



# Providence Presbyterian Church

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Hours:  
Monday-Thursday  
after 1:30

Tammy Bassett  
Secretary

Terry Williams  
Music Director

Patti Anderson  
Pianist

## Activities at Providence

### Sunday

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:15 Fellowship Lunch (2nd wk)

### Tuesday

6:30 Women's Ministries (1st wk)

### Wednesday

6:30 Family Prayer  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

# Providence Profiles



## Annual Valentine's Banquet February 16, 2019 Saturday, 6:00 pm

Choose 1 of 2 entrees:

Baked Lasagna  
Chicken Parmigiana

House Salad/Dressings  
Garlic Bread Sticks  
Sweet Tea/Coffee  
Special Dessert

Catered by:

Dino's Italian Restaurant  
\$10.00 per person  
Reservations due by Feb. 10th  
to Tammy Bassett

February  
2019

"Nothing Can  
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# "Serving Christ" in February

## Ushers Head Usher: Lawrence Thompson

- 3 Lyle Branagan
- 10 Wes Marquand
- 17 Ron France
- 24 Bob Bassett

## Elder Worship Leader

- 3 Wes Marquand
- 10 Jon Oliphant
- 17 Bob Bassett
- 24 Lyle Branagan

## Children's Church/Nursery

- 3 Tammy Bassett
- 10 Need Volunteers
- 17
- 24

February 10 – 12:30 pm  
Hostess: Need Volunteers



**NEW DIRECTORIES WILL BE  
COMING SOON!  
but first. . . .**

We need to be sure our information is correct and we also have some new members to be included. ☺ Did you change your email or phone # in the last year? We include birthdays (not year ☺) and anniversaries as well. If you do use email, we would like to have it included, and if not, we need to know that as well. Prayer requests and reminders of events are sent via email. Cell numbers are optional, but we do need a contact # for each family. For those of you who regularly worship with us and would like to be included in our directory, please **call the office** with your information or email information to [tammy@providencegastonia.org](mailto:tammy@providencegastonia.org). Get your information in as quickly as possible, we would like to print off the new directories by the end of the month. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. ☺

## *Happy Birthday!*

- 7 Mike Golubski      12 Michelle Marquand
- 8 Ron France        26 Lynn Lopez

## *Happy Anniversary!*

3 Jerry & Evelyn Leigh - 53 years



OUR CHURCH'S <b>FINANCIAL HEALTH</b>		<b>December 2018</b>			
End of Year 2018 Report	Dec. '18	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/ (Under)	
<b>INCOME:</b>					
Tithes & Offerings	\$9,141	\$123,040	\$108,950	\$ 62	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
Benevolent Gifts	\$ 366	\$ 4,679	\$ 4,700	\$ (26)	
Ministry & Worship	6,147	66,898	65,900	655	
Christian Education	0	258	400	(33)	
Administration	1,162	10,005	10,100	320	
Building & Grounds	2,521	27,585	27,900	196	
Fellowship	31	220	150	(19)	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,227</b>	<b>\$109,645</b>	<b>\$109,150</b>	<b>\$1,093</b>	

**Providence Prayer Corner***\*Providence Members/Regular Visitors***New Requests/Updates**

**Asher Ammons** – 8 yrs old, diagnosed with a brainstem glioma (mass in his brain), he is now at St. Jude's hospital

**Roger Barfield** – prayer for family relationships

**Jimmy Faulkner** – had a minor stroke, having physical therapy

**Jim & Pat Ford** – Jim had a minor stroke, doing well, Pat deals with nausea daily, and memory issues, had a out patient heart procedure on Feb. 1, went well

**Caroline Glass** (Gwen Stowe's niece) 16 yrs, need to regulate her meds

**Claire Hoogmoed** – had 2<sup>nd</sup> cataract surgery, doing well, pray for healing

**Ellen Longmire** (Gwen's friend) in TN, healing from surgery, having chemo

**Ed Loving** (Karen Branagan's father) had a permanent stent put in, all went well. Not having chemo, too aggressive, under Hospice care

**Greg Spears** (friend of Ron France) recovering from surgery to remove a cyst from his sinuses

**Amy Thompson** – desires a closer relationship with the Lord and her family

**Starr Todd** (friend of Gwen) liver cancer

**Pam Ware** (friend of Robin) having chemo treatments

**Ongoing Prayer Requests**

**Anderson Family** – healing of family relationships

**Brenda** (Lawrence's sister) pray for healing following her hip replacement, rehab

**Kent Bryant** (missionary) trial medication is shrinking the tumors

**Mary Lewis Bryant** (Hugh Bryant's wife) pray for daily strength and healing

**Teresa Coleman** – strength and healing, endurance in Christ as she struggles with her health

**Donna** (friend of Lawrence) in need of prayer

**Family of Dwain Faulkner** (Jim's brother) recently passed away of a heart attack, pray for Jimmy & Laura as they are the only family and are responsible for his estate

**Tammy Field** (Lawrence's daughter) neuropathy is getting more severe, she is now unable to work due to the pain, pray she will be accepted for disability

**Gratia Ford** (Pat & Jim's granddaughter) missed several weeks of school due to illness and no diagnosis has been made, having more tests at Duke

**Friend of Jackie France** – mastectomy surgery went well, pray for healing

**Carol Lewis** – daily strength and healing in her ankle

**Rhanda Lewis** (Carol's daughter) strength and endurance in Christ as she struggles with cancer

**Lynn & Gustavo Lopez** – working with an adoption agency!

**Pat Lucy** – daily strength and healing

**Michelle Marquand\*** – daily pain shoulder and back, pray for healing

**Mike Muterspaw** – daily strength and healing

**Robin Rowell** – having physical therapy for frozen shoulder

**Anna Spach** (friend of Tammi Rhoney) bed ridden and paralyzed on left side after suffering a massive stroke, is at Brian's Center



**Our next meeting is Tuesday,  
February 4th at 6:30 pm**

Lesson 4 led by Robin Rowell

Refreshments - Michelle Marquand

Hello Ladies!

January we had a small group but a great lesson . . . God's Righteous Judgment. Our opening question was, "If you could live your life without personal guilt or judgment, would you?" Romans 2:6-8 says, "those who seek glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, there will be wrath and fury." God's chosen will still be judged. Thank God that he is just and fair - he shows no favoritism. Thank him that through Jesus Christ he invites you into his family.

We will be hosting the annual Valentine's banquet on Feb. 16th and catered by Dino's Italian Restaurant in Bessemer City. Let me know if you would like to join us! \$10 per person, make checks payable to Providence Women's Ministries.

Tammy Bassett, WM President

## Deacons Ministry

The Deacons met on January 20th to discuss and set our roles and goals for the coming year. Lawrence Thompson and JD Elmore will continue in their rolls as Outreach and Inreach Chairman. Mike Golubski will be the new Building & Grounds Chairman and Jackie France will take on the role of Administrative Chair and Chairman of the Deaconate. Our duties are not only to care for the physical structure of the church, but also provide for the needs of our congregation. During this time of transition at Providence, we encourage you to share with us if you have needs or are aware of others in our church family that may need a helping hand. We have several ideas of activities and ministries in which we can involve our Providence family in serving. We look forward to serving the Lord together.

Jackie France, Deaconate Chair

Congratulations to Mike Golubski who was ordained and installed as a Deacon on January 13, 2019. Mike is eager and ready to serve!

Ron & Jackie were previously ordained and will be installed on February 10th.

## Moving Forward. . . .from the Session

*“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28*

The Session is underway serving in new and exciting ways in 2019, as many changes appear on our horizon. Though we do not know what exactly is in store for us over the next few months, we do know the One who does know, and are confident that He has a plan and a future for us! We recognize that the Lord has called Harper, Courtney, and young Gretta away from us, far too quickly for us to get a chance to know Gretta. We will miss Harper's preaching, teaching and visits! We continue to pray for the Price family's transition to a new home, a new church body, and the newest member of their household! We also recognize the Lord's calling of Terry Williams to Sanford, NC to tend to his daughter Joy's family, providing Joel a fresh start, as well as taking his role as grandfather to a new level. We will miss Terry's shepherding, teaching and music talents and pray for God's blessing on His ministry opportunities in his new home.

We are in the process of putting together a Pastor Search Committee, and hope to announce the proposed makeup of that committee on Feb. 3. We will vote on this committee at a called Congregational Meeting following the worship service on Sunday, Feb. 10. At this meeting the congregation will be asked to vote in favor of the committee as presented, and cannot make any changes to the makeup of the committee, just either approve of the committee, or vote down the committee and ask the session to reconsider the potential makeup of the committee.

The Worship Committee is meeting with the choir in order to make a plan to fill the role of the Music Director over the next several months. We do not have immediate plans to hire a full time Music Director, however, we are open to see how the Lord will provide for this position utilizing different talents from within our congregation, and calling us to trust Him in ways that are unforeseen at the present time. We ask for your patience as we see exactly how the Lord will fill this position over the coming months.

Finally, we ask also for your prayers, as Bob Bassett and Ron France shepherd the flock at Providence, along with Jon Oliphant, and Jeff Morrison. I think you all know that Jon Oliphant has been called and confirmed as our Stated Supply by the Presbytery over the next four months. He will be preaching three out of four Sundays each month as he also finishes school and works as a youth intern at First ARP. He will continue to make visits to members, as well as be available for office hours on Monday and Tuesday afternoons each week. Please be in prayer for Jon as he has a lot on his plate!

Jeff Morrison is an Associate Pastor at First ARP Church in Gastonia, and has been called to fill in as our Moderator of the Session until a full time Pastor is called and installed at Providence. Jeff has a lot of knowledge, and our session is grateful to First ARP for allowing both Jeff and Jon to minister to us during these next several months.

Please feel free to reach out to Bob, Ron or Jon if you have any needs during the transition until we are ready to call the next full time Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church. We can be reached via phone at the following numbers:

Bob - 704-460-5584

Ron - 704-904-9546

Jon - 704-860-6431

Thank you for your prayers as we look to call the man God has chosen to be our next full time pastor at Providence! It's an exciting time to see what God is doing among us!

## 2019 Officer Elections

**Deaconate** - *Wes Marquand and Evelyn Leigh rotated off.*  
Jackie France and Mike Golubski were elected.

Request for use of the church facilities, a request form needs to be filled out (in marked mail box in secretary's office) and given to Jackie to get approved through the deaconate at least two weeks prior to the requested date. Also, in that mail box you will find repair requests if you are aware of anything that needs to be repaired in the church or on the grounds. Those requests need to be put in Mike Golubski's box.

**Elders** - *Lyle Branagan rotated off, Ron France was elected.*

**Ron France (2022)** Missions Chairman

**Bob Bassett (2019)** Clerk of the Session, Worship Chairman

Terry Williams resigned as of the end of January due to his recent move. Christian Education will be chaired by the overall Session at this time.

**As you begin to recognize your special area of service, use your gifts to strengthen and encourage the church. Committee sign-up sheets are available downstairs. Where would YOU like to serve?**

**Serving lists for the nursery, ushers and children's church are being put together. If you haven't served and would like to, see Tammy. We could use help with ushering since many of the men that serve are also in the choir. Lawrence Thompson has volunteered to be head usher each month. Thanks Lawrence! ☺**



# February 2019



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1	2 Is Spring coming? 
3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	4	5 6:30 Women's Ministries Meeting	6 6:30 Family Prayer 7:00 Choir	7 6:30 Session Mtg	8	9
10 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Congreg'l Mtg 12:30 Fellowship Lunch	11	12	13 6:30 Family Prayer 7:00 Choir	14 	15	16 6:00 pm <i>Valentine's Day</i> DINNER
17 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Deacons Mtg	18 President's Day NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19	20 6:30 Family Prayer 7:00 Choir	21 6:30 Heart & Home with Lyle	22	23
24 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	25	26	27 6:30 Family Prayer 7:00 Choir	28	<p><i>For God</i> so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <i>John 3:16</i></p>	