



Connections

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

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Connecting...

On several occasions I have written in **Connections** about the work that our Deacons are doing this year in reviewing our internal structure as a church. So, if you read those past articles I have written, this is just an update. As you may remember, in 2009 I requested our Deacons to be a partner in preparing a new strategic plan for our church. The plan that resulted was aggressive and well done, and, out of that plan, a number of changes have already been embraced in the life of our church. Our new worship routine is one product of that plan.

Another result of that new strategic plan was the recommendation that we look carefully at our internal structure and determine ways that we might make our church more efficient and effective in carrying out our mission of "Connecting People With God Through Christ." I have often said from the pulpit that the institutional needs of the church should never be the end toward which we move. At the same time, the institutional and organizational needs should be seen as a vehicle for our ministry in Christ's name. Therefore, I have encouraged our Deacons to place it all on the table and determine ways that we can improve our church communication process, streamline our decision making process, clarify our organizations within the church and make our delivery of ministry more capable of functioning in a new era.

One way of improving our efficiency is to review our committee structure. Are there some committees who no longer need to function? Are there some committees who would do better as a team rather than a committee? Are there committees that need to be combined? What about the Deacons themselves? Can we clarify the role of the Deacons in our church and make better use of the enormous talent that is resident in that group? Is this a good time for the WMU to clarify its role in a changing missions environment? Is there a way of bringing the leadership of these groups together in a coordinating council that would greatly increase our communication process and make us more effective?

All of these changes are being considered, but let me assure you that we are not interested in change just for the sake of change. I have no need whatsoever to "upset the apple cart" just for the sake of making change. I want us to be better, stronger and more capable of responding to the call of God in this community as a result of whatever we do. I promise

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Primetimers is BACK!!

**Thursday, September 16th
12 Noon**

Make your reservations now to join us Thursday, September 16th for the beginning of Primetimers for the new year schedule! Back by popular demand, our Senior Adult Committee presents The Desperate Preachers, who 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 13th for your reservation!! All are invited to attend!!

704.366.4030 x211



Deacon Election - October 3rd

There will be a brief business session during worship on Sunday, September 12th for additional nominations. Detailed information about each candidate will be published in the September 13th **Connections**. 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.

This Sunday in Worship

September 12, 2010

8:30am worship service

Rev. Kate Perry, Proclaimer

"It's Hard to Believe"

11am worship service

Dr. David Jordan, Proclaimer


"From Fear to Faith"

Genesis 3: 1-11

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you that I fully understand that change is never easy. In fact, the easiest thing for me personally as Pastor would be to let all these issues slide and wait for another time to address them. But, I believe now is the time and we will be better because of our hard work.

The most important thing we must keep in mind is that we cannot just launch out into the future only because it seems like a good thing to do. We must remember to seek God's direction in every step we take. God placed Providence on this corner over 55 years ago because God had a plan for the future and God is still just as interested and involved today as when there was one simple building and a group of people with huge dreams. How do we sense the Lord leading in these current times? Our desire to be effective ministers in this community is exceeded only by God's plan and desire. God is no less involved than in those early days; so, we must constantly seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit as we make these needed changes. I ask for your prayers and I also offer my gratitude that we are healthy enough as a church to entertain these tough questions in a peaceful and mature environment. I promise you that I do not take this trust level for granted. So, keep praying, keep expecting and keep being open to the future.

Grace and peace, 

Family Promise - Update

We are pleased to report another successful week for Family Promise. Last week our church members cared for 4 families that lived in our Missions Center. This could not happen without the love and support of our church members. We had over 50 volunteers donate food and their time to help out these families. Thank you so much to all of you who helped make this week a huge success!

If you are interested in helping with this wonderful ministry in the future, please contact Bill Fairley @ 704-989-4304 or Haveagreatday4@aol.com.

An Invitation...

The Board of Directors, Officers & Volunteers of the Metropolitan Music Ministries cordially invites you to their 25th Annual Celebration of Music in Worship, Sunday, September 26th at 6pm, in our Church Sanctuary. The evening will feature choirs and ensembles from around our area, including our own Adult Ensemble. A brief reception will follow at the end of the service. All are invited to attend.



Celebrating Grace Hymnal Dedication Service

Friday

September 17th

7pm, Sanctuary

Please join us for this historic occasion as we introduce and dedicate our new **Celebrating Grace Church Hymnals**. This service, featuring multiple

choirs, soloists and

orchestra will be full of beautiful music, new and old. You will definitely want to be a part of this meaningful Worship Service. Childcare is available through reservation only.

(Sherri Dickens - 704.366.4030x138)



2010-11 Pictorial Directory Information

Your cooperation is essential in order for us to have a complete Church Pictorial Directory. Throughout the years, this is a highly requested item, and the quantity we receive is based on the number of family photographs included. Our latest Church



Pictorial Directory is in the making this Fall. The actual pictures will be available BEFORE the holidays. The printed 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 8, 15 and Sundays, September 12, and 19 for your photography appointment later in September. OR you can “sign-up” ONLINE by going to the front page of our web-site: (www.providencebc.org) and “click” on the hyper-link provided. You should sign-up only one time, either in person OR online.

PBC Annual Women's Retreat

October 1-3, Kanuga Conference Center

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.

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. Plan to attend all of these information sessions!

September 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 October 6. We will also have opportunities for hands-on mission projects and the Wednesday Sunday School Class resumes meeting at 6:15pm in Room 2132.

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.

LOCATION ABBREVIATIONS (FOR CALENDAR - RIGHT)

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

On The Calendar...

Sunday, September 12

8:15 am	Extended Session	CB
8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Bible Study	
10 am	Parent Seminar	TBD
	"Think" Small Group Bible Study	2312
10:45 am	Extended Session	CB
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
2 - 4 pm	Activities Center Open	
4 pm	Romans Bible Study	MC
	Jesus in the Gospels	MC
	High School Choir	2306
5 pm	Genesis Bible Study	MC
	"Be" Youth Gathering	2312
6 pm	Middle School Choir	Music Suite
	Young Professionals	2116

Monday, September 13

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
9 am	Yoga	Aerobics Room
10:30 am	Genesis Bible Study	MC
4 pm	Soccer & Flag Football	Arant Fields
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
7 pm	Buildings & Grounds Cmte	1107
	Stewardship Cmte	2111

Tuesday, September 14

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
8:45 am	Cardio Fit	Aerobics Room
9:45 am	Ministry Team Meeting	1107
2 pm	Bridge Group	Craftroom
4 pm	Soccer & Flag Football	Arant Fields
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
	Youth Cmte	2312
7 pm	Yoga	Aerobics Room
	Nominating Cmte	1107

Wednesday, September 15

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: BBQ Meatloaf, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans Salad Bar, Pizza, Dessert, Beverages

5 pm	Children's Bells	2217
5:30 pm	"Do" Youth Mission Teams	off-campus
5:45 pm	Children's Choirs	assigned rooms
6 pm	Prayer Gathering	2115
	Young Professionals	
6:15 pm	Wednesday SS Class	2132
6:30 pm	Youth Mission Projects	2312
	H.O.M.E.	2111
	What the Bible Really Says About	
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Music Suite
	Weekday Education Cmte	1409 CB

Thursday, September 16

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	2111
	Senior Adult Choir	Music Suite
12 pm	Primetimers	CH
4 pm	Soccer & Flag Football	Arant Fields
6 pm	Jazzercise	Aerobics Room
	Young Professionals	2116

Friday, September 17

7 am-9 pm	Activities Center Open	
4 pm	Soccer & Flag Football	Arant Fields
7 pm	Skate Night (\$1/person)	Gym

Saturday, September 18

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

DEACON OF THE WEEK -

KERRY HOFFMAN

Kerry is an Extended Session volunteer. He and his wife, Alison, joined Providence in 2002. They have two children, Hayley and Josie.




Deacon on Call - Weekends 704.608.7951

Celebrating the birth of...

A son, ***Andrew Michael Smith***, born September 3, to parents Samantha and Andy Smith, and sister Madison. Andy is our Minister with Youth and Their Families.

A Note Of Appreciation..

Providence Baptist Church & Staff, Thank you so much for all the support and thoughts during the illness and death of our loved one, Vickie Poindexter (Kay Nussman's sister). We greatly appreciate it. *Howard Poindexter & daughter, Mandy Gragg*



On Record

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Christian Education

Division	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	121	57
Children	110	47
Students	159	63
Adults	877	306
Total	1,267	473
Wednesday Class		Did not meet

Worship Total

(including any outside groups) 598

Christian Stewardship**

Budget Weekly Requirement (September)*	\$28,676
Budget Receipts for 9/05	\$38,258
Year-To-Date Budget Receipts	\$1,524,072
Year-To-Date Budget Requirements	\$1,565,688
Campaign Receipts for 9/05	\$745
Campaign To-Date Receipts	\$5,094,860
Balance of indebtedness as of 8/31	\$1,459,393

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

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