



Opportunities for Service March 2009

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1 Miranda Marquand	20 Adam Vanzant
3 Michael Branagan	26 Patsy Ward
8 Bailey Marquand	28 Trummer Baker
10 Olivia Burton – 98 yrs!	31 Providence - 24 yrs!

Happy Anniversary!

March 19 Horace & Dot Long – 60 years!
 March 29 Gustavo & Lynn Lopez – 1 year!

Ushers

1 Jim Davignon	Danny Vanzant
8 Jim Davignon	Rick Hoover
15 Jim Davignon	John Currence
22 Jim Davignon	Bob Bassett
29 Jim Davignon	Ron France

Children's Church

1 Jackie France
8 Karen Branagan
15 Trummer Baker
22 Lyle Branagan
29 Wes Marquand

Nursery Volunteer (if needed)

1 Erin France
8 Ashley Demers
15 Michelle Marquand
22 Julia Davignon
29 Marnita Causby

Acolytes

1 Sydney Marquand
8 Bryson Bassett
15 Aaron Conley
22 Sydney Marquand
29 Bryson Bassett



Stewardship Report

JANUARY 2009

	Year-to-date Jan. 09	Actual	Budget
INCOME:			
Tithes & Offerings	\$14,394	\$14,394	\$12,000
EXPENSES:			
Benevolent Gifts	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,300
Ministry & Worship	5,207	5,207	6,892
Christian Education	51	51	275
Office & Administration	817	817	758
Building & Grounds	2,596	2,596	2,750
Fellowship	0	0	100
TOTAL	\$ 9,871	\$ 9,871	\$12,075



March 8th
 Hostesses: Carol Shrum
 Trummer Baker

Community Outreach Emphasis

As an outreach to the community, we are giving an open invitation to the community to join us for worship service on **March 8th** followed by fellowship lunch. This will be posted on the sign. The outreach committee asks that if you can, bring an extra dish, and/or a larger portion, to our lunch on this day so we can be sure we have enough for our visitors.



Dinners Needed

The Women's Shelter is in need of meals. If you are able to help out with a meal on one of the dates listed below, contact **Carol Shrum** by email at SBOUQUET@aol.com or at her home number, 704-862-9966. The number of

residents change daily, so when it gets close to the day you choose, call Carol and find out the actual people that are there that day. It is requested that you bring everything in disposable containers. When the shelter is full, there are 25 people. Ask a friend to go in on a meal with you! This is a great Outreach opportunity!

Also, remember, when you are cleaning out your closets, they are always in need of seasonal clothing of all sizes for women and all age children. They will provide you with a donation slip for your taxes.

March: 5, 6, 20, 23, 30, 31

April: 1, 8, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30

May: 6, 7, 13, 19, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28

June: 3, 10, 16, 17, 19, 22, 24, 29, 30

Thank you from all of us!

Dear Women of the Church,
Thank you for the box of sweets. Me and my roommates enjoyed it.
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. I'll be back home soon.

Rick
(a.k.a.Ricky)

Providence Women,
Thank you so much for all the Valentine's goodies you sent!! They were delicious and were greatly appreciated. It means a lot that you thought of us at school and took the time to bake and prepare some snacks for us all. Thank you for all that you do for the church and for remembering us at school!

Love, Rebekah

I would like to thank the Women of the Church for the card and box of treats!

Richard Jonas

Thank you so much for all the treats! They were delicious and made my hall mates jealous!

Ryan Bassett

As always, it is just really nice to be reminded of the wonderful church family we have at home and how they care for us. The Valentine's Day package was a great reminder and a lovely treat! Thank you so much for your time, effort, and thoughtfulness in putting it together and know that it means a lot!

Love, Allyson

Dear Women of the Church,
Thanks for the wonderful box of cookies, brownies and candies. They were delicious. It means a lot to be reminded about all the people that care about me back home.

Thanks,
Michael Branagan

To the Wonderful Ladies of the Church,
Thank you so much for my goody box!! Those goodies have helped me through a lot of late nights!!!

God Bless!
Josh

Thank you so much for the goodies. I was so surprised when I got my box! Thanks for remembering me.

Edward Weigel

Thank you for the awesome cookies and brownies. I shared them with my friends and we enjoyed the wonderful treats.

Katie Boyd



Jewels for Jesus welcomes Susan Henry as a new choir member! Great to have you Susan!

Welcome Linda England as our newest adult choir member! The altos are very thankful you joined and the rest of the choir too!



Welcome to the choir!



The following new members officially joined our Providence family on February 8, 2009. Welcome!

JD Elmore (Jerry Dean Elmore, Jr.) JD comes to Providence by affirmation of faith. He was introduced to Providence through Pat Lucy when they worked together at Winn-Dixie. Thank you Pat!

“I was born right here in Gastonia, NC 27 years ago. I transferred from ‘my very own’ – God’s Independent Follower Church (I made that one up!) I have been employed by Gaston Memorial Hospital for the last 3½ years working as a transporter. As I wheel the patients to the different departments of the hospital, I take the opportunity to share the gospel.” (JD is well liked by his co-workers and many people throughout the hospital know JD by his charming personality.) “I have taken courses at Gaston College, Belmont Abbey and CPCC for nursing. At this time, I am not taking classes. In my spare time I enjoy reading, working out, playing basketball, networking, day dreaming, staring off into space and just plain goofing around. Monthly I donate my healthy blood platelets through the Red Cross. With my change in work hours, I hope to be able to worship with you more Sundays!”

Rosa Santelli – Rosa comes to Providence by transfer from Kings Mountain Chapel United Methodist Church where she has been a member for almost 25 years. Rosa started coming to Providence with her sister, Linda England and has felt welcome and loved here.

“Some of you may not know that I am a mother of 7 daughters! My youngest is 47 and my oldest is 62 years old. I have 21 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. I am very blessed! I have grown up in Gastonia and also lived in Clover and York, SC. I retired from Parkdale Mills after 27 years and worked for Winn Dixie for the next 10 years. I watch a lot of TV and I love to spend time working in my garden. I start each day with devotions and quiet time with the Lord praying for all my children, family and friends. That can take a while

sometimes! I will be 80 years old in October. Thank you for welcoming me to the Providence family. Continue to pray for me!”

Allen & Carol Shrum come to Providence by transfer from Pisgah ARP Church. Trummer Baker invited them to come worship with us about a year ago. Thank you Trummer!

Allen – “Recently losing my job won’t mean I don’t have anything to do. My wife keeps me busy working very hard at the Gastonia Farmers Market and with Spring coming we will have plenty to do. In my spare time I enjoy trout fishing, BBQing, listening to bluegrass music and am a member of Shriners. I have a 28 year old daughter named Anna that lives in Bessemer City.”

Carol – “I am a manager at the Gastonia Farmers Market and serve on the GC Farmers Market City Advisory Board and Conover Farmers Market Board. I also serve as a board member on The Shelter of Gaston County where I do a lot of volunteering along with The Gaston Place Assisted Living Community. When I am not doing any of the above, I am a care giver for a 94 year old woman part-time. In my spare time I study nationwide Farmers Markets, enjoy scrapbooking, sewing, painting, baking, collecting cookbooks, china, quilts, vintage photos and buttons. I enjoy family time and weekend trips to the NC and VA mountains. Servicing of the Blind provided for me to get an education at Hixson School of Design in Cleveland, OH. Hixson is a floral design school. I graduated top of my class. I was once blind but healed by the spirit! I have two children, Wesley Boyd, 23, who lives in Asheville, NC and Katie Boyd, 21 who attends Western Carolina. Thank you for welcoming us into your family at Providence!”

Katie Lynn Boyd – Katie comes to Providence by affirmation of faith.

“I am 21 years old and professed my faith at the age of 5. I am a senior at Western Carolina majoring in Criminal Justice in which I will graduate in December of this year. I am involved with Campus Rock (a non-denomination Christian organization) and I do volunteer work for my Criminal Justice classes and took part in Alcohol Awareness Week. This summer I plan to travel to Italy, Greece and Spain. I am very excited! I was active in Girl Scouts growing up and

earned the Gold Award. I am also a FBLA member and award winner. In my spare time I like to watch movies, listen to music, and hang out with my friends that live on my hall, and enjoy spending time with my boyfriend as well. When I am home in the summer I help Mom and my grandparents at the Farmers Market and also do a lot of volunteer work at Gaston Place and The Women’s Shelter of Gaston County.”

Ryan joined Providence on February 22, 2009.

Ryan Branagan – Ryan came to Providence at just 1 year old, he has grown up here, and has he grown! Turning 14 in May and standing 5’10” tall!

“I am in the 8th grade at Cramerton Middle School. My favorite subject is Math. In the Fall I play for Cramerton soccer team, and all year I play for Gaston United Soccer Club, I really enjoy playing soccer. I am very involved in Boy Scouts and have achieved Life Scout. When I am not doing homework, chores, or soccer, I enjoy all kinds of video games.”



Children's Church Volunteers

Thank you to the Challengers Youth Group that prepared our Children's Church weekly folders with Pat Lucy and Tammy Bassett. The Christian Education committee has chosen the David C. Cook *Adventure Trails That Lead to Jesus* for our children's church program. All volunteers have been assigned through May 2009 and are posted on the bulletin board outside the nursery. Sunday school teachers have not been assigned but are welcome to volunteer as a substitute. Sunday, prior to your week, select the folder with the lesson assigned. Everything is in that folder for the craft and lesson. You are free to alter the craft or add to the lesson in your own creative way. Please take the time to prepare your lesson during the week so the children will receive a full understanding of the lesson. If you are unable to do the week assigned, it is your responsibility (well in advance) to find a substitute and change it on the list on the bulletin board so it will be accurate for the bulletin and newsletter. All markers, crayons, scissors, glue, and construction paper are in the classroom. Thank you in advance for your participation in this all important ministry to the children of Providence.

Bob Bassett
Committee Chairman

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March 14, 2008
Spring Fling Open House
Erskine College - Due West, SC

Open to all high school students. Visit Erskine, tour campus, meet with professors. Contact Erskine College for more information at www.Erskine.edu or 864-379-2131.



Congratulations!
Horace & Dot Long
married March 19, 1949

Over 60 years ago, Dot fell in love with her paper boy, Horace Long! They were neighbors and worked at the local grocery store together. When Horace was serving in the U.S. Army, Dot would write him letters and he would write her back. One letter Horace wrote that he was ready to come home, settle down, and get married. Dot responded to him by asking, "Who are you planning to marry?" Horace responded with "We'll have to see, maybe you!" (Just a little hint there!) Horace served in the military for 40+ years!

On March 19, 1949 Dorothy Crisp married Horace Long at East Baptist Church in Gastonia and are still in love after all these years together! East Baptist sits along side the railroad tracks. When planning their wedding, they were sure to schedule the ceremony in between times that the train came through so they wouldn't have the horn blowing as it passed by! Marriage is a lot of hard work and you will face many trials together. Their recipe for marriage is:

- 1) Christ as the center of the relationship
- 2) A lot of patience
- 3) A lot of love and caring
- 4) Forgiveness
- 5) Both must work at it!

Congratulations to Horace and Dot on your 60 years together! You both are a wonderful example to all of us in our marriages and sharing the love of Christ with others. We all love you and may you have many more years together!