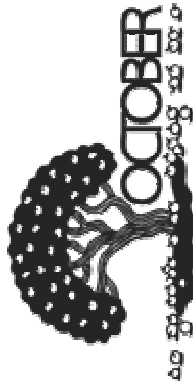


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**We have a new web site!
Check it out!**

www.providencegastonia.org

A calendar of events with times listed, announcements of upcoming services and events, copies of weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters, prayer page to enter prayer requests, ministries we support at Providence and lots of pictures!

**Fall Classes have begun! Join in!
Classes for ALL ages! See inside
for details!**



Many are in need in our community, where can you help? Monetary donations? Food donations? An hour of your time? Prepare a meal? This month we are reaching out to The Women's Shelter of Gaston County and Habitat for Humanity. This is a great opportunity to share our love in the community. Inside you will find a SIGN UP article from our Outreach Chairman, Rick Hoover and also ways you can help the Women's Shelter. Turn the page! YOU can make a difference!

A Message from Pastor Gilbert . . .

“A fallen tree will never become a house.” I read this quote recently and it struck me both how true it is and how the principle applies across the breadth of life. Of course one could argue that a fallen tree can be redeemed and made into any number of things: lumber for a house, post for a fence, furniture, pallets, etc. But I think the point is that a fallen tree, cut off from its life source, will never become anything other than a fallen tree unless someone comes along to redeem it. Though dependent on many factors, a fallen tree, sooner or later, disappears and its usefulness is lost for most practical purposes. The principle underlying that event is true for so much of life on earth. Here are some other examples:

- Time wasted is gone forever.
- Money foolishly spent will never gain in value.
- Food not eaten will never give energy to the body.
- Cars not driven will get you nowhere.
- Love not given away is not love.

In each case there is the possibility of usefulness, but only if someone comes along to make it so. That’s where we come in! God has given us the ability to make use of every good gift He has given us. We can redeem time that would otherwise be lost: next time you go to the doctor, take along a good book to read as you wait rather than leafing through the advertisement catalogs (we call them magazines) that festoon most waiting rooms. We can redeem money that would otherwise be spent foolishly: begin with a budget. We can redeem cars that are never driven: give them to a mission agency. And so it goes!

God has given instruction on how to make use of every good gift He has given us – it’s in the Bible. Here are some examples:

- “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15 & 16
- “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34 & 35

- “Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.” Matthew 25:27
- “And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” Matthew 7:26 & 27 (Figure out the principle)

Now, how will you make use of every good gift that God has given you? Let me encourage you to read God’s Word and discover there a treasure trove of instructions on how to live your life as God intended. Who else knows better how this life works than the One Who made it?

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Fall Sunday School classes have begun!

Adults

Study of the book of Acts
led by Danny Vanzant

High School Youth

Be Intolerant by Ryan Dobson
led by Melissa Weigel & Lyle Branagan

Youth (6th – 8th grade)

Every Teenagers Little Black Book by Blaine Bartel
led by Pat Lucy, followed by a Study of Daniel
led by Robin Rowell

Elementary

Character in Christ with Sniffer the dog and Inspector Ike!
led by Jackie France & Tammy Bassett


A Special
THANK YOU


Thank you for the meals, calls, and most of all the prayers during my recent surgery. Continue to pray for me as I am recovering.

Love,
Gary & Linda England

Thank you for the wonderful dinner for our family when we returned home from Hunter's surgery. There was enough to share with Mom and Dad too; she was tired from traveling with us. Thank you Robin for the wonderful brownies!

Love,
Julia, Jim & Hunter



October 2008

5 Denton McCorkle	15 Spike Bradshaw	18 Dalton McCorkle
7 Julia Davignon	17 Aliyah Ward	28 Danny Vanzant
12 Emma Hoover	17 Rosa Santelli	30 Jackie France

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!

October 15 Jim & Julia Davignon - 3 years



AUGUST 2008

	<u>August 08</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME:			
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 7,076	\$98,370	\$93,067
EXPENSES:			
Benevolent Gifts	\$ 1,217	\$ 8,713	\$ 9,333
Ministry & Worship	6,427	52,766	54,700
Christian Education	183	2,060	2,167
Office & Administration	615	5,373	6,267
Building & Grounds	1,785	19,084	20,400
Fellowship	74	490	800
TOTAL	\$10,301	\$88,486	\$93,667

Opportunities for Service October 2008

Ushers

5 Rick Hoover	David Ward
12 Rick Hoover	Jim Davignon
19 Rick Hoover	Ron France
26 Rick Hoover	Tammy Bassett

Children's Church

5 Julie Davignon
12 Tammy Bassett
19 Lynn Lopez
26 Michelle Marquand

Nursery Volunteer (if needed)

5 Karen Branagan
12 Evelyn Leigh
19 Erin France
26 Lynn Lopez

Acolytes

5 Miranda Marquand
12 Sean Demers
19 Sydney Marquand
26 Bryson Bassett



October 12th

Hosts: **Pat Lucy**
Jackie France

LET'S GO TO BONCLARKEN!

ATTENTION SENIORS!

“THE BEST IS YET TO COME”

BONSENIOR 2008

OCTOBER 20-24, 2008

“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead...”

Philippians 3:13-14

For registration information, please see brochure on bulletin board or call the Bonclarken office at 828-692-2223.

CALLING ALL LADIES!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 24-25, 2008

“A WALK TO REMEMBER:

LIVING AND LEAVING A LEGACY”

If you haven't made your early reservation and would like to go, please call the Bonclarken office at 828-692-2223.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH!

1ST & 2ND PRESBYTERY

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2008

\$80 for Bonclarken facilities, \$60 for private housing

\$25 non-refundable deposit due ASAP

See Ron & Jackie France

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Angel Food Ministries

If you are interested in placing an order this month, your order must be completed by Sunday, October 12th. Make checks payable to Ridge Baptist Church. Pick-up date is Friday, October 24th, 4-6pm. Get your order form downstairs by the bulletin board. If you have any questions, see Betty Holt or Emma Hoover.

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Evelyn Leigh
Gary & Linda England

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Betty has moved to her own place! Praise God for healing her well enough to move! She loves visitors! (located behind the Salvation Army)

Betty D. Holt, Apt. #226
Catherine Booth Apts
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704-671-2734 (new phone)



It is that time again when we begin our budget process for the new year. The following dates can be used as a guideline, they are tentative; regular monthly meetings have not yet been set for November. Please get your committees together to discuss your budget if you have not already done so. Also, be sure to mark the date on the secretary's calendar in her office so they can be listed in the weekly bulletin.

- October 19** Deadline for all Committees to have budget requests completed
- November 16** Diaconate considers/approves budget (monthly Diaconate meeting)
- November 17** Session considers/approved budget (monthly Session meeting)
- November 19** Mail budget and budget letter to the congregation

Attention Committee Chairmen:

Review your 2008 budget and submit any proposed changes for 2009 to Evelyn Leigh ASAP prior to Oct. 19th.

Officer Election/Installation

- October 12** Announce Election Process
- November 2** Provide Sample Ballot for Election of two Deacons and a Treasurer
- November 9** Election of two Deacons and a Treasurer
- November 30** Annual Congregation Meeting and 2009 Budget Approval
- December 14** Ordination/Installation of Officers

There are no Elders rotating off this year, so there will be no election held for Elders. Please be in prayer for our election process.

SIGN UP

Providence will be assisting GAP (Greater Area Presbyterian Churches) in their **3rd Habitat for Humanity Build on November 1, 2008**. Through the Outreach Committee, we have committed to providing food for a work day. The Outreach Committee will provide breakfast by purchasing doughnuts, coffee, juice and milk. Donations are needed to make bagged lunches. Items needed include: bread, ham, turkey, sliced cheese, individual bags of chips, canned drinks and bottled water, and desserts (cookies or brownies). Also needed are a few people who can serve breakfast and/or lunch on site and those to prepare the bagged lunches at the church.

The last two houses built by Habitat, Providence has participated in the work days as well as providing lunch. This year we did not sign up for a specific day for helping with the build. They can always use the help if you have a few extra hours on any Saturday through November 7th.

Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex along with building plans for each day and a map to the location. Please sign up to help any way you can.

Rick Hoover

Outreach Committee Chairman

