



# Connections

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

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## **Connecting...**

A new year can be viewed in a variety of ways. When we think of the calendar year, January becomes the beginning time. A lot of companies have fiscal years that begin at really strange times, some at the end of spring or the beginning of summer. Yet, September is another time for a new beginning. The school year starts in September. Our church program year makes its beginning in September. Many of us also think of September as a new beginning for our profession since vacation and summer breaks are concluded. So, in many ways September is a new year and a fresh start.

Therefore, Labor Day weekend is more than just the unofficial end of summer. The holiday really provides us with a time to stop and give thought to that dimension of our lives that occupies so much of our time, our labor. Even though the observance of Labor Day is not a sacred holiday, we will be giving some attention to it in worship this Sunday. I will be taking two short scripture passages, one from Joshua and one from Ephesians, that offer insight for the beginning of this new "labor year." My hope is that by attending worship this Sunday, we will be better prepared for this new beginning.

Grace and peace,

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## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

We have completed eight months of our fiscal year. After these eight months, our budget giving for 2010 is -2.0%, IE. We have given 2.0% LESS in 2010 than we did for eight months of 2009. And, in 2010 we have encountered our debt service with the bank for our loan on the building program. When the total loan payment amount is factored in our cash flows, we have (4.8% LESS) for other budgeted items in 2010 as compared to 2009. The costs of many products and services have increased and this impacts our budget status as well. We are grateful for your faithfulness in giving to the ministries and missions of the church, and with your help, hopefully we can improve our cash flow with more budget income and less budget expenditures between now and the end of the year.

- Jim Martin, Church Business Administrator

## **Deacon Recommendations**

The following members have agreed to place their names on the upcoming Deacon Election ballot.

Mel Browning	Paula Jordan
Del Barnhill	Frances King
Harold Eddins	Mike Martin
Peggy Elmore	Mike Motsinger
Rick Farrell	June Nunn
Mike Freeland	Tom Philson
Harry Griffin	Kim Skinner
Charlotte Guthrie	John Spikes
John Hall	Dennis Stallings
Jim Huffstetler	Al Traver
Rita Icard	Craig Wanek
Duane Johnston	Amanda Webb
Ann Long Jones	

Information on each candidate will be forthcoming. There will be a brief business session during worship on Sunday, September 5th and 12th for additional nominations. A sample ballot will be printed in the September 21st **Connections** with Deacon Election to be held during both worship services on Sunday, October 3rd. Absentee ballots and voting information will be available as well.

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## **ESL Classes coming to PBC**

If you think you could help as a tutor for our ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes or as a van driver, contact Beth McConnell. The goal is to begin October 6 with training for tutors on September 26 & 29.

### **This Sunday in Worship**

**September 5, 2010**

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

Dr. Al Cadenhead, Proclaimer

*"Labor Day Obstacles & Opportunities"*

Joshua 3: 14-17

## 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.



## PBC Annual Women's Retreat

October 1-3, Kanuga Conference Center

Join women of Providence as we journey to the mountains for a weekend of relaxation, laughter, and reflection.

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

**(\*\*Cost includes housing and 5 meals)**

Please register with Beverly Tucker (btucker@providencebc.org) or 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!

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

## Breakfast Items for Crisis Assistance

### Ministry - Tuesday, September 7

Our next collection date for breakfast items is Tuesday, September 7. Bring all items to the Fellowship Hall hallway. Perishable items (individually wrapped) need to be delivered that day before 2:30pm. All other items (cereal bars, crackers, juice boxes - individually wrapped) can be brought before or on that day by 2:30pm.

## Special Needs for Afterschool Program!!

### We need YOU!

Our program with Rama Road Elementary 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.



## Pictorial Directory Information

Everyone wants a Church Pictorial Directory, and your cooperation is necessary in order to have one, **completely** published. Our latest Church Pictorial Directory is in the making this Fall. The actual pictures will be available BEFORE the holidays. The Directory will be available after January 1. Pictures will be made this **Fall** at the church on September 21 – 25 and September 28 – October 2. You can sign up in the Rotunda on Wednesdays - September 1, 8, 15 and Sundays - September 5, 12, and 19 for your photography appointment later in September. The publisher, Life Touch Directories has extensive experience with church pictorial directories through a merger with several companies. Life-Touch has been recommended and used by other churches in our area. Every church family is encouraged to have a picture taken for the directory because we have significant requests for the directories throughout the years. The completed

directory can be "online" and available to those who have a picture in the publication. More information will continue to be printed in **Connections**.



## Primetimers is BACK!!

Make your reservations now to join us Thursday, September 16th for the beginning of Primetimers for the new year schedule! Back by popular demand, The Desperate Preachers, will be our musical guests. Cost is \$6/person and the program and meal will begin at noon in the Crouch Fellowship Hall. Call by Monday, September 13!! All are invited to attend!! **704.366.4030 x211**

## Senior Adult Choir

Senior Adult Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 9 at 9:30am in the Music Suite. Led by Linda McConnell, this group sings monthly at area retirement centers and other occasions, including worship. All seniors are invited to join us!!!

## From Our Education Ministries...

**Coming in September & October!!**

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

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

Living Christian ethical lives is a challenge. We must do the work of asking the hard questions, so that our actions reflect positively the Spirit of Christ. That’s our job as Christians. You are invited to do some of that hard work during these seminars. Each presenter is going to provide you with Christian direction regarding these topics. Take the information home and reflect upon it, discuss it with your Sunday School class, use it for future reference. Don’t be fooled into believing that these issues aren’t complex or that they don’t impact your life. We face these issues every day. Prepare yourself to reflect the Spirit of Christ.

#### **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!***

### **H.O.M.E.**

A new option for young parents is coming to Wednesday nights. Hands On Mission Experience (HOME) will provide people with a mission opportunity right here at PBC. We will organize projects each week that will take only a few minutes to complete. Those interested do not have to stay the whole hour but the format allows for drop in as well....It will also be a time of fellowship and an opportunity to offer ideas of your own for future projects. Join us this month in Art With Heart, a children’s art project where we will be donating our children’s art to shut-ins, nursing home and hospital patients and those who just need a pick-me-up.



***Please contact Jane Noonan at***

***jnoonan@carolina.rr.com or Holly Christian at holly\_christian@gensler.com for more information.***

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

### **Sunday, September 5**

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
2 - 4 pm	Activities Center Open	
6 pm	Young Professionals	2116

### **Monday, September 6...Labor Day**

Activities Center, Child Development Center & Church Office CLOSED

### **Tuesday, September 7**

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
	Memorial Garden Cmte	1107

### **Wednesday, September 8**

7 am-5 pm, 7:15-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
9 am	Canasta Group	1311
9:30 am	Yoga/Pilates	Aerobics Room
4:30 pm	Fellowship Dinner	CH

### **MENU: Roast Pork Loin, Squash Casserole, Steamed Broccoli 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 Mission Projects	2312
	H.O.M.E.	2111
	What the Bible Really Says About	CH
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite
	Personnel Cmte	1107

### **Thursday, September 9**

6:30 am	Men’s Bible Study	1315
7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
8:45 am	Cardio Fit	Aerobics Room
9:30 am	MOMs Group at Park	off-campus
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
	Young Professionals	2116

### **Friday, September 10**

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
7 pm	Skate Night (\$1/person)	Gym

### **Saturday, September 11**

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

## **Church Holiday Schedule**

The Activities Center, Child Development Center and Church Office will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. The Activities Center will reopen with a regular schedule (M, Tu, Th, Fr 7am-9pm; W 7am-5pm, 7:15-9pm; Sa 9am-2pm; Su 2-4pm). Skate Nights (Fridays 7-9pm) will resume September 10.

**DEACON OF THE WEEK - WARD MULLIS**

Ward is a member of the Deacons Strategic Worship Team, teaches in The Agape Sunday School Class on a rotating basis, and serves as a member of the Denominational Relations Committee. Ward and Linda joined Providence in April of 2005. He is in commercial real estate.



**Deacon on Call - Weekends 704.608.7951**

**Sympathy is expressed to...**

**Clarence Adams & family** in the death of his sister.

**Jeff Hinson & family** in the death of his uncle.

**The family of Jean Holland** in her death.

**Betty Owens & family** in the death of her niece.



**Celebrating the birth of...**

A daughter, **Mary Anna Blake Wallace**, born August 27, to parents Sarah and McCrea Wallace. Grandparents are Cam & Debra Wallace.

**On Record**  
*Sunday, August 29, 2010*

**Christian Education**

Division	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	120	80
Children	104	81
Students	158	88
Adults	881	384
Total	1,263	633
Wednesday Class		Did not meet

**Worship Total**

*(including any outside groups) 722*

**Christian Stewardship\*\***

Budget Weekly Requirement (August)*	\$23,983
Budget Receipts for 8/29	\$23,773
Year-To-Date Budget Receipts	\$1,485,814
Year-To-Date Budget Requirements	\$1,533,375
Campaign Receipts for 8/29	\$966
Campaign To-Date Receipts	\$5,094,115
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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