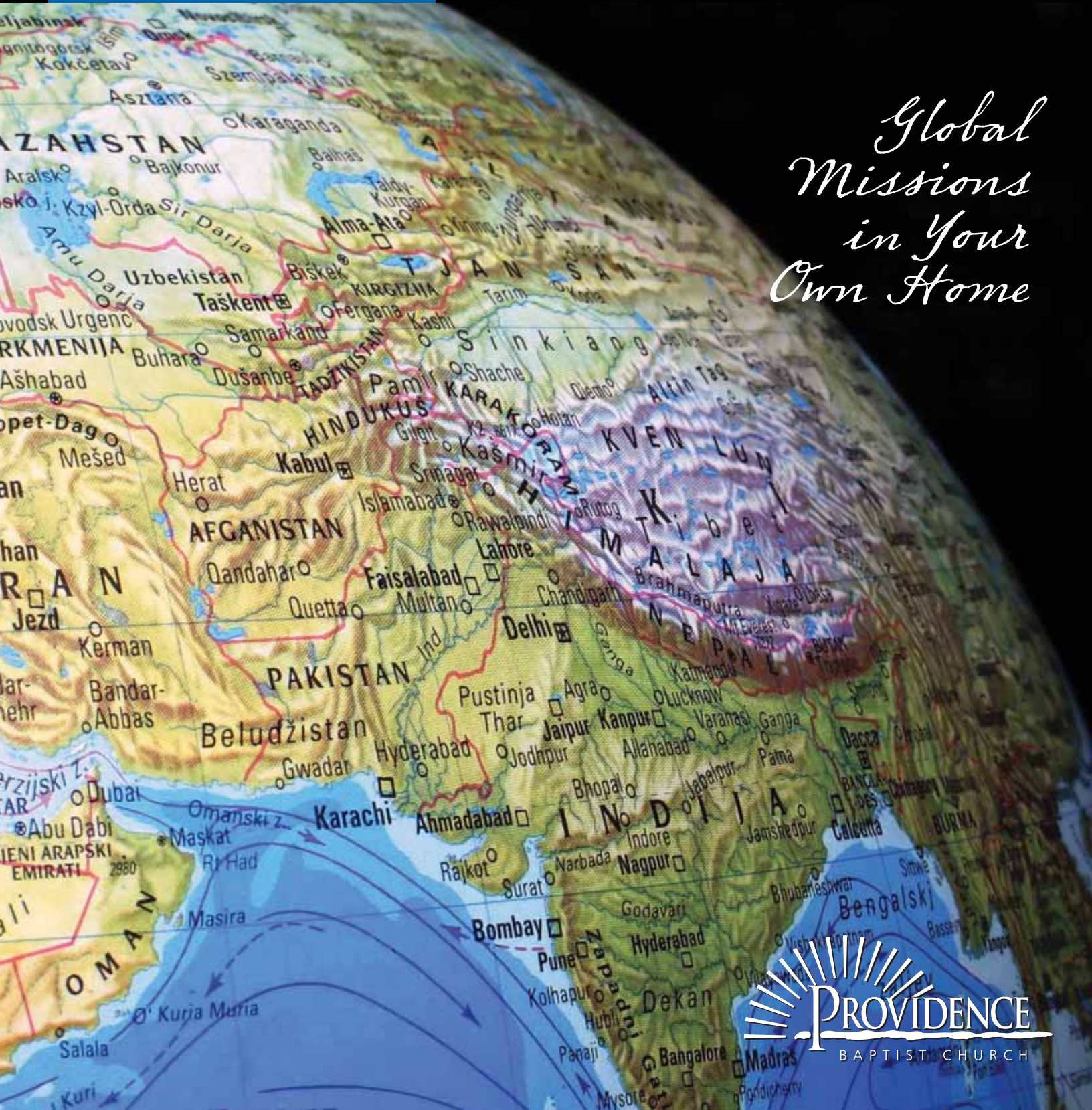


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# Well-ordered Priorities for Life

*What message do we communicate when we say we don't have enough time, energy or money to do all that we have to do?* We may not mean it, but are we saying in a subtle way that God has failed us by short-changing us? Of course, we know that is not really the case, don't we? The Bible does not specifically say that there are conditions to the principle declared in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Yet we know that He strengthens us only when we do His will.

Therefore, I can deduce that if I cannot do all that I set out to do, then what I am doing has been compromised by a wasteful exhausting of resources intended for something greater. But how do we know? Committing ourselves to things that are less worthwhile causes most of our problems.

We need a way to monitor the kinds of things with which we get involved, a standard by which to measure the relative merits of one commitment against others. The gold standard for such decisions is found in the sermon on the mount when Jesus offered the perfect solution: "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). He reminds us that His kingdom and righteousness are of much greater value than anything this world has to offer.

Living in a more complicated world makes the choices difficult. Yes, we are still concerned about food and clothing, but we are more inclined to go overboard in the way we commit ourselves to the pursuit of all things bigger or better. If we make it our ambition to live more godly lives through Christ, we find that in direct competition with our desire to order our days for more immediate personal interests. So the priorities of the kingdom and righteousness of Jesus Christ are on our list of wants, but they have to fight through a series of lesser things to get the attention they deserve.

The real issue is not that God has short-changed us, but that we have shifted our priorities away from His priorities. Consequently, we run out of provisions before we run out of priorities. This calls into question whether those interests near the bottom of the list are really priorities at all. Are spiritual concerns getting sufficient attention to be considered priorities, or are they shoved aside in the rush to fill our lives with activities, accomplishments and acquisitions?

In this new year, what can we do to start well? How can we reorder our days according to our desire for more of Christ and His will? The answer is surprisingly simple but clearly costly. We have to begin to live life on purpose—to live intentionally by priorities that have been established by a passion to

live all of life for the glory of Jesus Christ. Let's face it, most of us do not waste our days because we want to do that, but primarily by default. We did not prioritize so we did not plan, and because we did not plan, we did not succeed. None of this happens automatically. Living by the priorities of Jesus Christ requires careful thinking, reflecting on the values He holds out for us, meditating on the purposes for which He created us, and deliberating on the provisions He offers us. Will that happen if you do not intentionally set aside time to think, pray and seek the answers God has for you? As we begin a new year, it's a great time to do that.

For many Christians, this discipline is well-established and an integral part of their annual routine. But if you have never done it, let me assure you that rather than be a restrictive and inhibiting exercise, determining your life priorities and then allocating the time, money and energy needed to accomplish them is quite energizing. How great it can be to decide that your walk with Christ will take precedence over everything else and then plan your life accordingly.

For example, you will discover that if you want to spend time reading Scripture and praying each day, you will have to do something specific about your daily schedule for that to become a healthy, consistent practice in your life. In all likelihood, that will mean getting up earlier, which probably means also getting to bed earlier, which impacts how you spend your evenings. Is it worth missing the late news to spend time with Christ each morning? Asked that way, the choice seems so obvious! But once the priority is agreed upon, there must be provision for the practice.

If you want to spend more time together as a family, you will have to examine where your commitments are currently taking you. Then weigh the relative merits of those commitments against your priority of investing in the spiritual life and health of your spouse and children. If you give appropriate priority to biblical giving practices, you probably will need to make adjustments to spending habits that presently leave little or nothing for family.

Living by well-ordered, biblical priorities will result in greater satisfaction and contentment than you can imagine. You have a new calendar, a new budget and a new resolve as 2009 begins. What will you do to make Christ your top priority this year?



*Daniel*

# Hope & Care

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## STUDIES

*Most of us have times in our lives when we face issues for which we need help and support. Our Hope and Care Studies are Christ-centered small groups where Providence Baptist Church members, attendees and others from the community meet together under the coordination of a facilitator. We will learn to apply practical principles from God's Word to find hope and to help overcome difficult issues in our lives.*

Brochures with class descriptions and room assignments will be available on the small groups bulletin board. Courses request a fee of \$15 unless otherwise mentioned. Scholarships are available. Groups meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m., unless otherwise specified. For questions please call **Debbie Danforth** (326-3000, ext. 224). Childcare is available for Wednesday classes only with registration. Register online for childcare ([www.pray.org/sonsation](http://www.pray.org/sonsation)). Registration is available but not necessary for classes unless requested.

### **DivorceCare**

Discover the road to healing and find help from the pain of separation or divorce through sound biblical teaching as well as practical insights to promote a healthy recovery. Each session will address such emotions as depression, loneliness and anger, as well as issues with children that accompany separation and divorce. You will learn how to deal with the pain of the past and begin to rebuild your life in an atmosphere of understanding, encouragement and support. DivorceCare meets Wednesdays beginning January 7 for a 14-week session.

### **GriefShare**

Gain comfort and strength by understanding God's provisions for recovery from the loss of a family member or friend through the process of grief. With the support of a caring ministry, biblical teaching and practical insights are provided to help restore those experiencing grief. GriefShare meets Wednesdays beginning January 7 for a 13-week session.

### **Winning the Battle for Sexual Integrity (Men's Group)**

Learn how to overcome addictive patterns of sexual temptations and practice personal sexual integrity in today's culture. For more information call **Greg** (272-3946) or **Ricky Mill** (326-3000). This group meets Wednesdays for ongoing sessions from 7-9 p.m.

### **Mending the Soul**

God delights in mending shattered souls. "Mending the Soul" is a biblically grounded, psychologically informed and comprehensive study to help women who have been abused find healing. There will be an interview process for those interested in participating, and space will be limited. The study begins in February and will have 12 sessions.

### **Foods That Satisfy**

The typical American diet is full of ingredients that are harming our bodies. Our diets are also causing unhealthy conditions like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and some kinds of cancers. In this study you will learn a healthy plan for eating and exercising that will help you take care of your body and reduce the risks associated with unhealthy eating. You will be encouraged to begin a reasonable exercise program that will help you see beneficial results. Men and women may participate. There is an extra fee for materials. Classes begin January 7.



# *International Student Thanksgiving*

by Kevin Wood

Every year at the Missions Festival we as a church are reminded about the global scope of God's mission. It is an exciting time indeed and a joy to hear from missionaries who come from all over the world to share what God is doing among foreign peoples. It is often a time when many of us consider how we fit in God's plan and reflect on how we will reach the nations with the Good News of Christ Jesus. However, many of us find that we are called to Raleigh, even if for just a little while.

*These Americans became global missionaries in their own kitchens.*

So how can those of us who must live, work and study in the Triangle area take part in God's redemptive plan for the nations? We can pray and fast for people groups that we hear of. We can give money to Lottie Moon or to the missions budget. We can also send people from among us to go to places both distant and remote in hope that the Good News will fall on ears ready to hear and believe the message. But is that all that those of us who must remain

can do? Can we only hear about these things and not witness them with our eyes?

On Tuesday, November 25, 40 students from India, China, Turkey and a few other places around the world met at the homes of five families from Providence for a "Thanksgiving" meal. These students are only a small fraction of those who have come to America to schools like NC State University for their Master's degree or a Ph.D in rocket science. At NC State alone there are more than 3,000 international students attending graduate programs. These students have left their friends, families and familiar cultures to come to a place that is strange to them and where they know very few people, if any at all. Even the food in America is strange!

What is more is that many of these students come from places where the Gospel is not known. Students from India know only about Christianity from what they see in the movies. Chinese students have little or no exposure to other Christians in their own state. Turkish students know only the false things taught to them about the Bible from their teachers of Islam. These students do not know the Savior of the world!

And here they were, in the homes of five wonderful families from Providence who opened their homes and



lives to students who have found themselves in a place very different than their own. For the past several years we have hosted this Thanksgiving meal for international students

*Every guest felt something they do not regularly experience away from home—being part of a family.*

because we believe that God has done an amazing thing to bring all of these people very different from us right next door. He has brought people, some who were nearly inaccessible until now and who need to hear the message that has been brought to us.

Every guest felt something they do not regularly experience away from home—being part of a family. They do not care that the food is like all other American food (they really do



like turkey and pumpkin pie); they care about the attention that these Americans are giving them and the understanding that the believers seek. And the families they felt a part of not only want to love and feed them, but they also want something more for them: belief in Christ, repentance to

God and rejoicing in God's salvation for the nations! The responses from the students afterward reflected a true appreciation for these families and their American friends.

The American students and families of Providence took part in God's global plan to make worshipers from every nation and every tribe, for His glory. They did not travel thousands of miles and learn a different language just to meet someone very different from themselves and share something amazing

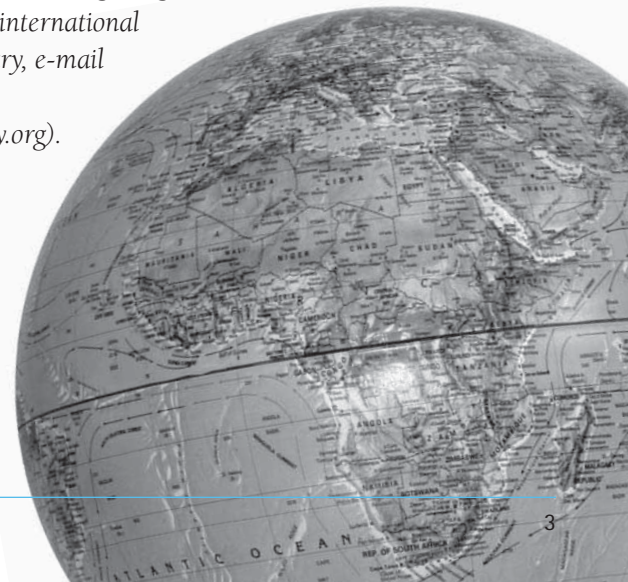


with them. No, they invited someone very different from themselves who traveled thousands of miles and learned a different language into their home to break bread and share the love that Jesus shares with them. These Americans became global missionaries in their own kitchens.

This past Thanksgiving was a blessing for both international students and the American families and students who hosted them. The comments I have received from both were encouraging and reminded me how much more needs to be done. There are yet more students to meet, befriend, serve, love and share the Good News we have heard.

It is amazing that God, in His sovereignty, has brought these students to America—to Raleigh! What a blessing it is to be able to take part in God's mission that has no national, tribal or linguistic boundaries!

*If you are interested in getting involved with international student ministry, e-mail*  
**Kevin Wood**  
([kevinw@pray.org](mailto:kevinw@pray.org)).



# Stories of PROVIDENCE

## *Retreat Blessings for a New Believer*

By Patrice Cooke

If someone had told me a year ago that I would ever feel blessed to attend a Baptist, Bible-based women's retreat, I would have told them, "Not me!" While I prayed to a God-I-hoped-was-there, I was fooled by secular sneers against Jesus, our Lord. Yet, for reasons only known to God, He graced me with a very good life with only one great flaw: I was keenly aware of a social emptiness and lack of purpose.

A Christian couple in my neighborhood radiated peace in Jesus that made my "smart" life seem almost cold and dismal. Despite tremendous demands on her time and energy, this neighbor, Jill, nurtured me spiritually when I must have seemed a lost cause. Meanwhile, her husband drew my husband into a Bible study.

God reached out through this couple and other believers to bring me to Providence and this retreat in a series of baby steps since December 10, 2007. It wasn't until March that I even began to acknowledge Jesus in my prayers, and I did not study the Bible until May 2008. My first visit to any Bible-based church was at the end of May. As you can see, I was new to the Christian world.

This retreat proved to be a shower of gifts from God. While I had been impressed with Bible studies and

church services, the retreat opened my eyes more to God's plan for our lives.

I enjoyed the passionate praying and singing of these women who had known Jesus all or much of their lives. I had feared that my newfound wonder and gratitude would fade with time. These women showed me that they had never stopped growing in God's way. And God was constantly moving them to know Him better.



The young women who shared their submission to God's will in planning to go on missions awed me. They were so personable, humble and realistic about the hardships. What a powerful yardstick for me when I have trouble submitting to God's way in small matters!

Continually, women would reach out to me with care and interest. They shared

life experiences that only God could know how much I needed to hear. Best of all, seeing their rich legacy of Jesus' loving ways versus my own "worldly wise" practices, convicted me. Indeed, things I had been proud of in my past—even brought me worldly respect—lost their gleam as I saw them anew in God's view. I was blessed to see these women react warmly and wisely to even smaller situations that would have bristled me.

Keep in mind, these women were not preaching at all. This is merely their walk with God. They have God's joy in their lives and see it in the people they love. What a refreshing break from the victimization focus in my conversations with people outside God's influence.

Last, many of these retreat women were handling life loads that I would have previously judged burdensome. Yet, the martyr complex was not evident. Peace and joy in Christ are very real for these women.

I came home from this retreat with the above gifts of insight. I just cannot believe how God is blessing me to be born again in a way that makes sense of this world. Countless moments during this retreat are still proving to be gifts in my daily life now. I recommend this retreat experience for any new believer and plan to attend again!



## *A Last-Minute Retreat*

By Debby Hagemann

Since coming to Providence 17 years ago I have wanted to go to the Women’s Retreat, but this was my first year to attend. I was and still am involved in several ministry areas of the church and I thought I was too busy with more “pressing” things to do than attend a “retreat” for myself.

This fall I began to hear about the retreat and truly had a desire in my heart to attend. I kept thinking and praying about it. Several situations occurring in my family kept me from thinking I could make plans to be out of town, but I wanted to register because I thought that the Lord was impressing upon me to go. I found out that the registration was full, and the waiting list was extensive. I thought, “I guess I missed that cue.” I said if anything happened that opened a spot for me I would love to go.

I really forgot about it and trusted that the Lord had closed that door. Two days before the retreat I got a call saying “Were you serious about going...even at the last minute?” I thanked the Lord and said “Absolutely, yes!” I was so excited to receive that call.

I cannot thank Him enough for all He did for me and others that weekend. Everything about it was incredible, from the ride there with friends to the ride home with them again. We had a warm welcoming committee who was available all weekend to make sure our every need was met. We had the

best food with new and interesting people to talk to at each meal.

We had time to sightsee or shop, but I don’t know who did that because we had so much fun spending time together. I loved that we had time to spend with women we don’t usually get to know. Many of the pastor’s wives, church staff and Women’s Ministry leaders were there as participants as well. It was a great opportunity to get to know people we only usually see “from a distance.”

We also had the most powerful times of teaching by the well-known author and teacher on prayer, Jennifer Kennedy Dean. I don’t know of many places that you can have the opportunity to hear speakers like her and then share with them in a small group and/or have food and fellowship with them too. These teaching sessions were followed by breaks with refreshments, of course, and small group discussions about the message we had just heard. This was a sweet time of sharing and fellowship. Our leaders were a blessing as they facilitated this time.

On Saturday night we played games together, which afforded us many hours of joy, laughter and fellowship. I think many friendships were developed there and many hearts encouraged. That afternoon I even learned how to do a computer slide show with lots of frills.

I am thankful that I could take this time to withdraw with my sisters to this beautiful place of privacy, away from the stresses and distractions of our everyday lives, for a time of prayer, praise and worship, instruction in the Word and great fellowship. I pray that I will be able to experience this event again and again.

The Providence Women’s Ministry organizes a yearly retreat in the fall. Registration typically begins at the end of the summer, so check the website for more information in the future. The Women’s Ministry also offers several events for fellowship throughout the year and Bible studies throughout the week. Fellowships include Holidays Fit for the King in November, Legacy of Love seminars and a weekend conference named Whole Woman Day every other year. The next Whole Woman Day is April 17-18. More information about each Women’s Ministry event can be found online ([www.pray.org/women](http://www.pray.org/women)) or by contacting **Karen Reimer** (326-3000 or [karen@pray.org](mailto:karen@pray.org)).

# Happenings at Providence

## Women

### Precept Bible Study: Matthew *January 5*

We will be studying the book of Matthew. If you want to know why Jesus came and what His coming means for your life, this worldview-enhancing study of Matthew's Gospel is for you. The class meets 6:45-9 p.m. For information and registration call **Becky Estes** (326-3000) or **Debby Hagemann** (291-1361).

### Precept Bible Study: Kings and Prophets *January 8*

Join us Thursday, beginning January 8, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in room 659 as we cover the next two studies in the Kings and Prophets Series. The first study is called "God Searches for the Heart Fully His," and the second study is "Passing the Mantle." The cost is \$20, and the entire session will run 11 weeks. To register, call **Marcia Miles** (783-8306).

### Eye of the Storm *January 29*

Learn God's way of living with confidence and peace in these perilous times. Eleanor Franks will lead this one-night study on trusting God's sovereignty and promises during uncertainty and difficulty. Join us Thursday, January 29, from 7-8:45 p.m. in room 637. Please register online. There is no cost. Contact **Karen Reimer** (326-3000, ext. 247 or karen@pray.org)



### Whole Woman Day *April 17-18*

Mark your calendars! Mary Kassian will be our speaker. She is an award-winning author, internationally renowned speaker and a distinguished professor at Southern Baptist Seminary. She has published several books, Bible studies and videos. Our worship leaders will be former Providence staff members Scott and Alisa Shaw. Seminar and registration information will be available online in February.

## Men

### Men's Ski Day *February 11*

Mark your calendars for this year's Men's Ski Day at Wintergreen Resort on Wednesday, February 11. Dads are welcome to bring their sons who are middle school students or older. Cost will include transportation. For more details pick up a registration form from the men's information board in the foyer, or register online. Contact **Rebecca Redmond** (326-3000 or rebecca@pray.org).

## Students



### SnowFest *February 7*

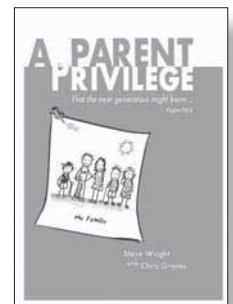
Middle school students are invited to go snow tubing on February 7 in Wintergreen, VA. If you have not already registered, we have a few slots still available! The group will meet at the church at 6:30 a.m. for a 7 a.m. departure. We will return at 7 p.m. the same evening. Cost per student is \$60, and students will also be responsible for lunch and dinner expenses. Register online ([www.pray.org/students](http://www.pray.org/students)) as soon as possible.

### Mission Serve 2009 *July 19-25*

All 10th grade students are invited to participate in Mission Serve 2009. We will be going to Wilmington, NC from July 19-25. Mission Serve is a week long event operated by Serve Management Group, an organization that creates mission experiences for teenagers. We will arrive in Wilmington with about 250 other high school students and spend the week doing construction on houses for people who do not have the means or ability to do the work themselves. Mission Serve costs \$240 per student. However, Providence is going to cover \$40 per student. Therefore, the total cost for your student is \$200. A \$100 deposit is due by January 25. This is also the date of our first parent meeting at 12:30 p.m. in room 315. Please make plans to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, e-mail **Joel Smith** (joels@pray.org).

### ApParent Privilege

Parents have the greatest privilege of their lives in front of them every day: raising their children. Pointing their children to Christ, modeling the Gospel and talking about God's grace shouldn't be a burden—it is a privilege. *ApParent Privilege* provides biblical understanding and up-to-the minute research to encourage parents in the unparalleled opportunity they have to be the primary influencer of their children. This book presents parents with a biblical framework for parenting within both the family and the church. Put this book in the hands of parents to better equip them to pass on a legacy of faith to their children. *ApParent Privilege* is available from Inquest Ministries' online store at [www.inquest.org](http://www.inquest.org).



### Impact: Save the Date *July 22-27*

Impact 2009 will be at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, SC, from July 22-27. Make sure to mark your calendars as you do not want to miss this exciting week of camp! Carl Cartee will be returning to lead us in worship and we will have a special guest speaker, Finny Mathews.

# Happenings at Providence

## Worship

### Choir and Orchestra *Begins January 7*

Choir and Orchestra begin a new semester on January 7 with rehearsals beginning at 6:30 p.m. and continuing every Wednesday through May. Choir meets in the music rehearsal room and orchestra meets in the worship center. There is no audition to join our choir, just the ability to match pitch and have a worshiper's heart. Orchestra requires the ability to play at high school level or above and an audition. Contact **Nan Honeycutt** for more information (325-3000, ext. 285 or nan@pray.org).

## Churchwide

### Keith and Kristyn Getty Concert

Keith and Kristyn Getty, will be in concert January 25 during our evening service and will lead worship all three morning services. The Gettys were with us last year, and you will remember them from writing "In Christ Alone" and other worship songs sung at Providence. Don't miss this opportunity to worship with Keith and Kristyn Getty. Contact **Nan Honeycutt** (326-3000 or nan@pray.org).



### Join in the Journey Celebration

On January 11 during our Sunday morning services, we will be celebrating the end of our capital campaign. We give God all praise for His provision that paid for the Days Inn and Alpine properties, Delta Lake Center property and the children's building. We look forward to celebrating God's goodness and His provision through this campaign.

## Children

### Serve in the Children's Ministry

Greet visitors, rock a baby, read a story or be a friend to a special needs child. With more than 75 children with no regular teacher at 11 a.m., we have many places you can feel at home serving in the Children's Ministry on Sunday morning. We'd love to have you join us! For more information, e-mail **Kelly Zargo** (kelly@pray.org).

## Senior Adults

### IMAX Theater

*January 16*

On January 16, adults 55+ are invited to Big Ed's City Market Restaurant for breakfast and then to the IMAX Theater. We'll see the spectacular film *Grand Canyon Adventure* and take an exhilarating river-rafting adventure down the Colorado River. We'll meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 and includes transportation and admission to the movie. The cost for breakfast is each individual's responsibility. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis with full payment. Spaces are only reserved when the full payment has been received. Space is limited; make your reservation by January 11. Call **Nancy Corson** (326-3000, ext. 232).

## Legacy of Love

Register online for these exciting winter session classes ([www.pray.org/women](http://www.pray.org/women)).

January 17

Making the Most of Your Disney Trip

March 14

Special Needs, Special Blessings

March 28

Easy Italian Cooking



# Weekly Schedule

## SUNDAY

- 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
- LIFE Bible Studies
  - Worship/Teaching – Worship Center
- 6 p.m.
- No Evening Service (*January 4*)
  - Leadership Training Amphitheater (*January 11*)
  - Baptism/New Members/Benevolence  
Worship Center (*January 18*)
  - Keith and Kristyn Getty (*January 25*)

## MONDAY

- 6:45 p.m.
- Women's Precept – Room 611
- 7 p.m.
- Men's Monday Night Bible Study
  - My Evening Walk – Women's Bible Study
  - College Big D-Groups (*January 13 and 20*)

## TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m.
- Men's Leadership Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
  - Women's Leadership Focus Study – Prisms
- 9:30 a.m.
- LAMBS – Amphitheater
- 12 p.m.
- Spiritual Awakening – Room 401

## WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m.
- Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal – Worship Center
  - DivorceCare
  - GriefShare
  - Foods That Satisfy
  - Awana
  - MOPS (*January 7 and 21*)
- 7 p.m.
- Refinery (*January 7, 21 and 28*)
  - Refuge (*January 14*)  
Middle School – Amphitheater  
High School – Fellowship Hall
  - Winning the Battle for Sexual Integrity (Men's Group) – Sixth Floor
  - Building a Strong Marriage
- 7:30 p.m.
- The Gathering – Delta Lake Center (*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays*)

## THURSDAY

- 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Precept – Room 659

# Elders Update

The elders meet monthly to seek God's vision for Providence and plan for the future. In our efforts to keep you informed about the church's plans and progress, we strive to include a monthly report in each edition of Inside Providence.

## Meeting Highlights

- John Erwin submitted the final site master plan from HH Architects for review.
- David Horner provided updates on various options to address need for additional worship space.
- The current budget and financial status and year end projections were presented.

## Pastoral Staff

David Horner . . . . . Pastor/Teacher  
 Blake Hickman . . . . . Middle School Ministries  
 Bob Stancil . . . . . Pastoral Care  
 Brian Frost . . . . . Singles Ministries  
 Chip Bugnar . . . . . College Ministries  
 Dave Owen . . . . . Evangelism/College  
 Eric Hamsho . . . . . Music/Worship  
 George Tissiere . . . . . Missions  
 Joel Leath . . . . . Community Ministries  
 Joel McDaniel . . . . . Adult Ministries  
 John Erwin . . . . . Admin./Comm.  
 Kevin Sweat . . . . . Children's Ministry  
 Leon Tucker . . . . . Education Ministries  
 Matt Morgan . . . . . Elementary Children  
 Mike Williams . . . . . Outreach/Inreach  
 Ricky Mill . . . . . Shepherding Ministries  
 Steve Wright . . . . . Student Ministries

## Elders

Bob Austin . . . . . 341-0083  
 Gordon Bolin . . . . . 783-4716  
 Dallas Brown . . . . . 851-7141  
 Earle Finley . . . . . 844-3605  
 Ed Gainor . . . . . 848-0134  
 Dick Harris . . . . . 876-2284  
 Tony McNeill . . . . . 781-3609  
 David Nelson . . . . . 844-9160  
 Richard Newton . . . . . 790-9241  
 Brian Schmidt . . . . . 845-3439  
 Mark Stowers . . . . . 529-4574

## Thank You Notes

Thank you for the helpful gift toward my auto expenses. Praise God the people of Providence are so faithful to give. I have been so blessed to be a part of this beautiful body of Christ.

God Bless You, *Bren Lamon*

Phillip and I would like to humbly and gratefully thank every one of you who prayed for Annalise and our family during her hospitalization from June through October. We continue to see and meet people who tell us how they have been praying for us during this journey. We know that it is the power of prayer that held our arms up and sustained us and God's grace that healed Annalise and brought us all home together. During the entire 18 weeks, every need we had was met by the body of Christ. Thank you!

*"One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice." Luke 17:15*

In Him,  
*Lisa, Phillip, Embre Adell and Annalise Todd*

## Staff Anniversaries

Eva Dearnley . . . . . 17 years  
 Becky Estes . . . . . 10 years  
 Bev Benfield . . . . . 10 years  
 Tim Haas . . . . . 6 years  
 Allison Snyder . . . . . 3 years  
 Rebecca Redmond . . . . . 3 years  
 Brian Megilligan . . . . . 3 years

## Attendance Averages

### November 2008

Worship		LIFE Bible Studies	
8:00	494	8:00	134
9:30	1,087	9:30	1,433
11:00	896	11:00	1,012
Total	2,477	Total	2,579

## New Arrivals

The Providence family celebrates with:

- **David and Ashley Brown**, the birth of their son, Anderson Burke, October 22
- **Stephen and Lindsey Murphy**, the birth of their daughter, Olivia Leighton, October 30
- **Boone and Lila Mill**, the birth of their son, Corgan Fisher, November 9
- **Chris and Rox Anne Long**, the birth of their son, Lucas Christopher, November 10
- **Chad and Cayce Wagner**, the birth of their son, Canyon Burton, November 11
- **Dave and Jenn Hare**, the birth of their son, John David, November 17

## Sympathy

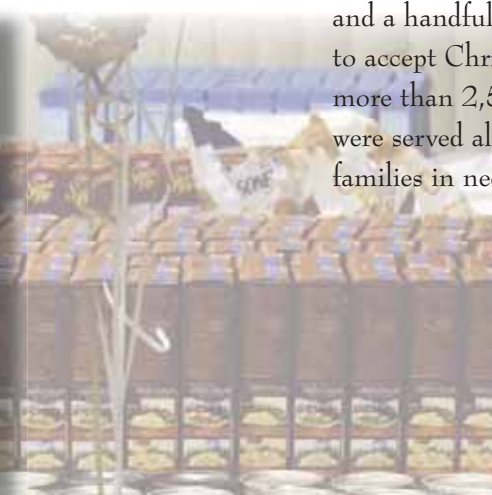
The Providence family offers its sympathy upon the deaths of:

- **Sandra Bettenhausen's** father, Melvin Herring
- **Ruther Challener's** mother
- **Kathy Chiulli's** stepfather, Irvine Arlington (Jim) Retterer
- **Ernestine Durham's** brother, Levi Durham
- **Tammy Golder's** father, Robert Penn
- **Dennis Hasenauer's** sister, Joan McNear
- **Jolie Kidibu's** mother, Elise Loy

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Each year Community Ministries plans a Thanksgiving outreach to the Raleigh Gardens community. Participants are given a basket to fill with all the food needed for a full Thanksgiving meal. Before the food is gathered, each person and their host or hostess come together for a message and short time of worship with music. This year the Gospel was shared with more than 700 people, several guests rededicated their lives to the Lord and a handful raised their hands at the invitation to accept Christ. It was an awesome evening where more than 2,500 cookies and 500 cups of cocoa were served along with 240 baskets of food to families in need.



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