

July 1, 2021



PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

With Christ at the Center

Thank you, Mrs. Julia!



Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant



Lee Canipe

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Do not stop them. For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14

I am the son of a children's minister.

My mom served in that capacity for 20 years at First Baptist Church in Greensboro. She was good at what she did, advocated strongly for the place of children in the life of a thriving church, and still has very definite opinions

about best (and worst) practices for nurturing girls and boys in the Christian faith.

In other words, when it comes to children's ministry, my mom knows what she's talking about.

So, when she learned that I had been called to Providence, the first thing—and I really do mean the very first thing—my mom said to me was: "Oh, good! You're going to get to work with Julia Wright! She's one of the best in the business."

That's a pretty strong endorsement—and it didn't take me long to learn for myself just how spot-on true it was.

As hundreds of Providence children and their families can attest from their own first-hand experience, Julia is indeed one of the best in the business. Since 2003 she has served our church as Minister with Children and their Families with devotion, dedication, and a tremendous amount of love for the little ones entrusted to her care. Julia is retiring at the end of this month, and we'll be celebrating her ministry at Providence on **Sunday, July 25**.

And there is a great deal to celebrate.

The nuts-and-bolts logistics of leading a strong children's ministry can be daunting. Figuring out what to do is just the beginning. To make it all happen—week after week, year after year—there are volunteers to recruit, supplies to order, volunteers to recruit, relationships to build, volunteers to recruit, schedules to create, volunteers to recruit, new curricula to evaluate, volunteers to recruit, teacher preps to put together, volunteers to recruit, special events to plan, and volunteers to recruit. Even then, once all that's been done, there are still, usually, volunteers to recruit.

Children's ministry is not a calling for the faint of

heart. Instead, I'd say it's a calling for the great of heart—for those who are willing to pour themselves into the profound, life-shaping privilege of introducing children to the good news that God loves them, Jesus is their friend, and church is a happy place to be. It's in these crucial, early years that a sturdy foundation for future faith can be laid by ministers who take this holy work seriously and are willing to partner with parents in making the necessary investments of time, attention, energy, and love.

Julia is one of those ministers.

From the large-scale orchestration of yet another phenomenal VBS, to the small-scale personal touch of making special phone calls to children on their birthdays, she has, for eighteen years, been the hands and feet and voice of Jesus for children here at Providence. She has also been, for many families, their first point of contact with Providence. We are a better, stronger church because of her ministry.

I have been both impressed by, and grateful for, Julia's consistent willingness to pitch in when and where she's needed. As a colleague, she is reliable and supportive and creative in trying to expand our church's reach and make our work more effective. I've learned that I can always count on Julia to be a voice of common sense in the room. Come the end of this month, I will miss working alongside of her.

That said, the good news is that, while Julia is retiring as our Minister with Children and their Families, she is not retiring from Providence—or from her calling to serve Jesus by serving children. In September, Julia begins her retirement gig as a preschool teacher in our Weekday Education Ministry. We gladly welcome her back and look forward to many fruitful years ahead as she continues to make a positive difference in the lives of boys and girls entrusted to our care.

So, to one of the best in the business: Well done, good and faithful servant! A grateful church salutes you for reminding us, in word and deed, that a faithful church always welcomes children in the name of Jesus.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Minister Search Committee

With the upcoming departure of Children's Minister Julia Wright, the newly affirmed search committee has jumped into action. The committee has already met several times, appointed its leadership (Kristy Thomas - chair; David Eskew - vice chair; Lauren Stroupe - scribe), and identified what its focus should be. The committee determined it will focus on three aspects:



- What kind of person does Providence need in this position?
- What kind of culture do we want to develop?
- What kind of programming do we want to offer to our church families?

To accomplish these objectives, the committee will host a **Listening Session** for current (and expectant) parents of children and preschoolers on **Sunday, July 11 at 9:30am** in the Crouch Fellowship Hall. ("Holy Conversations" will meet in the staff breakroom off the Rotunda.) Please plan to attend. The committee will also be offering a **churchwide Survey** which will be distributed via email on **Monday, July 12**. Check your inbox for more detailed information.

Campus Closing

Monday, July 5

The Providence Campus will be closed as we celebrate our nation's independence.

We will return to regular office hours on Tuesday, July 6.
Happy 4th of July!



CBF NC/SC Gathering

August 26 - 27

Providence Campus

Providence is hosting the CBF NC/SC gathering of the General Assembly, so mark your calendar!

Visit cbf.net/general-assembly.



Retirement Celebration

Sunday, July 25

11:30am in the Crouch Fellowship Hall

Honoring Rev. Julia Wright and her 18 years of service at Providence.



Want to contribute to Julia's love offering? Make check payable to "Providence" and write "Clergy Appreciation Fund" in the memo line.

The deadline for contributions is August 30.

Contact Us

Call 704.366.2784 or 704.366.4030 plus extension
Staff Member / Extensions



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| Lee Canipe x 114 | Dane Jackson x 118 |
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| Tim Hill x 123 | Julia Wright x 140 |
| Caitie Jackson x 121 | |

Summer Camps



Julia Wright

Pack your lunch, grab your water bottle and lather on the sunscreen; it's time for day camp at church! The lazy days of summer are perfect for playing with old friends and meeting new ones! Our camps run from 9:00am – 1:00pm (with an early drop off option). And we still have OPENINGS! Camps are for children in grades K – 5 completed. The cost of each camp is \$125. Call Kristen Hendrix today 704.366.4030x125 to get signed up!



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

News From Nazareth



Busy shopkeepers, happy volunteers, smiling boys and girls. . . these are the sights of Nazareth on the Providence Campus during Vacation Bible School the last week of June. We had 386 children and volunteers for this great week of living and learning in Nazareth.

Our offering partner for the week was Families Forward Charlotte. We learned more about this non-profit and gave more than \$1000 to support their work and ministry in our own Hometown of Charlotte.



For our biblical theme we learned about the life of Jesus as a child. We learned that Jesus had a family, a special name, and that he went to the temple church and talked to the teachers there. Children heard Bible stories with their families, and saw dramatic portrayals of biblical characters.

We are grateful for all the adult and student volunteers who helped us bring Nazareth to life! A special thank you goes to our leadership team: Kristen Hendrix, Lia Hinson, Leslie Hunt, Cristan Latty, Jamie Pittman, Lauren Stroupe and Ursula Taylor. We are grateful for your ministry to our children!



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

From Mrs. Ursula's Desk



Ursula Taylor

Active outdoor play is an important part of a child's day, so planning outdoor space and memorable outdoor activities are essential components of developmentally appropriate child care. Vigorous physical play offers children a chance to spend time together in ways that are quite different from their play indoors. It offers children an opportunity to test their physical skills and abilities. It builds strength and coordination, as well as stimulates the imagination as children engage in fantasy play or interact with nature (think: scents, sounds and textures of the outdoors). The change of pace is important as well. Outdoor voices and laughter can be more exuberant; play can be louder and sillier; and children are encouraged to run, climb, jump, and throw instead of being discouraged from doing so. The change of scenery can be equally valuable. Outdoors there are opportunities to mess about and explore materials in new ways. Exposure to sunshine, shade and the elements helps children learn more about their world. At Providence, we are grateful to have beautiful and inviting outdoor spaces where our children can play!

Ursula S. Taylor

Playground Ribbon Cutting

On Monday, June 21, we officially opened our new, state-of-the-art playgrounds! Complete with soft astro-turf and bouncy "track," the playgrounds are updated, clean and safe!

The total cost to renovate both playgrounds was \$129,506. The Providence Endowment Committee granted our Weekday Ministry \$19,000 toward the renovation. So, Director Ursula Taylor spent all winter successfully requesting additional grants to offset the remainder of the cost.

Well done, Mrs. Ursula! The children clearly LOVE their new outdoor spaces! What a difference!



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

To the Class of 2021



Dane Jackson

God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go! This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" Romans 8:14-15 (MSG)

Graduates!

Great transition is happening in this season of your lives. For some it will involve travel, for others a change in daily routine; but for all, it will be an end to one way of life, and the start of something new.

In Romans 8, Paul reminds us that as children of God, and as heirs with Christ, we will experience glory, but also hardships. There is this misconception among people that daily living and following Jesus are at odds with one another, that they are conflicted. While we don't feel like we are constantly "living in sin," we don't often believe we are "heirs" with Christ either.

And Paul only gives us an either/or choice, which is not very helpful because we are both flesh and blood AND spirit in this earthly journey. It is impossible to completely abandon our earthly experiences.

As you leave this place for your journey ahead, I want you to embrace the tension of living on this earth, yet longing for the Spirit of God. You will experience hardships, you'll make difficult decisions, you'll make mistakes.

But through it all, because we are in Christ, we are God's children. We are the beloved. And we are grateful. So go and practice gratitude.

"To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives—the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections—that requires hard spiritual work." Henri Nouwen

Summer Schedule

Check out all the events and opportunities for students this summer by visiting the website!



Summer Camp @ Night

July 5 - 9

We are excited about getting everyone back together for a week full of fun with your friends. Even more exciting is that camp will be at night. We will start each evening gathering around the table for a quick dinner and then move into Bible studies, games, missions, worship and activities. Register online.

Rising 6th Grade Event



Wednesday, August 25

More info to come!



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

Ministry in Action

Last summer, our college ministry students built, painted, and installed two outreach and community structures on our Providence campus near the Aubrey Arant Fields.

The first structure is a **Little Free Pantry**. The pantry is a designated, easily accessible space for donations of food, hygiene, and paper products. It is a tangible and direct way for our college ministry and community to help neighbors experiencing food insecurity. It is a space where you can "leave what you can and take what you need." The second structure is a **Little Free Library**. This is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book.



Caitie Jackson



We wanted to share the good news of this mission project over the past year. Multiple times a week, members from the Weekday Education Ministry, the Cotswold community, and Providence Baptist Church donate items to the **Pantry**. In addition, neighbors are taking the items they need to support their families from the pantry on a weekly basis. It is a blessing to witness everyone serving one another in this way. The **Library** has also had great turnover from friends in the community donating books, puzzles, and magazines, as well as finding joy in these items themselves.

This summer, our College Ministry students will continue to care for, donate to, and improve these structures. Please join us in this movement to be community with and for one another by donating items listed below to the pantry or enjoying a fun book from the library.

Help us stock the pantry with items below:

- Spaghetti
- Noodles
- Marinara (or other sauces)
- Rice
- Mini Cereal Boxes
- Juice Boxes

Individually Wrapped Snacks:

granola bars, fruit snacks, popcorn, pretzels, goldfish, assorted nuts

Hygiene Products:

deodorant, hand soap, cleaning or baby wipes, toilet paper (small packs), dish soap, laundry soap, toothpaste/toothbrush, bandaids, hair care

Donations can be placed directly in the pantry or in the donation bucket on Sundays in the Rotunda. If the pantry is full, please leave donated items at the Activity Center or front desk.

College Parent Gathering

Wednesday, July 21

6:00pm in the College Room/Activity Center



Come and "check in" with one another! Guided topics will be offered, but the most valuable thing you can bring is community and understanding!

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

Adult Discipleship Summer Series



Blake Kendrick

In June we covered “the early church” during our virtual summer study series “Great Cloud of Witnesses.” In July, we look toward the Middle Ages! We are exploring the saints and pioneers of our Christian heritage. New installments are posted twice a month on our “Adult Studies” tab on our website at providencebc.org/adult-studies. Watch and learn with us!

July 7 and 21 - “The Middle Ages”

August 11 and 25 - “The Reformation”

Like last summer, this is a virtual only series. That means that you can watch it any time, any where! Contact Blake Kendrick.



Make Disciples

“Go in Peace” Prayer Time

Sunday, July 4

Immediately following worship

Bring your personal concerns for a time of prayer and healing. Simply, come forward immediately following worship to have prayer, to be anointed with oil, to receive a blessing.



A pastor will be waiting for you. Instructions will be given during the “Benediction.”

Questions? Contact Blake Kendrick.

A Very Special Delivery

The Providence family has been collecting gently used Bibles and Sunday School lessons for “Love Packages,” a ministry that provides these materials to English speaking people all over the world. On June 16, our “packages” were delivered by some very special people! Remember to deposit your gently used curriculum, and devotional materials into the Love Packages receptacle at the Rotunda entrance. We’ll make another special delivery in the near future!



Special delivery by Mary Blake, Eleanor and Winston Kendrick

Bread Ministry Update



Thus far in 2021, 49 loaves of bread have been baked and delivered. A snap shot of recipients includes: a church member recovering from surgery, a family who welcomed a new baby, a family grieving the loss of a loved one, a church member’s neighbor recovering from a car accident, our high school graduates (*see photo to the left*), and the brave firefighters from Cotswold Fire Station #14.

If you’d like to join this exciting, hands-on ministry, email Blake today. Both experienced bakers and rookies are welcome!



Engage Cotswold

Technically Speaking

Over the last year and a half, the audio and visual needs of most churches—not just in worship, but in almost every area of church life—increased exponentially. For many of them, especially smaller congregations, there was a very steep learning curve, and they had to do it fast! From figuring out how to Zoom or livestream, to carefully editing a scripture reading or song, the behind-the-scenes challenges were often unknown ... and that’s a good thing! Let me explain.

The goal of most recording engineers, camera operators, sound technicians, and so forth, is to go unrecognized. When things go right, the content and artistry come shining through, offering beautiful moments either on the screen or stage. It’s not easy, but that’s why we keep working to improve. For the church, that content is the Gospel ... and that’s Good News! I think there is a wonderful parallel for the church and the world in this scenario. As the Church, we are at work, often in the backgrounds of life, striving to be better, to do better, to understand better. When we succeed with these little things, hopefully the message and person of Jesus Christ comes shining through for all to see.

Now, let’s revisit that technical learning curve. Like the churches I referred to earlier, Providence moved very quickly to upgrade systems that would allow us to stay connected, especially as that related to our worship. Those changes now offer us the opportunity to reach further into the world in the name of Christ ... and that’s a great thing! On any given Sunday, you might now find three to four volunteers and staff working diligently to get things right from the technical support side of worship, and when they do, I hope you forget about them. That is, I hope their efforts allow you to see Jesus, and to experience the Holy Spirit at work among us.

I invite you to pray for churches who have not been as fortunate as Providence—we are blessed with good equipment and the knowledge it takes to use it. I invite you to pray for those who are already serving with our Worship Support Team, and to consider if this might be an area of ministry in which you could serve (see descriptions below). Finally, I invite you to pray for our church. May our efforts to share the Good News of Jesus Christ reach far beyond what we can imagine, and in doing so, may God be glorified in all that we do.

May the peace of Christ be with you.



Timothy Hill

Speaking Technically

Sound Technician: Controls the audio in the Sanctuary, including muting and volume control, and makes sure those sounds are being sent to the livestream.

Camera Operations: Captures what is seen on the livestream each week, from setting up different camera angles, zooms, and focus, to switching over to the slides so viewers can follow along at home.

Video Graphics Operator: Ensures the slides you see in worship are projected and timed correctly, allowing us to worship together.

Interested in joining one of our Worship Support Teams? Contact Tim for more information.

“Come Sing” Choir

We gather at 9:45am in the Lowell Dotson Music Suite (aka the Choir Room) each Sunday to prepare music for worship. All are welcome to participate ... 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.

For more information regarding the Music Ministry contact Caitie Jackson at 704.366.4030x121 or 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!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Just like businesses, churches need people with varying backgrounds to serve in different roles to help make everything run smoothly. Because we believe in congregational governance, Providence needs volunteers to serve on various committees to provide leadership and to help the Church operate efficiently. One such committee, the Finance Committee, works as part of a team to manage and track the financial plan that supports the missions and ministries of Providence Baptist Church.

The Finance Committee currently has 12 members who serve a 3-year term. Members of the Finance Committee also serve as liaisons and in an *ex-officio* capacity to the Personnel Committee, Endowment Committee, Stewardship Committee, Student Committee, Weekday Education Committee, Building Committee, and Grounds Committee.

The primary responsibility of the Finance Committee is to manage the finances of the Church, consistent with a sound financial policy. The Committee oversees the financial policies of the Church and is responsible for creating a financial plan, controlling expenditures, reporting financials, and auditing. The Finance Committee is responsible for coordinating the annual financial planning process and works with the Director of Church Operations, Financial Consultants, Church Committees, and Stewardship Committee to deliver an annual financial plan to the Church for approval.

It is helpful for Committee members to have a basic understanding of accounting and a familiarity with financial statements. A member does not have to be a professional “numbers” person, but good judgement, logic, curiosity, and a commitment to accountability and the long-term financial stability of the Church are vital traits.

I have been a member of Providence Baptist Church for over 40 years, and I currently serve as Chair of the Finance Committee. In my years attending Providence, I have noted that the presence of a fully engaged Finance Committee is a strong indication that a church is committed to good stewardship and is actively building and preserving the financial resources necessary to support its mission. It is important that the congregation have confidence in the Finance Committee to ensure that the Church’s funds are being handled in a professional manner and that there is total transparency in how financial information is communicated.

The Finance Committee is a great opportunity to serve and to better understand the finances of the Church. I would encourage any member to consider serving on this very important Committee.

Submitted by Rob Gaither, Finance Committee Chair



Rob Gaither

Q3 Conference

Wednesday, July 21

6:30pm (in person)

Crouch Fellowship Hall



Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 21 @ 7:15pm

Are you ready for some ICE CREAM?!

Bring your favorite batch of homemade ice cream to the Crouch Fellowship Hall and let’s celebrate being together! We need at least 12 freezers, so email Summer Sneed to sign up.

ssneed@providencebc.org



Congratulations!



Mike and Debbie Arim

We have a winner!

Mike Arim is a servant at heart. So it was very fitting that he was nominated for—AND won—a “Celebration of our Community” award. He has been recognized for his work with Providence and Families Forward Charlotte, and we couldn’t be more proud. Mike (and Debbie) were invited to watch a Charlotte Knights baseball game (along with 15 of their closest friends) and were

treated with box seats! But the best part of it all is that Mike has finally received the recognition he so clearly deserves. Congratulations, Mike!

News for Senior Adults

Thanks to the group of 27 that enjoyed our trip to the McGill Rose Garden on Thursday, May 20th. The weather was great and after touring the garden the group enjoyed lunch under the shade of the trees. Your time and participation in this off-site event was greatly appreciated.

Now that summer is here, it’s almost time for our annual PrimeTimers Bingo Event. So, mark your calendar for Thursday, July 15th from 1:30pm - 3:00pm. We’ll gather in the Eddins Room located in the Nalley Mission Center for an afternoon of bingo, fun, refreshments, and fellowship. Bring a friend and don’t forget to sign-up. Sign-up details are available in the Diaspora.

Looking ahead to the fall, our PrimeTimers’ luncheon will be in the Crouch Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 16th at 11:45am. Our own Diann Clark will entertain us with playing our favorite hymns from the ages. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for a delicious (and entertaining) lunch. Sign-up details will be available in the September Connections.

Our two night “SC Lowcountry ADVENTure” tour leaving Thursday, December 2nd has limited seats remaining. If you are interested check out our brochure on Realm or call Wilna at 704.553.2615.

Enjoy today and every day!

*Submitted by Wilna Eury
Senior Adult Committee Chair*

Prayer Vigil

Saturday, July 31



Gordon Weekley
Chapel

8:00am - 12:00pm
Come. Sit. Listen.

Call Bill Caldwell at 704.553.2615.

July Sermon Scripture

July 4 - 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

July 11 - Ephesians 1: 3-13

July 18 - Ephesians 2: 11-22

July 25 - John 6: 1-21

PrimeTimers’ Bingo

Thursday, July 15

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Let’s PLAY! Meet in the Eddins Room in the Nalley Missions Center.

Sign up on Realm or call the church office at extension 111 and leave a message!



SC “ADVENTure”

December 2-4

It’s our senior adult overnight trip and we only have a few 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?

Call Wilna Eury.
704.553.2615

Moving Forward and Re-Engaging

Now that our public health authorities have determined that individuals who are fully immunized against the Covid-19 virus may safely gather indoors without masks or social distancing restrictions, the task force recommends that we begin making space available on Sunday mornings for adult groups in our congregation who wish to meet indoors before worship. Due to the current labor shortage, our custodial staff is limited, which means that three rooms will be designated for Sunday morning use right now. Groups of fully-immunized adults interested in being “pioneers” during this next step of regathering indoors can contact **BLAKE KENDRICK** to find out how to make room reservations. These pioneer groups began meeting indoors Sunday, June 13.



The apostle Paul describes the New Testament church as the body of Christ, and we believe that a healthy body moves forward in a united fashion. With that in mind, we plan to resume offering regular Sunday school classes for all ages once it's possible for people of all ages to be fully immunized against Covid-19. In addition to the pioneer groups, fully-immunized senior adults began gathering indoors and without masks in the Crouch Fellowship Hall prior to worship for our weekly “Holy Conversations.”

Register NOW!

Women's Fall Retreat Tenacity and Hope:

Tending Faith in the Unknown



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.

Our speaker is Dr. Heidi Miller. She is a warm soul with a passion for helping others discover God's truth and love.

Cost: \$225/single or \$185/double
Sign up NOW.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Summer Sneed.
ssneed@providencebc.org

Be a Family Mentor

Be Like the Lails!

Families Forward Charlotte Needs
Family Liaison Mentors.

Family Liaisons develop one-on-one relationships with their family partners, assist them in setting personal goals and help them navigate the steps necessary to achieve those goals.

Creating change for these families is a journey ... and we hope you'll join us for the next one!

Families Forward Charlotte (FFC) is gearing up for another life-changing year and YOU can be a part of it. Informational Zoom meetings are planned.

Contact Families Forward to register.

www.familiesforwardclt.org



Phil and Suzanne Lail meet with their Families Forward family.

Recent Scholarship Award Winners

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.



Providence Baptist Church has three scholarship endowments. Each year, the recipients are chosen by the Youth Committee and the Minister with Students and their Families. At year end the Clark Endowment was valued at \$21,776, the Elle-J Endowment was \$21,383, and the Judson Endowment was \$17,026. Each of these permanent endowments pays out scholarships based on the interest earned on the total. Under certain circumstances these endowments can use the principal to increase the scholarship amounts.



Allison Daniels

1) The Clark Scholarship was started in 2001 by Joe and Heather Clark. The Clark family wanted to help promising students achieve higher education. They established a permanent endowment, which generates funds each year providing a scholarship to a high school graduate who demonstrates Christian ideals in the church, community and in daily life. The recipient of this scholarship for 2021 is Allison Daniels.

2) The Elle-J Scholarship was started in 2014 by Charlie & Sheila Winborne in honor of their daughters Ellis and Jaclyn. The Providence graduating senior who demonstrates compassion, acceptance, tolerance, steps outside her comfort zone, and sees all people solely for what is on the inside is awarded this scholarship to further her education. The recipient of this scholarship for 2021 is Olivia Stockwell.



Olivia Stockwell

3) A few years ago a group of Christian refugees from Burma came to be a part of the Providence Baptist Church family. Sarah and Matt Blackwell were actively involved in starting the Judson Scholarship. The scholarship honors the efforts of Baptist missionaries Adoniram & Ann Judson in bringing the gospel message to Burma. This scholarship provides education post high school to a deserving refugee student associated with Providence. In 2021, this scholarship is awarded to David Mang who will attend UNCC in the fall.



David Mang

If you are interested in helping Providence students further their education, please consider adding to one of these scholarship endowments.

Submitted by Vivian Carroll, Endowment Chair

Providence Plays

Thursday, July 22

6:00pm - Aubrey Arant Fields



Engage Cotswold

Come out for a night of fun, fellowship, and softball when all four Providence teams are in action. We hope you'll come out and enjoy some time together. The first game is at 6:00pm.

Questions?

Email Activities Director Katelyn DeVane.

Pickleball Clinic

Saturday, July 17

10:00am - Activity Center

Ever wanted to play pickleball and just didn't know where to start? This event is for you! Come out to learn the basics, like how to serve and volley. We have paddles and nets, just bring a bottle of water and wear sneakers. No sign up is required.

Come join us.
Contact Katelyn DeVane.



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

July Missions Collection



Rama Road & Burmese Students
School Supplies Needed!

WMU is sponsoring a collection of school supplies during the month of July for the Rama Road Tutoring students and for our Burmese students.

Donations may be dropped off in the collection area located in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall any time throughout the month of July.

Questions?
Contact Dorothy Welling
dorothywelling@att.net | 704.366.3568

For Your Shopping Check List:

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| earbuds | notebook paper |
| index cards | composition books |
| pencils | pens |
| large pink erasers | spiral notebooks |
| individual pencil sharpeners | scissors |
| highlighters | pocket folders |
| zippered pencil cases | crayons |
| glue sticks | colored pencils |
| | markers |



In Christian Sympathy



- Carlton and Virginia Whilden's daughter-in-law, Janet Whilden (5.20)
- Original Charter Member Wilma Hardie Wilson (5.22)
- Sharon Winstead's sister, Marlene Foster (5.25)
- Ladonna Brawley's father (5.31)
- Mark Daniels' sister, Debbie Daniels Winter (5.31)
- James Owens (6.12)

Stephen Ministry

Do you know someone that is lonely; facing a medical crisis; going through a difficult family situation; or possibly having issues with their employment?

Suggest that they talk to a trained Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers maintain extreme confidentiality and will spend about one hour per week with the individual in need (Care Receiver) during their time of concern. Stephen Ministers use their gifts of caring by sharing Christ's love to people in need. With a limited number of ministers on staff at Providence, Stephen Ministers expand the care by sharing love and care to those in need.



Submitted by Bill Griffin

For answers to your questions call or email Martha Haigler:
mhaigler@providencebc.org | 704.608.7947

Staff Recognitions



Kimberly Gray

KIMBERLY GRAY is celebrating her third year as the Assistant Director of the Weekday Education Ministry. Kim's smile and infectious laugh make you want to stop and hang out for awhile. She is a hard worker and children are her passion. She and Ursula make an exceptional team!

TIM HILL celebrates his seventh anniversary at Providence on July 29. As Minister of Music, he directs numerous choirs and oversees all aspects of the Music Ministry, including technology. His passion for music and worship is evident in the planning and worship at Providence.



Timothy Hill

Hey, Baby!

Oliver Edge Fenimore
Born May 30, 2021
Son of Mark and Carly Fenimore
Brother of Brooks



Ellie Ryan Makofsky
Born June 15, 2021
Daughter of
Brandon and Casey Makofsky
Sister of Grayson
Grandparents are Eric and Terri Gill



Brandon McMillan

BRANDON McMILLAN joined us in June as our custodian. He is originally from Myrtle Beach but relocated to Charlotte about two years ago. Brandon is an avid fisherman, enjoying the sport every spare minute he gets. He is a father, with two girls Lia (16), Jasmine (14) and a son, Nature (10 weeks). He's generous and always willing to help.

JUSTIN HARRIS joined us in May as our part time custodian in charge of floor care. Justin is a student at Southeastern Institute. He's studying to become a Medical Assistant, so he's working and going to school at the same time. We are delighted to count Justin as a member of the Providence team! If you see him, welcome him warmly!



Justin Harris

Welcome New Members



Eva and John McPherson

John and Eva McPherson joined Providence on June 20 after "visiting" with us online all the way from Alabama. They recently relocated from Madison, AL to the Charlotte area to be near their daughter and her family. When you see John and Eva, welcome them!

Dedication of Life

Ella James Sueling was dedicated on June 20. She is the daughter of Andrew and Emma Sueling and the sister of Annalyn.





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PrimeTimers' BINGO

Thursday, July 15 @ 1:30pm
Nalley Missions Center



Pickleball Clinic

Saturday, July 17 @ 10:00am
Activity Center



College Parent Gathering

Wednesday, July 21 @ 6:00pm
College Room/Activity Center



Wright Retirement Celebration

Sunday, July 25 @ 11:30pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall

Next Connections is August 1, 2021.

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

Thank you!



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