



Connections

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Connecting People and God in Christ

Connecting:

I want to offer a sincere word of thanks to you for the positive way you completed the 2011 financial year. Since our requirements are so much more in December than other months, we were a bit anxious as the final days of the year were ticking along. A lot of our mission gifts were dependent upon a strong response in December and I had some early dread of our not being able to fulfill our promises to a number of mission groups.

But, at the “last minute,” or at least in the final hours, quite a few people not only completed their pledges but went beyond their commitment. And, we were able to finish the year in black ink and with a song of praise to the Lord. I realize that many in our congregation are still dealing with the effects of the recession and challenges still prevail. But, Providence has such a good track record and I am glad that the supportive trend continues even in times that are far from perfect.

We did complete the year in the black and honored our mission commitments and I am very grateful. I try not to talk about finances any more than necessary. Yet, along the way with my periodic encouragement, I also need to just say thank you for stepping up to the plate. (And I am not talking about baseball!)

I hope that your support will continue right into this new year and that it will be demonstrated in both your sacrificial giving and in your attendance as well. Attendance in worship in recent weeks has also been positive and encouraging. Winter has a way of tempting us to stay close to home; but, worship has been very energizing to me because of your presence. And keep in mind that winter has only two more weeks. Surely you remember that the Cadenhead theory of winter is that it occurs between Thanksgiving and Super Bowl Sunday. At 8am on Monday after the Super Bowl, it is spring and time to put on the beach music!! I am looking forward to seeing you on these last two Sundays of winter!!

Grace and peace,

Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, January 29th

6:30pm

Church Sanctuary



A Special Wednesday Evening in February

Wednesday, February 1st, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary, former PBC member, Carter Cook will join us to share selections from his newly recorded CD, “Sundays at Belvedere,” a collection of familiar hymns recorded in honor of his grandparents. Carter is an attorney for Wake Forest University and is the son of PBC members Hunter and Janis Cook. Carter will play, as well as speak about his decision to donate the profits from the sale of his CD to faith-based organizations working to alleviate poverty. His website is www.pianovspoverty.com. You are invited to attend and bring a friend or neighbor as well.

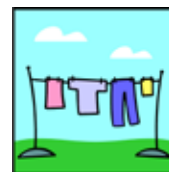


January Missions Collection Project

Laundry Detergent for Baptist Children's Homes of NC

We are collecting both liquid and powder laundry detergent for the many residents of BCHNC. Collection bins will be located

- 1) near the Children's Ministry Office and
- 2) near the Crouch Fellowship Hall.



Sunday in Worship

January 29, 2012

8:30am & 11:00am worship services

Dr. Al Cadenhead, Proclaimer

“The Authority Of Jesus: Direct Or Derived?”

Mark 1:21-28

Churchwide Mission Action Workday

Tuesday, February 7th, 9am-1:30pm

Nalley Missions Center

Everyone is invited to participate. There will be a number of hands-on projects to work on. No experience or special skills are needed! Come join us for fellowship, prayer time and a free soup and sandwich lunch. Some of the projects we will be working on include:

- Prayer bears for children
- Lap robes and fidget aprons for residents at The Parc on Sharon Amity
- Bath mitts with toiletry items for children
- Ribbon prayer crosses
- Writing notes of encouragement to our missionaries
- Rolling bandages for Ghana

Donations of quilt batting, embroidery floss, old (clean) sheets, craft stuffing, old towels and yarn are needed. Contact Virginia Whilden for specifics.

Bring a friend! There is something here for everyone to do.

- Sponsored by the PBC Women on Mission

Tiny Tots Basketball, for children, ages 4 & 5

Registration continues for Tiny Tots Basketball, that will play Wednesdays in February, 1st - 22nd, from 4-5pm. Forms

are available at the Activities Center Desk or at the Receptionist's Desk in the Rotunda. For additional information, contact Church Activities Director, Randy Ballard (704.366.4030 x133 or rballard@providencebc.org).



Summer Day Camp Staff Search

The Children's Ministry needs 1-2 college students to work 7 weeks this summer during our series of day camps. Applicants must be 18 years old and enjoy working with children. If interested, please contact Julia Wright, Minister with Children and Their Families (jwright@providencebc.org) for additional details and information. Hiring will occur before March 1st.

Parent-Child Dedication

Sunday, January 22, 2012



Lillian Wren Hogan
Hanson
born April 2, 2010
Daughter of Dana and
Heather Hanson
Sister of Rudy, Mags,
Gracie and Haddie
Hanson

"Tuesdays By The Book"

February 7th, 6:30 a.m., Crouch Fellowship Hall

Breakfast with **Guest Speaker**

Major General Doug Carver (ret.)

Chief of Chaplains, US Army

Tickets: \$10/person or \$5/person for 2 or more

On sale in the Rotunda, Sundays and Wednesdays during Church Programming and weekdays at the Church Office.

Sponsored by the Providence Men's Ministry.

Note from the Finance Office

Thank you for your monetary investment in the Kingdom's work through PBC. Because of your response in tithes and offerings to God's goodness and provision, you have enabled PBC to do effective ministry both within and beyond our walls. We ended the year receiving \$7,989 more than our 2011 budget. We finished the year with \$24,749 more than expenditures and this amount will be a carry-over into 2012 by action of the Finance Committee. Thank you for your faithful giving in 2011. 2012 will be challenging because our budget is 2.1% greater than last year and our "fixed/required" portions of the 2012 budget have been increased significantly.

The Race for a Lifetime:

Setting Goals for a Longer and Healthier Life

Cheering for You

- Making changes takes time and can be hard work. A support system will help you stay on track.
- Ask a friend or family member to encourage you as you work toward your goal. They may even want to change with you.
- You can also be your own cheerleader. Plan to reward yourself along the way as you accomplish your goals.
- Rewards don't necessarily have to be "things." It could be time off from work or words of encouragement.

Crossing the Finish Line

- We know that some resolutions start in January and can end soon after the year begins.
- This year, try the ideas we have discussed while setting your goals in order to make lifestyle changes that will last a lifetime.
- Once you achieve your first goal, you can start on another or work even further toward your original goal.
- Lifestyle changes now will lead to a longer and healthier future.

- Anita Bishop, PBC Faith Community Nurse

(abishop@providencebc.org or 704.366.4030x127)



Wednesday Evening Activities*

1st Carter Cook in Concert (see pg. 1)

Church Sanctuary

8th Haiti Mission Trip Report

Presentation by team members Vivian Carroll
George Crouch and Cindy Brooks

15th Understanding Mormonism

Tandy McConnell, teacher

22nd Ash Wednesday Worship

Church Sanctuary

29th Partners in God's Creation: Gardening Here & At Home-

Presentation by PBC Garden Team

** Unless noted, all events will take place at 6:30pm in the Crouch Fellowship Hall.*



**Sunday
February 5th**

Let's tackle hunger in 2012!

Did you know??

- * The number of Americans living in poverty is the highest it has been in 52 years.
- * When the economy goes down, the number of people seeking help from the nation's food banks goes up.
- * Donations to food banks slow down after the holidays even though the need never goes away.
- * Over 48 million Americans, including 16 million children, live on the edge of hunger.
- * Research shows that hungry children have lower grades in school because they cannot concentrate.

Together we can make a difference. On Sunday, February 5th, we will have soup pots collecting money for Second Harvest Food Bank here in Charlotte. We ask that each person give at least \$1 to help. Please come prepared to participate at the close of each worship service.

Upcoming PBC Theater Production

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: March 9-11

Stephen Schwartz's musical, "Children of Eden" with guest artist, Stephen Ware. Tickets on sale Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings in the Rotunda and at the Church Office weekdays. Advance tickets are \$10. Day of show tickets are \$12.

You do not want to miss this wonderful musical and the special performance by Stephen Ware.

On The Calendar

Sunday, January 29

7:45 am	Fellowship Breakfast	CFH
8:15 am	Extended Session	CB
8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Bible Study	
10:45 am	Extended Session	CB
11 am	Worship	Sanctuary
2-4 pm	Activities Center OPEN	
4 pm	Disciple Bible Study	MC
	High School Choir	2306
	Middle School Choir	Music Suite
4:30 pm	Disciple Bible Study III, I	MC
6:30 pm	Deacon Ordination Service	Sanctuary

Monday, January 30

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
9 am	Yoga	Gym
4 pm	Youth Basketball Practice	Gym
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
	Burmese Cmte	2129
8 pm	Men's Basketball	Gym

Tuesday, January 31

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
8:45 am	Cardio Fit	Aerobics Room
9:45 am	Ministry Team Mtg	1107
4 pm	Youth Basketball Practice	Gym
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
7 pm	Yoga	Aerobics Room
8 pm	Men's Basketball	Gym

Wednesday, February 1

7 am-5 pm; 7:15-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
9:30 am	Yoga/Pilates	Aerobics Room
10 am	Canasta Group	1311
	Senior Adult Cmte	1107
4:30 pm	Fellowship Dinner	CFH

MENU: Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Biscuits Salad Bar, Pizza, Dessert & Beverages

5:45 pm	Children's Choirs	CB
6 pm	ESL Classes	
6:15 pm	Wednesday Class	2105
	Youth BE Gathering	2312
6:30 pm	Children's Missions Education	CB
	Piano Concert w/Carter Cook	Sanctuary
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite
	Providence Bells	2217
7:30 pm	Missions Cmte	1107

Thursday, February 2

6:30 am	Men's Bible Study	
7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
8:45 am	Cardio Fit	Aerobics Room
9:30 am	Encore Singers	Music Suite
	MOMs Group	2111
11 am	Bible Study	1315
4 pm	Youth Basketball	Gym
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
8 pm	Men's Basketball	Gym

Friday, February 3

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
4 pm	Youth Basketball	Gym
6:30 pm	Deacon Retreat Dinner	CFH

Saturday, February 4

9am-2pm	Activities Center Open	
8 am	Deacon Retreat	MC0
9 am	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room

Monday Bible Study with David Jordan

Monday Morning Bible Study with Dr. David Jordan begins February 6, in the Nalley Mission Center from 10-11:30am. A sign-up sheet is located in the Rotunda.



DEACON OF THE WEEK, JAN. 25-31

JACK HIGDON

Deacon On Call (Weekends)
704.608.7951



Sympathy is extended to...

Joe Christenbury & family in the death of his stepfather.

Jonathan Dry & family in the death of his grandmother.

Quarterly Church Conference Report

- The following action was taken at the Conference held on January 11.
- accepted reports from Coordinating Council, Sunday School Cmte., the WMU and Missions Cmte.
 - approved the 2012 Ministry Budget in the amount of \$2,455,747, a 2.1% increase over the 2011 budget.
 - approved the Nominating Cmte Report listing the 2012 committee assignments.
 - approved the recommendation from the Deacon Chair to elect George Crouch as Deacon Emeritus.



On Record

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Christian Education

<i>Division</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Preschool	130	76
Children	121	78
Students	141	65
Adults (<i>inc. Wed class *</i>)	911	391
Total	1,303	610

Worship Total

(including any outside groups) 712

Christian Stewardship

Average Weekly Requirement (January)	\$38,070
Budget Receipts for 1/22/12	\$47,819
Year-To-Date Budget Receipts	\$156,236
Year-To-Date Budget Requirements	\$152,280
Campaign Receipts for 1/22/12	\$5,560
Campaign To-Date Receipts	\$5,411,517
Self-Financed Debt	\$214,147
Bank Indebtedness	\$1,178,397

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