIP: As soon as our fruit starts to get too ripe for my liking, I put it in a bag in the freezer to use for smoothies.) Now all that's left to do is ENJOY!

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

For more information about the Weekday Ministry, contact Kimberly Gray at 704.366.4030x129 or kgray@providencebc.org.

**The Light at the End of the Tunnel**



Dane Jackson

Alfred Lord Tennyson, in his famous poem “Ulysses,” spoke of the virtues of perseverance and optimism. After the death of his friend Arthur Hallam, Tennyson struggled through a period of deep despair (which he eventually overcame) to begin writing again. Many of his poems are about the temptation to give up and fall prey to pessimism, but they also extol the virtues of optimism and discuss the importance of struggling on with life. The need to persevere and continue is the central theme of “Ulysses.”

In his letter to the church at Philippi, Paul said, “Brothers and sisters, I myself don’t think I’ve reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God’s upward call in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14)

Both Tennyson and Paul penned words about challenges and forbearance. And both of these writers wrote from experience. Paul wrote this letter at the end of his Roman imprisonment and, despite facing death himself, he wrote about the goodness of Christ, and how hardship ultimately leads to joy! We all have experienced, in some way, how COVID has squeezed the joy from us. Our shoulders slumped and our heads bowed, and we found some days—or months—very difficult to get through.

This year continues to be filled with twists and turns and it’s hard to keep up! In fact, in the time between my writing this and you reading it, there is a good chance something involving your plans, my plans, or your student’s plans have already changed. In this seemingly never-ending season of the unknown and disconnection that is sprinkled with hope and paths forward, some of us may still be far from feeling joyful. Yet, through it all, there is a light at the end of this long tunnel.

I just want to assure you that we have not forgotten about you. In all this time apart, we have been praying for you, for this ministry, and discerning what will be best for our students and their families moving forward. God is doing a great and new thing and we can’t wait to see how Student Ministry plans unfold. The Student Committee, George, and I are ready to meet God with openness, creativity, and intentionality so that what is best for our students is reflected in our planning. And because things don’t all unfold at once—we encourage you to stay connected to us through the student website and social media, which will be updated constantly with the most current and accurate information.

As we continue on this journey together, may we know that God goes before us and with us, granting us grace and peace.

*It may be that the gulfs will wash us down: It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles, and see the great Achilles, whom we knew. Tho’ much is taken, much abides; and tho’ we are not now that strength which in old days moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are; one equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield. - Tennyson*

**Baccalaureate**

**Sunday, June 13 @ 10:30am**

Join us as we celebrate our recent high school graduates.



**Save the Date**

**July 5 - 10**

Save the date for an incredible week of fun.



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

**Welcome Home, Students**



We hope you’ll join us for the College Summer Program. For upcoming events, service projects, and fellowship throughout the summer, visit the website, check your email, and groupme.

Not on the email list or groupme?  
Contact Caitie at cjackson@providencebc.org



Caitie Jackson

**College Parent Gatherings**

Meet up on Wednesday, June 23 and Wednesday, July 21. (Time and place will be announced on the website.) This will be an opportune time to gather and “check in” with one another, sharing stories and advice. There will be a few resources shared and guided topics, but the most invaluable piece will be the community you bring to one another.

**Congratulations, 2021 College Graduates!**

Jordan Renee Efir  
Columbia College in Chicago  
B.A. in Interior Architecture

Rebekah Anne Efir  
North Carolina State University  
B.A. in History, Minors in Anthropology and Business Administration

Grace Hostak  
Appalachian State University  
B.S. in Political Science and Criminal Justice

Alina Grace McCue  
Mercer University  
Summa Cum Laude  
B.S. in Biology, Minor in Chemistry  
*Alina will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall to pursue her Doctorate of Pharmacy.*

Price Pittman  
Clemson University  
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

Jarrett Wright  
Washington and Lee University  
B.S. in Accounting, Minor in Arabic and Asian Studies

For more information about the College Ministry, contact Caitie Jackson at 704.366.4030x121 or cjackson@providencebc.org.

**Adult Discipleship Summer Series**



Blake Kendrick

Our virtual summer study series “Great Cloud of Witnesses” returns! We have six sessions to dive into the 2000-year history of the Christian Church. During this series we will be exploring the saints and pioneers of our Christian heritage. We will profile influential Christian leaders and thinkers. The study is sure to be engaging and informational. Check out the “Adult Studies” tab on our website at [providencebc.org/adult-studies](http://providencebc.org/adult-studies).



Make Disciples

- June 9 and 23 - “The Early Church”
- July 7 and 21 - “The Middle Ages”
- August 11 and 25 - “The Reformation”

Like last summer, this series will be virtual only. So, you can watch it anytime (at the beach, on your back porch while sipping lemonade, whenever/wherever). Contact Blake Kendrick (information below) with questions!

**Pastoral Prayers**

**1st Sunday each month - immediately following worship**

Beginning Sunday, June 6, bring your personal prayer concerns to the altar for a time of prayer and healing. A pastor will be waiting for you. Instructions will be given during the “Benediction.”

Simply, come forward to have prayer, to be anointed with oil, to receive a blessing. This is going to become a perpetual offering on the first Sunday of each month. Questions? Contact Blake Kendrick (information below).



**Thursday Bible Study Returning!**



Mark your calendars! Our Thursday morning Bible Study WILL RETURN Thursday, September 9! Join us that day at 11:00am for our first in-person gathering in more than a year!

We’ll spend 10 sessions in the Old Testament book of Isaiah. To prepare, watch the two overview videos found on “The Bible Project” website.

[www.bibleproject.com/explore/video/isaiah/](http://www.bibleproject.com/explore/video/isaiah/)



Make Disciples

**Why Do We Sing?**

It has been said that “the one who sings prays twice.” The power of music to touch our spirits is undeniable—both in joy and in sorrow. Often, when we cannot find the right words to say, a hummed melody or a familiar hymn can move us to higher planes, planting our feet on holy ground. Prayer and song were foundational for the early church as well.

**1 Corinthians 14:15**

*What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also.*

In this passage, we see the instruction to connect our emotions and our understanding—music has an extraordinary way of allowing us to do this. When a gathered congregation sings, its song becomes a unique and beautiful prayer and, in that moment, glorious worship is taking place! Now, for those who say, “I can’t sing,” let me remind you of the power of the Holy Spirit to help us:

**Romans 8:26**

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.*

If we truly believe that singing and praying are connected, we cannot deny the help offered by the Holy Spirit ... so, give it your all; raise your voices; make music and be glad!

May the peace of Christ be with you.



Timothy Hill

**How to Join the Choir**

With the previous inspiration to sing now firmly planted in your mind, I’m sure you’re wondering, “How can I do more of this?” Well, I’m glad you asked!

While some are content to sing only with the help of the Holy Spirit in worship (and don’t worry, the Holy Spirit is really good at helping!), others may have a desire to explore singing and leading in a choral setting ... after all, different gifts are bestowed to the church ... that’s what makes for great unity (see 1 Corinthians 12).

So, for those seeking to sing a bit more, I invite you to come and see what we do. As we approach the summer months, it is our tradition at Providence to offer a “Come Sing” choir. We gather at 9:45am in the Lowell Dotson Music Suite (aka the Choir Room) each Sunday to prepare the music for worship. All are welcome to come and participate ... even if you’re needing a hefty dose of Holy Spirit intercession! Come share a song with us, and may our efforts be pleasing to God.



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

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

## Different Ways to Serve

The Nominating Committee is working to educate the people of Providence about the many ways to be involved in serving the church and our community. For the next several months, members from each committee will be offering a glimpse into their experiences, so that you, too, can know where you can serve best. Watch for videos linked in the weekly Diaspora email and for newsletter articles like this one!

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This is my third year serving on the Nominating Committee and I have really enjoyed being part of this committee. Briefly, the main role of the Nominating Committee is to nominate a slate of Deacons to be voted on by the church and to nominate members to serve on church committees.

For me, it has been a wonderful opportunity to get to know, work with and learn from members of our church. It has allowed me to get to know some of our members better and to discover their gifts and interests. For example, I have worked with the Music Committee the last three years. Through this process I learned that Walker Smith is a wonderful pianist and was willing to represent the youth on the Music Committee. I also learned that Zach Hall (not a musician) enjoys worshipping through music and was interested in serving.

It has been very humbling and gratifying to think about the gifts and interests of our church members and then asking them to serve as deacons or on church committees. It is exciting to get a “yes” and a “thank you for asking me” when I call members and ask them to serve. It makes me feel like our committee did a good job in thinking about that person’s spiritual gifts. And often when someone says “no,” it is usually due to timing or an interest in serving somewhere else. That is good information, too!

The Nominating Committee is a great place to serve to see how church members, Deacons, and committees come together to serve God at Providence Baptist Church.

*Submitted by Kelly Perrone, Nominating Committee Chair*



*Kelly Perrone*

## PrimeTimers' Bingo

Thursday, July 15

Let's PLAY!

We will meet in the Eddins Room in the Nalley Missions Center.

Details on time and RSVP information will be in the July Connections.



## SC "ADVENTure"

December 2-4



Only six rooms left!

Tour Charleston and the Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival with us. The brochure and booking instructions are now available on Realm.

Need more info or a printed brochure?

Call Wilna Eury.  
704.553.2615

## Sarah Blackwell

Congratulations to our very own Sarah Blackwell, who graduated from Gardner Webb University with a Masters of Divinity degree. That alone is an exciting accomplishment. But Sarah also garnered the coveted Donald E. Cook Academic Award, given to the person with the highest GPA in the class. Congratulations, Sarah, for your incredible work ethic, gift and accomplishment! We are eager to see how you use your many gifts and talents for God's glory!



## Mike Arim

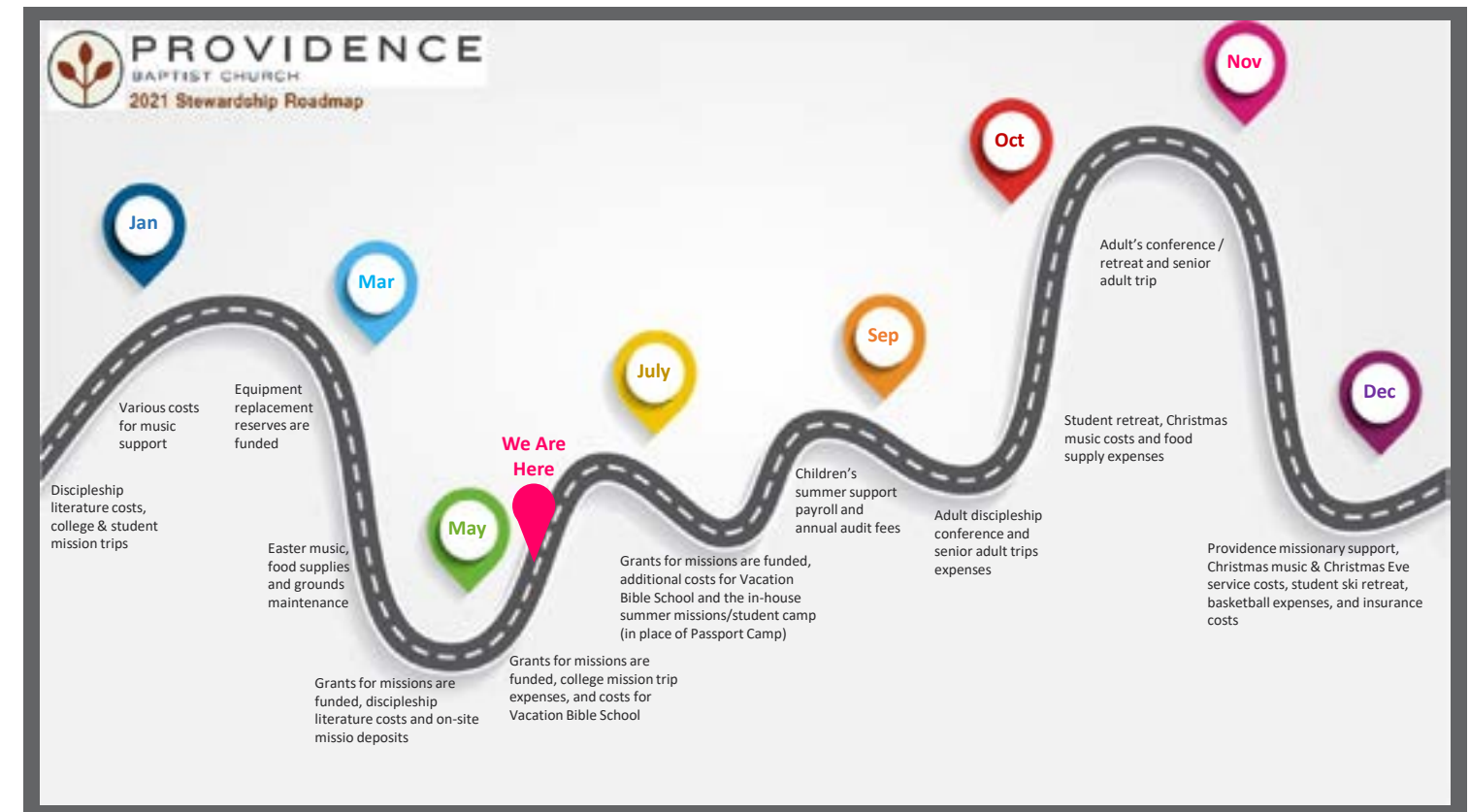
Anyone who knows Mike Arim knows that he is a servant at heart. That passion for serving only increased with his early scare with Covid-19. After his recovery, Mike has continued to be a vocal and influential advocate for helping others. Recently, he was nominated for a “Celebration of our Community” award and has been recognized as a recipient. We are so grateful for Mike, for his passion for serving, and for the recognition he so clearly deserves.

## Our Financial Road Map

Back in April, the Providence Stewardship Committee developed a visual to demonstrate the church's financial expenditures throughout the year. This visual, or Financial Road Map, provides a representation of how our financial giving at Providence keeps the work of the church going. It is an illustrative graphic with larger ministry costs and milestones clearly marked on the timeline, so church members can see what ministry events are being funded at a given time of the year. The idea is to provide greater transparency into how our tithes and offerings are used in support of the various ministries and missions of the church. Please reach out to Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs Jonathan Bensch or Sheila Winborne if you have questions or would like clarification.



*Submitted by Jonathan Bensch Stewardship Committee Co-Chair*



## Women's Fall Retreat

**Tenacity and Hope:  
Tending Faith in the Unknown**

**October 8-10**  
William Black Lodge  
Black Mountain, NC

How do we move with tenacity into spaces of hope in our lives and the life of the world? You are invited to a time of tending, restoration, and discovery in this retreat as we look at walking with God through the unknown.

Cost:  
\$225/single or \$185/double  
Sign up beginning in June.

Our speaker is Dr. Heidi Miller. She is a warm soul with a passion for helping others discover God's truth and love. For more information, or to sign up now, contact Summer Sneed.  
ssneed@providencecbc.org



## Family Movie Night

**Friday, June 11**  
Aubrey Arant Fields

It's a community movie night on our back fields (weather-dependent). And it's FREE and open to everyone!

"How to Train Your Dragon" will be shown on the big screen. So grab the popcorn and bring the whole family (along with a blanket or some chairs).

The show begins at sundown.



## Men's Softball



Engage Cotswold

Did you know our Providence men's softball league plays on our campus Monday-Thursday evenings (weather dependent)?

A home crowd is always welcome, so come cheer them on and enjoy watching a game this summer!

Questions?  
Email Activities Director  
Katelyn DeVane.

## Pickleball

We play PICKLEBALL every Thursday night from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. It's great exercise and great fun.

Don't know what Pickleball is? No worries. We provide the equipment and instruction.

All ages and skill levels welcome. All you have to do is have fun!

Come join us.  
Contact Katelyn DeVane.



For more information regarding the Activities Ministry contact Katelyn DeVane at 704.366.4030x103 or kdevane@providencecbc.org.

## Nebel-Moore Music Endowment Fund

*This article is the continuation of a series of informational pieces designed to educate the Providence congregation about our named endowments, how they came to be, and how they are used.*

One of the first named endowments at Providence is a music endowment. It was started in the mid 1980s by the Harold Moore family when their son was killed in a tragic climbing accident. Randy Moore was very active in the youth choir and his family wanted to honor him by helping support financially the music programs of our church. The name of the fund was changed in 1988 to the Nebel-Moore Music Endowment when a long-time choir member Arthur Nebel left \$25,000 in his will to support music programs at Providence.

The charter for this fund specifies that the earnings from this fund are not to be used for the operating music budget. It also specifies that dollars spent toward capital be matched with expenditures for music missions. Music missions include special music programs and music mission trips.



Cultivate Generosity

The Nebel-Moore Music Endowment ended the year 2020 at a value of \$114,383. The Endowment Committee approved the spending of up to \$4,542 for music programs in 2021. Starting with our first Music Minister (Martha Isley) and continuing through our current minister (Timothy Hill), Providence has a long history of very high quality music programs. These programs provide us a great opportunity to invite people to visit our church and can help us grow the kingdom of God.

If music is important to you, and you want high quality programs to continue in perpetuity, consider supporting this endowment financially.

*Submitted by Vivian Carroll, Endowment Chair*

## Staff Recognitions



Martha Haigler

**Martha Haigler** celebrates her 21st anniversary with Providence. She faithfully cares for our homebound members and keeps in touch with those in the hospital. She also coordinates our pastoral care calls, so that the Providence family can stay in touch. Martha also manages our Stephen Ministry, connecting Stephen Ministers with those in need

of love and compassion in our church.



Blake Kendrick

**Blake Kendrick** celebrates his 2nd year on staff. During the Covid-19 Pandemic, Blake took the lead in coming up with creative ways to keep our congregation engaged while separated. Most recently, he's initiated the Bread Baking Ministry at Providence, so that our own members can be the hands and feet of Jesus to others. Blake is a loving husband, a fun, hands-on dad, and an avid nature photographer.

## Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry is a caring ministry being used by thousands of congregations to increase care and outreach to hurting people. Through Stephen Ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of laypeople to minister to those in need. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-on-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, unemployment, hospitalization, loneliness, divorce, financial stress, terminal illness, or other life difficulties.

If you are in need of having someone to talk to, someone who can provide you with one-on-one Christ centered care, or if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Martha Haigler.

mhaigler@providencecbc.org | 704.608.7947

Submitted by Bill Griffin

## Beck Funeral



Long-time member Jan Beck died last year during the Covid lockdown. Thanks to the easing of restrictions, the Beck family is now able to celebrate her life with a funeral service.

The Providence church family is invited to attend Jan's service on June 5th at 2:00pm in the Providence Sanctuary. Contact Martha Haigler.

mhaigler@providencecbc.org | 704.608.7947

## Pastoral Care Info

Please call us at 704.366.4030x147 if you have a pastoral care need. We are on-call 24/7.

Our pastoral care requests are listed every Wednesday in the churchwide Diaspora email. If you have a need you would like included in this weekly list, contact Martha Haigler by Wednesday at 9:00am.

mhaigler@providencecbc.org | 704.608.7947



## In Christian Sympathy



- Andi Fritsch Munro's husband, Chris Munro (4.25) who was also Bob and Susan Fritsch's son-in-law
- Forrest Perryman, husband of former member Katie Fowler (Forrest was Lu Fowler's son-in-law, and Carolyn and Drag Kimrey's grandson-in-law)
- Jackie Steed Wray (5.6)
- Jamie Pittman's uncle, Allen Stoker (5.11)
- Helen Hart's nephew's wife, Kim Webster (5.18)
- Alice Faye Campbell (5.24)

## Welcome, Precious Babies

*Peyton Marie Hendrix*

Born April 28, 2021  
Daughter of Jon and Abby Hendrix  
Sister of Jonathan

Proud grandparents:  
Jim and Becky Stout

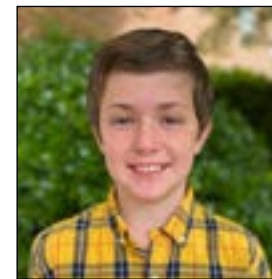
*Maisie Jane Reed*

Born May 10, 2021  
Daughter of Benjamin and Lauren Reed  
Sister of Clementine

Proud grandparents:  
Randy and Debbi Ballard



## Welcome New Member



Trip Latty

Trip Latty joined Providence by profession of faith on May 9. He is the son of Allen and Cristan Latty and the big brother of Preston.

Trip is a 5th grader at Carmel Christian and will be baptized in the coming days!

Welcome Trip!

## Campus Closing

Monday, July 4

The Providence Campus will be closed as we observe Independence Day.



## Dedications of Life



Hudson Kemp Lowry was dedicated on Sunday, April 25. Hudson is the son of Tyler and Molly Lowry and the grandson of Rob and Becky Gaither.



Lillian James Iams was dedicated Sunday, May 23. She is the daughter of Travis and Katie Iams and little sister to Miller and Emma-Bryant. She is the granddaughter of Les and Rosalynn Miller.





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### Family Movie Night

Friday, June 11 at dusk  
Aubrey Arant Fields



### Baccalaureate Sunday

Sunday, June 13 at 10:30am  
Sanctuary



### College Parent Gathering

Wednesday, June 23 at 6:00pm  
College Room/Activity Center



### Vacation Bible School

June 21 - 25 from 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Providence Campus

On the Cover l-r: (kneeling) Jaye Winborne, Emily Wanek, Sara Wallach, Allison Daniels  
(standing) Bud Bonheimer, Woody Squier, Owen Kirkpatrick, Dane Jackson and Olivia Stockwell

## Next Connections is July 1, 2021.

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

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