



Connections

Connecting People and God in Christ through Worship, Fellowship and Missions

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CONNECTING...through worship

I want to offer a brief update on the discussions about worship from the Worship Strategic Planning Team. The most important thing to be said is that the discussions are ongoing. The reason that the discussions are ongoing is an attempt to respond appropriately to the wide range of concerns offered by a very diverse congregation. The conversation that took place last Wednesday evening was good and helpful. Concerns that were raised have been taken seriously and the team is meeting again to work through the questions raised by the group last Wednesday.

The easiest route for the team would be to just leave everything as it is. I can assure you it would be the easiest path for me as Pastor. However, the challenge is very clear. From all of the inquiries made by the team over the course of the past year, team members sense a very clear leading from God that some changes should be made in the worship format. It is not a question of "if" changes are needed but, rather "what" changes to make and changes are always very challenging.

The reason for the new early devotional service proposal is to provide a setting for those who want something traditional but don't want to wait until 11 am to get it. The second service (non-traditional service) is a direct response to the requests that have been made long before the team even started its work. The 11 am service will continue to be a signature service for our church. The challenge is that there is a limited amount of time to make all of this happen in the course of a Sunday morning.

So, I ask for your prayers and I also ask for your understanding. My sincere hope is that we all approach this important issue with a willingness to give as well as to take and that we come down at a point of unity in moving forward. The way we work through these issues has far more implications than just what our worship schedule might be in a few months. I believe this to be a lesson for our church in how to effectively respond to a changing culture. The worship schedule and style are only a part of the demands we face. Again, I ask for your prayers.

Grace and peace,



Stewardship Commitment Update

(as of Tuesday, November 24)

Number of commitment cards returned: 414
Amount Pledged: \$ 1,998,071

If you have not returned your cards, please do so as soon as possible. There are additional cards at the Church should you need them.

Christmas Offering for Global Missions "Who's Missing? Whose Mission?"

Through the efforts of global field personnel, people are hearing the Gospel in many different ways. They may be hearing it in their own language and dialect, they may be seeing it in a new water pump that provides clean, safe water to their families. At all points in our world, there are others sharing the presence of Christ. Will you help them continue? Our giving goal is \$16,000. There are offering envelopes in the Sanctuary pew racks and in the Rotunda for your convenience.

Called Church Conference

Wednesday, December 2, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

The purpose of the conference is to consider the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the 2010 Ministry Budget. Copies of the proposed budget summary are available on a table in the Rotunda.

This Sunday in Worship

November 29, 2009 ~ 8:30 & 11:00 am services
First Sunday of Advent



Dr. Al Cadenhead, Proclaimer
"The Discipline of Waiting"
Numbers 14: 19-24; Luke 21: 25-36

Providence Holiday Schedule

Sunday Worship

One service (11am) December 13, 20, 27 & January 3

Wednesday Evening Activities

No evening activities December 23 or 30

Christmas Eve Services

4pm (Children & Candles) 6pm (Candlelight & Communion) 11:00pm (Fellowship & Communion)

Church Office Schedule

Closed December 25, January 1

Child Development Center

Closed December 24 & 25, January 1

Activities Center Schedule

Closing 12 Noon December 24, Closed December 25,
Closing 12 Noon December 31, Closed January 1

PBC Churchwide Local Christmas Project

November 23-December 21

Help reach our goal of 600 families!!

Your gift of a ham will help feed needy families in our community. Please make checks payable to PBC and note "for hams." (\$15 will purchase a ham but all donations are welcomed!)

Sponsored by Missions Committee, PBC families and Char-Meck Police Dept.



Women On Mission December Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, Missions Center

The Bible Study and Prayer Group will each meet at 10:30am. Lunch (covered dish) will be served at 11:30am. Guest speakers will be Harry and Vivian Poovey, retired missionaries and PBC members. The Pooveys will be sharing about a recent trip to the Ukraine and their work with the gypsy people.

Sanctuary Poinsettias Deadline Is Near

If you plan to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary for Advent, you must have your payment and form returned to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, December 2. Forms are available at the Rotunda Desk for your convenience. A listing of donors and honorees will be included in the worship order on Sunday, December 13. Poinsettias are \$25 each. Contact the Music Ministry Office for additional info. (704.366.4030 x123).

Wednesday Evenings in December, 6:15 pm

Contrary to several radio stations, the season of advent is almost upon us and the time for singing Carols will soon begin! Have you ever wondered about the history of these carols? Do you know the difference between a Carol and a hymn? The Adult Education and Music Ministries invite you to learn more about the carols we love. On **December 2nd**, we will have our annual Carol Sing and on **December 9th and 16th**, we will discover these Carols in a new way from special guest Dr. Mary Louise Bringle. Mel Bringle is professor of Philosophy and Religion at Brevard College and is a highly regarded author, lecturer, composer and hymnwriter. She has won a number of international hymnwriting competitions and is currently serving as President of The Hymn Society of North America & Canada. She is a dynamic presenter - you do not want to miss these evenings!

All events will be held in the Sanctuary.



Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13, 11 am worship

Plan to join together in worship for a special musical presentation led by our Sanctuary Choir. A service of traditional and familiar seasonal music will be presented by the choir, soloists, orchestra and liturgical dancers.

From Our Activities Ministry...

"New York in the Springtime"

April 29th - May 2nd

Cost per person \$945 (Double) \$725 (Quad)
Space is limited. \$200 deposit due by Tuesday, December 15 to Randy Ballard.

Hangings of the Green Service

Sunday, November 29, 6 pm, Sanctuary

Bring in the season of Advent with seasonal music from our Childrens and Student Choirs! You don't have to be a Choir Parent to enjoy the concert. Bring your friends and neighbors!



From Our Education Ministries...

Family Advent Dinner

Friday, December 4, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Meal: \$8.00 per adult; \$4.00 per child

Wreath: \$12.00 each

Reservations for this event are limited to 40 families and must be confirmed with payment by December 2. Call Sharon Isley or email(704.366.4030 x125 or isley@providencecb.

org) to make your reservation. Childcare for younger preschoolers (age 2 and under) will be provided following the meal. This evening promises to be a special way for your family to begin the Advent season!



Thursday Bible Study

December 3, 10, 17, 11 am, CLC Parlor

“Biblical Advent Adventures”

Join us with teacher, Dr. David Jordan, as we prepare for the season of Advent.

A Wonderful Place for Children

On Sunday, we celebrated the grand (re) opening of the Mary Perry Children’s Library at Providence. This library was recently moved so that it might be a part of our new Children’s Ministry Building. I must say that the library looks beautiful in its new home!



I have visited many churches over the years and very few have the wonderful resources that we have in our children’s library. Our library is a place where children can learn to love books and reading.

Our children’s library is heavily used during the week by the children enrolled in our weekday ministry and by our weekday ministry staff. We are grateful for Virginia Whilden who helps us maintain our children’s library.

If you have not seen the Children’s Library in its new location, please stop by and “check it out!” - *Julia Wright*

Holy Land Pilgrimage Preparation Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 7pm, Upstairs Parlor

We will see pictures and hear the background and history of the places we will be seeing in February. And it is not too late to bring a friend that might be interested in going with us. We have a few more spaces and a little more time, so invite away! I look forward to having you join me! - *David Jordan*

On The Calendar...

Sunday, November 29...Hanging of the Green, 6 pm

7:45 am	Breakfast	FH
8:15 am	Extended Session	CB
8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Extended Session	CB
11 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Disciple I	2304
2-4 pm	Activities Center Open	
4:30 pm	Student Choirs	Sanctuary
	KY Strategic Planning Team	1107
6 pm	Hanging of the Green Service	Sanctuary

Monday, November 30

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
4 pm	Youth Basketball	Gym
6 pm	Jazzercise	FH

Tuesday, December 1

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
8:45 am	Cardio Fit	Gym
9:45 am	Ministry Staff Mtg	1107
10:30 am	Women on Mission Groups	Missions Ctr
11:30 am	Women on Mission Lunch	MC
6 pm	Youth Basketball	Gym
	Jazzercise	FH
6:30 pm	Yoga	Craftroom
7 pm	Deacon Meeting	Missions Center

Wednesday, December 2

7 am-5 pm; 7:15-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
9:30 am	Yoga/Pilates	Gym
10 am	Senior Adult Cmte	1107
4:30 pm	Fellowship Dinner	FH

MENU: Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans

Biscuits, Salad Bar, Dessert, Beverages

5:45 pm	Extended Care	1417, 1438 CB
	Acteens	Missions Ctr
	Prayer Gathering	2132
6 pm	Called Church Conference	FH
6:15 pm	Wednesday SS Class	2123
	Carol Sing	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Missions Ed (RAs, GAs, M Friends)	
7:15 pm	Youth Basketball	Gym
	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite
7:30 pm	Missions Cmte	1107
	Strategic Leadership Team	2111

Thursday, December 3

6:30 am	Men’s Bible Study	1315
7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
8:45 am	Cardio Fit	Gym
9:30 am	MOMs Group	2111
9:45 am	Senior Adult Choir	Music Suite
11 am	Bible Study	1315
4 pm	Youth Basketball	Gym
6 pm	Jazzercise	FH

Friday, December 4

9:30 am	Young Men’s Prayer Group	1315
7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
4 pm	Youth Basketball	Gym
6 pm	Family Advent Dinner	FH

Saturday, December 5...Room in the Inn begins

9 am-2 pm	Activities Center Open	
	Youth Basketball Games	Gym
9 am	Jazzercise	FH

Note of Appreciation:

Please express to the congregation my great appreciation for their prayers and concerns during my recent surgery and recuperation. The healing is progressing and I look forward to being back soon.

Frank Bishop

DEACON OF THE WEEK - FRANKIE AYSUCUE

Frankie joined Providence in 1993. He serves on the Deacon Spiritual Development/Education Strategic Leadership Team and is a member of the Denominational Relations Committee, and teaches Sunday School in our Youth Division.

Frankie and his wife, Gina have two children, Vance and Chloe.

Deacon on Call Weekends: 704-608-7951



Celebrating the birth of...a son, Joseph Bennett Rabon, to parents Jennifer & Chet Rabon and brother Lane, on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. Grandparents are Charles & Jo Rabon.

Welcome Our Newest Member
(joined November 22)

Brandon Green

Brandon is the son of Staley & Debbie Green.



Sympathy Expressed to:

Debra Motsinger & family in the death of her uncle.

Becky Barnett & family in the death of her grandmother.

David Jordan & family in the death of his uncle.



On Record

Sunday, November 22, 2009

Christian Education

Division	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	125	65
Children	100	68
Students	158	80
Adults	906	455
Total	1,289	668
Wednesday Class		10

Worship Total

(including any outside groups): 539

Christian Stewardship

Average Weekly Requirement (November)	\$28,509
Receipts for 11/22	\$33,052
Year-To-Date Receipts	\$1,944,254
Year-To-Date-Requirements	\$1,777,838
Imagine Campaign Receipts for 11/22	\$4,802
Imagine Campaign To-Date Receipts	\$4,827,617
Imagine Campaign Pledge	\$5,438,943

**The average weekly requirement will change each month based on the monthly budget goals which vary based on historical trends.*

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