



# Connections

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

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## CONNECTING

Wow! Where did summer go?! I have to force myself to stop and accept the fact that summer is done. I really believe this has been the busiest summer of my career and I also know that the constant pace is the reason it seems to go by so fast. This Wednesday evening (August 25th) is the time for our annual Fall Kickoff, which is the symbolic beginning of the new church year. On that night we trade-in the summer routine for the new fall schedule, which has all the makings for a great year.

As we make a fresh start on Wednesdays and Sundays, we also have a really good opportunity to invite friends, colleagues and neighbors to attend with us. Research has proven (and our own experience confirms) that most people visit a church because they have been personally invited by someone. I believe in banners out-front, good websites and high tech contacts for the purpose of connecting with the community. But, nothing will ever have more impact on the growth of our church and nothing will ever influence the growth of the Kingdom more than our personal word and invitation.

Maybe there was a day when we could say, "People know we are here; and, if they want to attend church, they will come on their own." If that was ever true, it was during the time of what is called the "church culture," a time when the culture was friendly to church life and encouraged church participation. But, the "church culture" no longer exists and people have multiple levels of choices as to how they spend their time and energy. People become involved in church not from being pushed by the secular community; but, from encouragement they receive from within the community of the church. In other words, we can have the most expensive website on the market and fly a different banner every day; but, if we do not personally reach out to people, we will not experience the growth that is our potential.

It begins with the recognition that we have a Gospel and a church worth sharing. Once we have claimed that fact, it is as simple as being alert every day for opportunities to invite people and then follow up on that invitation. A new church year is a great time to reach out. There are people around you every day waiting on you to reach out to them. When we fail to do so, church growth is denied and Kingdom growth is negatively impacted. This really is a good time of the year to make a new start in lots of ways.

Grace and peace,

## Facilities Update...

### ***Door Alterations Completed***

After some delays because of the unavailability of parts and contractor's schedule, the modification of three of our primary entrance doors has been completed. The doors affected are: 1) the main/front doors to/from the rotunda; 2) the rotunda doors to/from the breezeway adjacent to the Conference Room, and 3) the single door to/from the breezeway in the 1958-59 building – Randolph Hall. For **REGULAR** worship services opening--**FOR ASSISTANCE OPENING ONLY**: the doors will require engaging an opener plate/device, on either side (inside/outside) of the doors, similar to a hospital access door. For non-assistance opening, the doors will function in the usual manner. During **NON**-worship service times when the doors are locked, the doors are first subject to security access that was installed several months ago; therefore, everyone using these doors must first obtain security access. Following the security release, the Assistance Opening function can be engaged by pushing the opener plate/device. This "assistance opening" process/procedure will require adjustments. Your patience is requested. These modifications will permit all individuals to use these doors with the same ease they would at most other public buildings

### **This Sunday in Worship**

**August 29, 2010**

**8:30am & 11:00am worship services**

Dr. Al Cadenhead, Proclaimer

*"What A Lousy Scoundrel!"*

Luke 16: 1-13

**Women On Mission September Gathering**  
**Tuesday, September 7**

**11:30am, Nalley Missions Center**

All women are invited to a Salad and Sandwich Lunch with guest speaker, George Crouch, who will share about his recent mission trip to Haiti. Come and hear what the NC Baptist Men and the WMU of NC are doing along with what our Women On Mission are doing for the upcoming year. Come join us, bring a friend, and be a part of the beginning of an exciting new year of missions, fellowship and service. A prayer group and Bible study group will meet at 10:15am in the Missions Center.

**Special Collection for September:**

Bags of individually wrapped hard candy for the women's prison ministry. A collection basket will be available in the Fellowship Hall hallway.



**Welcome Our Newest Members**  
**Joined August 22**

**Chet & Jennifer Rabon**

**(with sons, Lane and Bennett)**  
426 Shasta Ln.  
Charlotte, 28211  
704.364.2801



**Jennifer Erwin**

1226 Greylyn Dr.  
Charlotte, 28226  
704.962.7064



**Richard (Rocky) & Susan Cannon**

11615 Sir Francis Drake Dr.  
Charlotte, 28277  
704.246.8000



**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. There are shopping lists of requested items available at the church at the special collection table in the Fellowship Hall hallway. You may drop off your donations there as well.

**Special Needs for Afterschool Program!!**

**We need YOU too!**

Our program needs tutors, bus drivers and substitute tutors. We also are in need for snacks for up to 13 children each tutoring session. 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. 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@providencecbc.org

Contact Beth McConnell for additional information regarding the retreat.

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

**From the Activities Ministry...**

**Parents and Adults!!**

**Youth Sports Coaches Needed!!**

Team Coaches are especially needed for children's fall sports! No experience necessary! Contact Randy to sign up for this very important ministry!

**Children's Fall Sports Registration**

A waiting list is being compiled now for soccer and flag football. Play will begin on Saturday, September 11. Forms are available at the Activities Center and the Rotunda Reception Desk.

**Mary Poppins Tickets Available**

Contact Randy for either September 11 or September 17.

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

## ***From Our Education Ministries...***

***Coming in September & October!!***

### **Wednesday Evening Adult Education Opportunities**

#### **“What the Bible Really Says About...”**

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

#### **September 8, 15, 22, 29**

Sex	Kate Perry
Workplace Ethics	Harry Harden
Marriage & Divorce	Beth McConnell
Consumerism	Tandy McConnell

#### **October 13, 20, 27**

Money	Russell Mansfield
War & Peace	David Jordan
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 someone 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).

### **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.

Parent-Child Dedications  
Sunday, August 22, 2010

*Charles Lane Rabon*  
November 8, 2003  
*Joseph Bennett Rabon*  
November 18, 2009  
Sons of  
Chet & Jennifer  
Rabon & grandsons of  
Charles & Jo Rabon



## ***On The Calendar...***

### **Sunday, August 29..Promotion for Children's SS**

8:15 am	Extended Session	CB
8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Rising 6th Graders Breakfast	1315
9:45 am	Bible Study	All Bldgs
10:45 am	Extended Session	CB
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Youth Info Meeting	CH
2 - 4 pm	Activities Center Open	
5:30 pm	Youth "BE" Gathering	2312/2314
6 pm	Young Professionals	2116

### **Monday, August 30**

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
	Stewardship Cmte	1107
	Technology Ministries Cmte	2111

### **Tuesday, August 31**

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
	Deacon Meeting	2111

### **Wednesday, September 1...Children's Music & Missions Begin**

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

#### **MENU: Spaghetti with choice of sauces, Roasted Vegetables,**

#### **Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Pizza, Dessert, Beverages**

5 pm	Children's Bells	2217
5:45 pm	Children's Choirs	assigned rooms
6 pm	Prayer Gathering	2116
	Young Professionals	
6:30 pm	Youth Activities	Arant Fields
	Missions Education (GAs, Mission Friends, RAs)	
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite
7:30 pm	Missions Cmte	1107
	Pastor's Advisory Cmte	2111

### **Thursday, September 2**

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
	Young Professionals	2116

### **Friday, September 3**

7 am-3 pm	Activities Center Open	
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### **Saturday, September 4**

9 am-2 pm	Activities Center Open	
9 am	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room

#### **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...**

***Carole Allen & family*** in the death of her aunt.

***The family of Edwin Chapman*** in his death.

***Randy Glass & family*** in the death of his grandmother.



**DEACON OF THE WEEK - DONNA EASON**

Donna is a member of the Deacon Outreach Team. She is a active member of the Kerygma Sunday School Class. Donna serves on the Missions and Membership Committees. She tutors with the Rama Road Elementary Afterschool Program, is a member of one of our Bereavement Teams and ushers at our 11:00am worship service. She joined Providence in 2005.




**Deacon on Call - Weekends 704.608.7951**

***Celebrating the births of...***

A daughter, **Charlie Caroline Morgan**, born June 25, to parents Ashley (McDonald) and Kevin Morgan and sister Aubrey. Grandparents are Bill and Linda McDonald.

A son, **Jonathan Carter Cook**, born August 20, to parents Amy and Stephen Cook and brother Benjamin. Grandparents are Hunter and Janis Cook.



# On Record

## Sunday, August 22, 2010

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**Christian Education**

Division	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	137	74
Children	100	57
Students	145	64
Adults	885	380
Total	1,267	575
Wednesday Class		Did not meet

**Worship Total**  
*(including any outside groups) 692*

**Christian Stewardship\*\***

Budget Weekly Requirement (August)*	\$23,983
Budget Receipts for 8/22	\$21,596
Year-To-Date Budget Receipts	\$1,462,042
Year-To-Date Budget Requirements	\$1,506,350
Campaign Receipts for 8/22	\$515
Campaign To-Date Receipts	\$5,093,149
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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