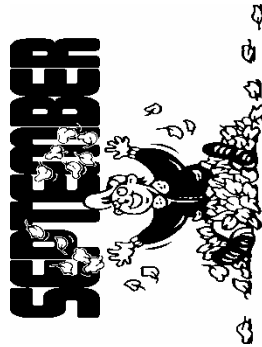


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**We have a new web site! See details inside!
Check it out! www.providencegastonia.org**



**Classes for all ages! Fall classes begin on
September 7th at 9:30 am!**

**Crisis Pregnancy Center
Walk For Life
September 5, 2008
Gaston Christian School in Lowell
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm**



New Additions

Jennifer Barker (friend of Jim Davignon) recently diagnosed with 2 brain tumors
Bridgett (friend of the Shrums) results from a mammogram requires more testing
Mark Brown (husband of Melissa Weigel's cousin) battling with depression due to the loss of his wife that died tragically in July, also has two young children
Marnita Causby* - diagnosed with gestational diabetes
Christians of Orissa, India and **The Family of Rev. Brown Naik**
Our College Students – pray for them as they head back to school!
Election of Godly Leaders
Gary England* - having surgery on September 10th
Jimmy Griggs (husband of Tammy's friend) home recovering from kidney surgery
Alyssa Hause (Karen's niece) difficulty adjusting to college, pray for health also
Betty Holt* – recovering from back surgery, pray for nerves to heal, a lot of pain
Karen (friend of the Shrums) loss of her father and having to move
Hunter Maier – having surgery on his arm on September 9th
Family of Steve Nivens (friend of the Reavis') passed away last week
Mary Ellen Rapalee (friend of Betty Holt) cancer is spreading rapidly
Allen Shrum – loss of job
Pat Walters (Jackie France's aunt) lung cancer, 78 yrs old, cancer is growing more rapidly and receiving chemo

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Jenny Bardsley (friend of the France's) lung cancer
Helen Boyd (Carol Shrum's mom) physical healing
Todd & Marnita Causby* - loss of Todd's job and a healthy pregnancy for Marnita
Doris Clendening & Wayne Eubanks (niece/nephew of Faye Thomas) both diagnosed with colon cancer
Travis Clouser (Bob Lucy's grandson) and **Jason** (Linda England's nephew) and **Billy Raeburn** (husband of Rick Hoover's cousin) **& all the Troops:** pray for their safety while serving in Iraq
Friends of Trummer Baker* - pray for couples marriage
Chris Guin (son of Ron's co-worker) 22 yrs., in rehab, memory is improving
Sallie Hendrick (friend of Karen Branagan) diagnosed with a tumor
Barbara Hite (co-worker of Gary England) kidney problems
Amanda Horne (Emma Hoover's aunt) on waiting list for a kidney transplant
Rick & Emma Hoover* - loss of Emma's job
Alexa Ingalsbe (granddaughter of Ron's friend) 2 yrs old, Gaucher Disease
Jonette Lambeck (co-worker of Karen Branagan) inoperable brain tumor
Cora Lee (Rick Hoover's sister) needs to stabilize blood pressure to have surgery to remove cyst from her stomach
Dot Long* - physical healing and strength
Kay Mann (Lin Reavis' sister) loss of job, finances

Prayer Requests continued

Michelle Marquand*- healing in shoulder
Family of Howard Mastropiero (friend of the Branagans) died of a heart attack on July 15th, pray for wife, Cindy, and 3 daughters
Isabelle Murkus (Rick Hoover's aunt) lung cancer
George Ott II (Emma Hoover's brother) Christian discipling – new Christian
Ruth Quinn (Josh Wall's aunt) diagnosed with cancer
Margaret Ray (Linda England's niece) cancer in both lungs, depression
Dawn Rippy (co-worker of Marnita Causby) pray for her salvation
Robin Rowell* - healing in her shoulder, 'frozen' shoulder
Dan Slike & Michelle Kees (Pat Lucy's daughter & friend) Dan diagnosed with liver cancer, pray for Michelle as she cares for him
Danny Vanzant* - unable to return to work, will begin dialysis soon
*members of Providence

Praises!

Sally Baucke (friend of the Frances) recovering well from surgery on July 28th!
Teresa Coleman (friend of Tammy Bassett) rental home lost due to flood, she was able to purchase dependable car at a large discount! She also found an apartment that is within her income, moving in Sept. 1st! Praise God!
Jim Dickson (Robin Rowell's father) feeling so much better!
Gary England* - biopsy was negative!
Linda England* - now having weekly therapy and getting around well
Evelyn Leigh* - recovering well from eye surgery on August 11th!
Amy (Long) McCartney (Long's granddaughter) recovered well from surgery and doing great!
Nicole McCoy – had a baby boy on August 28th! Mom and Reid are doing fine!
Kim Piland (friend of Karen Branagan) doing great!

Pray for the Persecuted Christians in Orrissa

Please pray for the Christians in Orissa, India. The pastor of the church we were members of in New York is from India, Pastor Brown Naik. The Hindu militant mob burned down his family home and all of its contents. They had no insurance on the house or belongings. Pastor Naik's mother had lived there over 60 yrs and had raised all her children there. The home was built in 1914 and before there was a church building in the village, many met in their home for worship. His mother (90+ years), niece and nephew had left the house 3 days earlier and fled to the jungle nearby. They saw the house in flames in the night, and as early morning came on they walked through the jungle to the temporary shelter that has been established in town. Approximately 10,000 Christians have gathered in that makeshift shelter with no facilities. Christians make up 2.4% of Orissa's population, or 897,861 of the total 3.7 million people. It has come to the point where Christians, under the threat of death, are being forced to denounce Christ. Please pray for our friends, Pastor Brown Naik and his family in India.

Tammy & Bob Bassett

A Message From Pastor Gilbert. . .

Great literature captures the mind and sometimes the heart, too. Cyrano de Bergerac, Romeo and Juliet and Titanic come to mind as examples of great literature (okay, Titanic was a screenplay) that capture both the mind and the heart. Let me take a great leap and suggest to you that the Bible is a piece of great literature that captures both the mind and the heart, differing from other pieces of great literature in this one most magnificent way: it has the power to literally change your life for eternity!! And, by the way, you may have noticed that I chose three classic love stories to represent great literature – and the reason I did that is because that is exactly what the Bible is – it is the classic love story of all time. Consider this brief outline:

1. The creation (literally) of a relationship between God and man.
2. Man's infidelity and inability to remain faithful
3. God's pursuit of man and His remedy for infidelity
4. The re-creation (literally) of a relationship between God and man

What's more, because of God's great love for man, He not only establishes that relationship here on earth, but assures that it will last on through eternity. He even gives man a glimpse of what that relationship will be like after this life is over!

There is one huge difference between the love stories mentioned earlier and the love story of the Bible – the love stories mentioned earlier are tragic love stories; Cyrano never gets the girl, Romeo and Juliet die as does the hero of Titanic. The love story that God has written certainly has its tragic moments, but in the end both God and His beloved not only survive the story, they prosper! While many men and women yearn for the kind of love expressed by Cyrano and Roxanne, or Romeo and Juliet, they neglect the greatest love ever expressed to man – God's love in Christ! If you've never experienced the love that God has for you in Jesus Christ, let me invite you to the reality of a love that the world cannot offer you, let me invite you to accept God's love for you. You can do that by accepting God's remedy for your infidelity – accept Jesus Christ!

“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8) “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:9)

If you already know of God's love for you in Christ and have accepted Him as the remedy for your infidelity, then share this love story with someone who has not heard it; share Jesus with them. He can change their life!

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Providence Hour of Prayer September 4th, Noon – 1 pm

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Women's Ministries of Providence is opening the doors at Providence the first Thursday of each month now through the presidential election. Please join us in a time of prayer for each other and our nation on the first Thursday of each month.



What would you expect to find if you “googled” Providence? Well, you might find a hospital, an ARP church in Memphis, TN, or a Baptist Church in Greer, SC. If you were trying to find Providence Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, NC, then you would need to know to type in www.providencegastonia.org. That would get you to the home page of a Providence church that you know. Now, let me tell you some of the things you would find there.

First, know that we are still in the process of getting all the information on the website, so you won't find anything about me (this is Gilbert) there except for my email address. But you will find these things:

1. A prayer page where you can enter prayer request that will be approved by me before they are “put up” on the web.
2. An audio player on the home page where you can listen to the latest Dave Ramsey show (on finances).
3. A calendar of events with times listed.
4. Contact information for the church including a link to a map to find us.
5. Announcements of upcoming services and events.
6. Copies of the most recent Sunday bulletins and the monthly newsletter (you can even sign up to receive the newsletter by email if you desire).
7. Ministries that we support and take part in at Providence.
8. A page with the basics of what we believe.
9. A page that explains how you can be saved.
10. Photographs of services and events (lots of pictures – you might even be there!).

And more! **Check it out!**



September 2008

11 Todd Causby	23 Bob Bassett
13 Dot Long (turning 80!)	26 Erin France
16 Horace Long	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September 10 Lyle & Karen Branagan – 25 years



Stewardship Report

JULY 2008

	<u>July 08</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME:			
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 7,067	\$91,294	\$81,433
EXPENSES:			
Benevolent Gifts	\$ 917	\$ 7,497	\$ 8,167
Ministry & Worship	6,769	46,339	47,862
Christian Education	386	1,877	1,896
Office & Administration	840	4,758	5,483
Building & Grounds	2,646	17,299	17,850
Fellowship	156	417	700
TOTAL	\$11,714	\$78,187	\$81,958

Opportunities for Service September 2008

Ushers

7 Bob Bassett	Wes Marquand
14 Bob Bassett	Lyle Branagan
21 Bob Bassett	Michelle Marquand
28 Bob Bassett	Ron France

Children's Church

7 Bob Bassett
 14 Erin France
 21 Evelyn Leigh
 28 Jim Davignon

Nursery Volunteer (if needed)

7 Erin France
 14 Michelle Marquand
 21 Patsy Ward
 28 Julia Davignon

Acolytes

7 Miranda Marquand
 14 Sean Demers
 21 Sydney Marquand
 28 Bryson Bassett

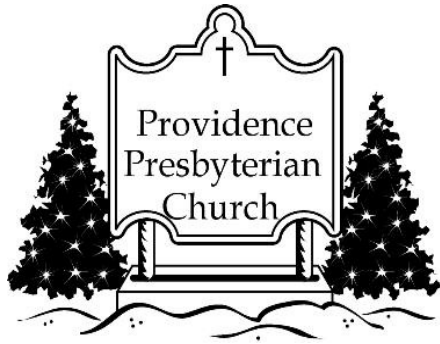


September 14th
Hosts: Lynn Lopez
Marnita Causby

Children's Church Schedule

The Christian Education Committee has been gathering names to assist in the ministry of Children's Church and below you will see the schedule. Please take note of the dates when you are scheduled to help. If you have a conflict with the date for which you are scheduled see or call Bob Bassett, chairman of the committee. If your name is not on the list but you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Bob. (Sunday School teachers are not on the list, but are welcome to volunteer) Thanks in advance for your participation in this all-important ministry to the children of Providence.

September 7	Bob Bassett
September 14	Erin France
September 21	Evelyn Leigh
September 28	Jim Davignon
October 5	Julie Davignon
October 12	Karen Branagan
October 19	Lynn Lopez
October 26	Michelle Marquand
November 2	Patsy Ward
November 9	Robin Rowell
November 16	Ron France
November 23	Ruth Rowell
November 30	Trummer Baker
December 7	Bob Bassett
December 14	Erin France
December 21	Evelyn Leigh
December 28	Jim Davignon



When are we getting our new church sign?

The diaconate would like to inform the congregation that we have been working toward purchasing a new church sign. We have estimates ranging from \$4,500 - \$6,800; sizes ranging from 4' x6' to 4' x8'. To date, we have \$2,916 in the sign fund. We

are currently pricing a sign without a message board. There has been some discussion of having a yard sale and chicken barbeque to raise money for this fund. The Diaconate is excited about the possibility of a new sign for the church but wants to assure you that we will be careful to choose what is best for Providence and within the means God gives us. Please continue to pray for us in regard to this and other projects that require the means of time, talent and finances to accomplish.

Emma Hoover
Deaconate Chair

Women's Ministries at Providence

Please join us as we begin our

Fall Bible Study

on September 8, 2008

6:30 pm at the church

The Women's Ministries will meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the church. September is the exception due to Labor Day being the first Monday. Hope you can join us on September 8th!

SEPTEMBER IS CAM MONTH AT PROVIDENCE!

For the month of September our congregation will collect food for Crisis Assistance Ministry. CAM feeds in excess of 400 people per month, gives approximately \$18,000 in financial assistance per month, and needs a minimum of 14 volunteers daily to adequately process requests for assistance. If you would like to volunteer you can call the CAM office at 704-867-6076. Bags are available with a list of items needed are attached. Food donations are to be placed in or by the blue bin in Tammy's office.



September 24th at 7 AM

In April 1990, a group of Christian teenagers in Burleson, TX decided to pray around the flagpoles at three schools. Thanks to word-of-mouth publicity and announcements at youth rallies, that September about 45,000 students prayed around flagpoles at 1,200 schools in four states.

See You at the Pole (SYATP) is now an annual, international event. Students of all ages organize prayer gatherings outside of regular school hours, usually at 7 am local time. Many parents, teachers and youth pastors join in. This year's event occurs on **September 24th**.

Student-led prayer, even at public schools, is free speech protected the U.S. Constitution. By gathering around their flagpoles, young people take a stand for Christ as they call on his name in prayer.

Thank You!!!

Dear friends and family at Providence Presbyterian,
I want to thank you so much for the gift basket you bought for me for college. That was such an amazing blessing! My dresser is stocked! I really appreciated the time and thought you put into to doing that for me. I have enjoyed getting to know you all over the past few years. It was fun spending time with you this summer and I love you all. Thanks so much for your prayers and support to us over these past years. You have blessed me and my family in many ways, and we are grateful.

Lots of love and thanks again,
Alyssa Hause

Dear Providence,

Thank you for letting me go to AIM camp. I had a lot of fun. We went camping, white water rafting, spelunking (caving), and other fun activities. Thank you for paying half my way. I hope to go again next year.

Ryan Branagan

AIM was really fun because we had a lot of adventures; white water rafting, caving and camping. I really like sliding down the water falls. I conquered my fear of heights when I did the ropes course. I really hope to go back next year. Thank you for sending me!

Love, Miranda

Thank you to all who prepared food for my family during the time of my surgery. It was delicious and was enjoyed by all. Thank you for your concerns and your prayers.

Love, Betty Holt

Top 10 ways the Bible would have been different if written by college students:

- 10) Loaves and Fishes replaced by Pizza and Chips!
- 9) Ten Commandments are actually only five, but because they are double-spaced and written in a large font, they look like ten.
- 8) Forbidden fruit would have been eaten because it wasn't dorm food.
- 7) Paul's Letters to the Romans become Paul's E-Mail to the Romans.
- 6) Reason Cain killed Abel: They were roommates.
- 5) The place where the end of the world occurs: not the Plains of Armageddon; rather, Finals.
- 4) Book of Armaments would be in there somewhere.
- 3) Reason why Moses and followers walked in desert for 40 years: He didn't want to ask directions and look like a Freshman.
- 2) Tower of Babel blamed for Foreign Language requirement.
- 1) Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh, He would have put it off until the night before it was due and then pulled an all-nighter and hoped no one noticed!



Address changes/additions for college students for Fall 2008. Drop them a note sometime!

Ryan Bassett
MO-0718-1
UNC Charlotte
9201 University City Blvd
Charlotte NC 28223-0001

Allyson Bassett
Erskine College CPO #219
P.O. Box 1001
Due West SC 29639

Alyssa Hause
Lee University
P.O. Box 3450
1120 N. Ocoee St
Cleveland, TN 37311
*Mike & Treesa Hause's daughter
(Missionaries supported by Providence)*

Please update your directory:

Linda & Gary England have a new home phone number; their address remains the same. Their number is 704-879-4584.

John & Linda Currence have a new email address:
jlcurrence@gmail.com

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“THE BEST IS YET TO COME”
BONSENIOR 2008
OCTOBER 20-24, 2008
BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER

*“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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAL WOMEN’S RETREAT
OCTOBER 24-25, 2008
“A WALK TO REMEMBER:
LIVING AND LEAVING A LEGACY”
BONCLARKEN, FLAT ROCK

*Fees cover registration, three meals, and a room (double occupancy). Total cost is \$80.00. Private housing is \$58.00. A deposit of \$40 is required to First Presbyterian Board Women’s Ministries by **Sept. 30th**.*

Registration forms are available by the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or see Tammy or Jackie.