



Connections

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

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Connecting...

Summer is an interesting time in the life of any church. The routine is different, but never slower. The predictable mission trips, retreats, camps and other summer related events make summer one of the busiest seasons of the year. Nat King Cole's old song about the "lazy days of summer" never made it to the church calendar. With summer winding down we now transition to the routine of a new school and church year that holds promises of good things to come.

There is another dynamic of summer of which we need to be very aware. For a number of reasons attendance at worship and Sunday School almost always is lower than during the school year. These reasons include vacations, longer stays with extended family, time at the beach or mountains and sometimes, to be honest, just some sabbatical weekends at home. For lots of valid reasons people may not be as regular in attendance, and in some cases, may be out for quite a while. Whether right or wrong, when people are out for a while and no one notices their absence, they may just remain "out" and not return. The bottom line is that this time of year provides an opportunity to lose people, and it happens every year.

It is so important that we be alert and pay attention to the absence of people in worship and Sunday School. Look around you and ask who is missing from their normal place; and, then make contact with them. Call them and tell them you have missed them. What if in worship they have just been sitting somewhere else? They will take it as a compliment that you inquired. That scenario has happened to me time and time again and no one has ever been offended by missing them. I called one lady and told her I had missed her; and, she laughed and said she had sat by my wife that past Sunday. She thought it was funny!

So, I am asking you to be a part of the transition from summer to fall and a part of that transition is making contact with those who have been out during the summer, regardless of the reason. If you notice an absence of someone, don't give their name to a committee or another person, you call them and tell them you missed them. They will be complimented by your concern. Being intentional about this is so important. It is called ministry, ministry to our own.

Grace and peace,

Welcome Back Wednesdays!! August 25, beginning at 5pm

Come and join us for a celebration of fall and the return of Wednesday evening activities. There will be a special picnic menu (*regular Wednesday meal prices apply*) and activities for everyone.

There will be outdoor games and activities for children and information regarding upcoming music and missions education for children and adult education opportunities.



Special Mission Collection Project

We are currently assisting a Burmese family who are settling in their own apartment. They need new or gently used household items. Especially needed are a washer/dryer.

If you can assist or would like to know how you can help this family, please contact Charlotte Guthrie (**Charlotte.Guthrie@mecklenburgcountync.gov**) for specific items.

NOTE: An incorrect email address was published in last week's issue. Our apologies for the error.



This Sunday in Worship
August 22, 2010
8:30am & 11:00am worship services
Dr. Al Cadenhead, Proclaimer
"Jesus Predicted Change. Get Ready!"
Luke 12: 49-56

From Imagination to Mission... *A Monthly Note from Members of our Campaign Advisory Team*

A small spark grows into a bright flame of a campfire. So does our faith and trust as we use our talents and resources to serve God. We did this as we united to complete the initial stage of The Imagine Campaign project.

Now we are enjoying the benefits of our labor, planning, and the construction of our facilities in many ways.

The Gordon Weekley Chapel and the Nalley Missions Center are one building. As a result, we are able to accommodate more of our mission ministries in one place. This building provides space to tutor Rama School children one on one. There are rooms and shower facilities for Room In The Inn, and Family Promise. The larger room in the Nalley Missions Center is used for WMU meetings, Sunday School fellowship activities and other various committees.

The kitchen next to the Crouch Fellowship Hall was also renovated and modernized. Wonderful meals are prepared for our Wednesday night fellowship dinners, Sunday morning breakfasts, Primetimers, and for various services and meetings.

As we move forward, we must address the task of paying off our remaining debt. Your continued support will help us achieve our goal within three years. All contributions made during the first two years will be applied directly to reduce the principle of our mortgage.

- Rita Icard

From the Activities Ministry... **Children's Fall Sports Registration**

Time is running out for registration for Children's Soccer & Youth Flag Football. Play will begin on Saturday, September 11. Forms are available at the Activities Center and the Rotunda Reception Desk.

Parents and Adults!!

Youth Sports Coaches Needed!!

Team Coaches are especially needed for children's fall sports! Contact Randy to sign up.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Needs You!

Our Sunday breakfast will resume again this fall and we are in need of volunteers to assist. Team members are needed as well as team chiefs. This meal is a very important part of our Sunday ministry and we need you to help make it a success. Contact Randy to sign up.

**Contact Randy Ballard, Church Activities Director,
(704.366.4030 x133 or rballard@providencebc.org)**

Back to School Collection Project

For the months of August and September, we will be collecting school supplies for our Rama Road Elementary Afterschool Program.

Specific items requested are:

- loose-leaf notebook paper (WIDE RULED ONLY, please)
- composition books (WIDE RULED ONLY, please)
- #2 pencils
- markers (WASHABLE, please)
- crayons (16 or 24 count boxes, please)
- glue sticks
- rulers
- index cards (3x5)
- tissues (individual packs and boxes)
- hand sanitizer (large bottles)
- subject folders that accommodate hole-punched paper
- age-appropriate coloring & activity books



There will be a special collection table in the hall leading to the Fellowship Hall for your donations.

Special Needs for Afterschool Program!!

We need YOU too!

Our program needs bus drivers and substitute tutors. We also are in need for snacks for up to 13 children each tutoring session. This is a great project for Sunday School classes, mission groups, families and other interested individuals. If you can offer your help in any of these ways, contact Mary Ann Crouch (704.364.0441). Tutoring will begin in October.

PBC Annual Women's Retreat

"Becoming a Butterfly: Transition and Transformation"

October 1-3, Kanuga Conference Center

Join women of Providence as we journey to the mountains for a weekend of relaxation, laughter, and reflection. We find the presence of God apparent in the beauty of nature, in one another, and within ourselves. Come retreat with us. Set aside this time for God to continue transforming you into the woman you are created to be. Retreat Leader will be Beth McConnell; Bible Study Leader will be Kate Perry; Musician will be Diann Clark.



Cost per person** \$172.50 (double) \$237 (single)

*****Cost includes housing and 5 meals***

Please register with Beverly Tucker:

btucker@providencebc.org

Contact Beth McConnell for additional information regarding the retreat.

A \$75.00 deposit is due by Wednesday, September 1.

From Our Education Ministries...

Wednesday Evening

Adult Education Opportunities

Coming in September & October!!

“What the Bible Really Says About...”

We will discuss various topics and issues and how the Scriptures guide us to act.

Sept. 8	Sex	Kate Perry
Sept. 15	Workplace Ethics	Harry Harden
Sept. 22	Marriage & Divorce	Beth McConnell
Sept. 29	Consumerism	Tandy McConnell
Oct. 13	Money	Russell Mansfield
Oct. 20	War & Peace	David Jordan
Oct. 27	Environment	Debbi Grosch

There will be a Prayer Gathering in the Sanctuary on September 1 and October 6.

We will also have opportunities for hands-on mission projects and the Wednesday Sunday School Class will resume on September 8th.

Wednesday evenings are a great time to bring a neighbor or a friend and introduce them to our church!

From Children's Ministry...

Preschool Openings for Fall

Our Weekday Ministry's Preschool has openings in the 3s and 4s classes. Contact Christina Hermann at the CDC for further information (704.366.4030 x129 or weekdayoffice@providencebc.org).

Citipass Books Coming Soon!

Our Weekday Ministry parents will be selling these value-packed books during the remainder of August and through September. The books are \$25 each and a percentage of the sales go to our Child Development Center. There are hundreds of coupons for dining, entertainment, goods and services – many of them buy one, get one free.

Teachers & Volunteers needed!

Our Children's Ministry has needs for teachers and volunteers in Sunday School classes and Wednesday evening missions education programs. Contact Julia Wright (704.366.4030 x140 or jwright@providencebc.org) for additional information.

Family Promise - Volunteers Needed

August 29th - September 5th

We need your help! There are many opportunities to get involved with this wonderful ministry. We need meals prepared, volunteers to visit with our guests and volunteers to stay overnight. Contact Bill Fairley (704.989.4304 or haveagreatday4@aol.com).

On The Calendar...

Sunday, August 22

8:15 am	Extended Session	CB
8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Bible Study	All Bldgs
10:45 am	Extended Session	CB
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Deacon Interviews	1315
2 - 4 pm	Activities Center Open	
6 pm	Young Professionals	2116

Monday, August 23

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
9 am	Yoga	Aerobics Room
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
7 pm	Men's Over 40 Basketball	Gym
	Finance Cmte	1107

Tuesday, August 24

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
8:45 am	Cardio Fit	Aerobics Room
9:45 am	Ministry Team Meeting	1107
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
7 pm	Yoga	Aerobics Room

Wednesday, August 25..Welcome Back to Wednesdays!

7 am-5 pm	Activities Center Open	
9 am	Canasta Group	1311
9:30 am	Yoga/Pilates	Aerobics Room
5 pm	Dinner	CH

**MENU: Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders, Potato Salad
Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta Salad, Corn on the Cob, Watermelon
Brownies (without nuts), Beverages**

	Activities	outside
6 pm	Prayer Gathering	2132
	Young Professionals	2116
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite

Thursday, August 26

6:30 am	Men's Bible Study	1315
7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
8:45 am	Cardio Fit	Aerobics Room
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room

Friday, August 27

7 am-3 pm	Activities Center Open	
7 pm	Children's Ministry Leadership Trng	2111

Saturday, August 28

9 am-2 pm	Activities Center Open	
9 am	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
	Children's Ministry Leadership Trng	2111

LOCATION ABBREVIATIONS

AC - Activities Center
CB - Moss Children's Ministry Bldg
CH - Crouch Fellowship Hall
MC - Nalley Missions Center
WC - Weekley Chapel

Sympathy is expressed to...

Darlene Powers & family in the death of her stepmother.



Note of Appreciation Received...

Thank you to our church family for all of the love and support following the recent passing of our wife and mother. Your kindness has brought us much comfort during this difficult time and will be remembered always.

Sincerely, Joe Christenbury, Julie and Daryl Smith

DEACON OF THE WEEK - SHERRILL CAPPS

Sherrill Capps is a member of the Deacon Outreach Team and is a member of the Kerygma Sunday School Class. Sherrill and his wife, Mary joined Providence in 1971. They have two children, Kim Schott and Lisa Sheltra who are also members of PBC.




Deacon on Call - Weekends 704.608.7951

Welcome Our Newest Members - Joined August 15

**Karen & Kendall Alley
and sons, Zac and Trent**
1200 Coddington Place
Charlotte, 28211
704.364.2507



Heather C. Johnston
7212 Winery Lane
Charlotte, 28227
704.614.7432



On Record

Sunday, August 15, 2010

Christian Education

Division	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	140	85
Children	101	49
Students	144	50
Adults	886	346
Total	1,271	530
Wednesday Class		Did not meet

Worship Total
(including any outside groups) 673

Christian Stewardship**

Budget Weekly Requirement (August)*	\$23,983
Budget Receipts for 8/15	\$27,880
Year-To-Date Budget Receipts	\$1,440,446
Year-To-Date Budget Requirements	\$1,479,325
Campaign Receipts for 8/15	\$1,490
Campaign To-Date Receipts	\$5,092,634
Balance of indebtedness as of 7/31	\$1,465,791

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

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