

Order of Service ♦ April 4, 2010

(Subject to the leading of the Holy Spirit)

8:30 AM ~ Pre-service prayer
9:00 & 11:15 AM ~ Service begins
Praise & Worship: 9:00 AM ~ Dawn Cole & the Worship Team
11:15 AM ~ Manuela Asamoah & the Worship Team
Message ~ Pastor Dan Backens
Benediction

Welcome, guests!

To help you feel a little more at home, here's a snapshot of what to expect.

Our worship includes a variety of musical styles, all having the primary purpose of exalting the Lord. Some songs will have a gospel feel, others will have a contemporary flavor, and some will be traditional. During worship you may see:

- ♦ Raising of hands
- ♦ Clapping
- ♦ Spontaneous singing
- ♦ Public prophecy
- ♦ Special music by the Gospel Choir and Worship Team

Whatever the style, we hope you find our worship to be whole-hearted unto the Lord, done with a spirit of excellence.

You will find that the dress here is semi-casual. Upon your arrival, childcare for your baby or toddler and classes for your 3-year-olds through kindergarten are in Kids Cove, the wing on the west side of the building (toward Thompkins Lane). Elementary age children attend the worship portion of the service with their families, until they are released for their age-appropriate ministry.

A typical Saturday or Sunday service lasts about ninety minutes and divides approximately according to this schedule:

Praise & worship	30 minutes
Ministry time	10 minutes
Announcements & offering	10 minutes
Release of children	
Practical teaching	40 minutes

Last Week's Blessings
3/27 & 3/28/10

Total attendance.....	2,605
Unrestricted contributions	\$63,122
Nueva Vida attendance	115

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Men's Prayer Breakfast..... Saturday, April 17, 8:00 AM
Mei Ming Orphan & Adoption Missions. Sunday, April 18, 5:30 PM
Beth Moore simulcast Saturday, April 24, 9:00 AM
Arts Café: Dinner & Music..... Saturday, April 24, 7:30 PM
Daddy/Daughter Date Night Friday, April 30, 6:30 PM
Baby Dedication Orientation Saturday, May 1, 9:00 AM
Baby Dedication Saturday/Sunday, May 8/9

OFFICES CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY

In observance of the Easter holiday, Providence church offices will be closed on Monday, April 5th. Offices will reopen at 9:00 AM Tuesday morning. **Please note that King's Chamber at Noon, Men's Prayer, and Soaking Prayer will not meet this Monday.**

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, April 17th, 8:00 AM in the auditorium. Our monthly breakfasts are always times of good food, fellowship with other men, and teaching. This is a great event to invite a friend to! Tickets are \$5 per person for full breakfast and are available today at the information center after services or at the church office during the week.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

A support group is currently forming for those who have cancer, are cancer survivors, or who serve as caregivers for those with cancer. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the attendance card in your bulletin or call Joy Julian at 436-0549.



Rutledge Pearson passed into eternity on Thursday, March 25th. He was 78. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, nine children, his brother and sister-in-law, 22 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives. His son, Kevin, along with his wife Marian, is a Providence member.



Rutledge and Lorraine have been members at New Life Providence for several years. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service in New York City and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Rutledge is no doubt best remembered by the Providence church family as a faithful and friendly usher in the 11:15 AM service. He and Lorraine were also members of the Hilliard/Strouss life group.

A funeral service was held at the church on Wednesday, March 31st.

Worship Explosion & Book Launch



Worship 101: Discovering the God we Worship in 101 Ways

By Christopher Cunningham
(foreword by Pastor Dan Backens)

Friday, April 9th at 6:30 PM
New Life Providence Church, Auditorium

International Café Worship Team,
King's Chamber & others...

Refreshments Served



Ladies, kiss your insecurities good-by and discover the joy of living with confidence!

Share Beth Moore's contagious passion for God and His Word. At this event, women will learn to conquer fear and doubt and will discover the liberating confidence and security that can be found only in Christ.

Saturday, April 24th
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
in the multipurpose room (140)
\$20 per person
(includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Space is limited! We can accommodate only 100 ladies for this event, so get your ticket early! Available at the information center after services or at the church office during the week.

Questions? Contact Pastor Tina at 227-6930 or tina@newlifeprovidence.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FROM OTHER MINISTRIES

"I'VE GOT A TESTIMONY" BREAKFAST

EWES Ministries (Equipping Women for Excellent Service) will hold a women's breakfast at the New Life Providence auditorium on Saturday, April 24th at 8:30 AM. The program will feature worship and testimonies from three women whom God has met in a powerful way. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the information center. For information, contact Sandra Christmas at 373-4140.



Sandra Christmas
EWES Founder & Director

www.ewesministries.org

Crisis Pregnancy Centers of Tidewater

The Crisis Pregnancy Centers of Tidewater are gearing up for their annual Walk for Life. This year there are three options for dates when you can participate:



The big event:
The Virginia Zoo on Saturday, May 1st

Other options:
Mt. Trashmore Park, Saturday, April 17th
First Baptist Suffolk, Saturday, April 24th

For details visit www.cpcfriends.org/walk

NEW LIFE PROVIDENCE STAFF

- Dan Backens, Senior Pastor
- Wayne Buechler, Pastor of Church Development
- Kevin Turpin, Associate Pastor/Pastor of Worship
- Melvin McCleese, Assistant Pastor
- Cheryl Muniz, Children's Pastor
- Liam Coventry, Youth Pastor
- Steve Carlin, Pastor of Equipping & Marketing
- Kirby Anthony, Assistant Pastor
- Tim Leffel, Director of Media & Music
- Clem Abrams, Director of Worship
- Doug Chandler, Director of Life Groups
- Joel Solomon, Young Adult Pastor
- Tina Davis, Director of Arts/Video Café Coordinator
- David McBride, Middle School Director
- Ryan Caldwell, Technical Director
- Bonnie Kyle, Director of Communications
- Rolinda Marcum, Office Manager
- Cris Russell, Accounting Manager
- Nic Muniz, Facilities Manager
- Annette Bowen, Assistant to Pastor Wayne
- Manuela Asamoah, Ministry Assistant for International Ministries
- Carolyn Wolford, Office Assistant
- Joe Fretard, Maintenance Assistant
- Rachel Caldwell, Ministry Assistant for Life Groups
- Trich Lampley, Data Entry
- Matthias Buechler, Assistant Youth Coordinator
- Rob Wolford, Assistant Youth Coordinator
- Debrina Jackson, Children's Ministry Assistant
- Alex Marcum, Bookkeeping Assistant
- Graham Miller, Media Assistant
- Dale Wolfgang, Special Events & Projects Coordinator
- Rhenae Abrams, Bookkeeping Assistant
- R. B. Scott, Maintenance Assistant
- Raquel Monell, Children's Ministry Assistant

ELDER BOARD

- Dan & Rhonda Backens
- Doug & Diane Chandler
- Chris & Dahlia Cunningham
- John & Maureen D'Amelio
- Maurice & Earlene Hilliard
- James & Margarita Lee
- Melvin & Denise McCleese
- Doug & Marty Ross
- Kevin & Wanda Turpin

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

- Church-wide
- Pastor Melvin McCleese, Prayer
- Steve & Betsy Kurrle, Refuge Prayer
- Pastor Tina Davis, Women's Ministry
- John D'Amelio, Men's Ministry
- Claudette & Ken Altman, Follow-Up Ministry
- Ted & Esther Dean, Providence Missions
- Gary Witmer & Jack Nelson, Parking
- Ashlea Lusher, Dance Ministry

Sunday Sanctuary Services

- Esther Peoples, Greeters
- Trent & Holly Allen, Communion
- Jim & Elaine Flauaus, Altar Ministry
- Carol Watts, Information Center
- Mike Brown & Joseph Lundy, Ushers
- Tara Visser, Hospitality Room

still have questions?

Many people do.

You've just heard the story of Jesus rising from the dead but after you leave the church, when brunch is over and you've had your fill of chocolate you might wonder—

Is it just a story? Or did it really happen? And if it did, what does it mean to me? If you've got those questions, we've got options for you—below are some websites that might be useful.....Take all the time you want. The issues are worth it.

- www.JesusCentral.com
- www.whoisjesus-really.com
- www.leestrobels.com
- www.ivpress.com/questioningfaith/resources
- <http://www.needhim.org>
- www.equip.org



Daddy/Daughter Date Night

for 1st – 5th grade girls and their dads

It's a luau!
Friday, April 30th ♦ 6:30 – 8:30

Tickets!
\$20 for dad and one daughter
\$5 each additional daughter
Available at the information center after services or at the church office during the week.



Dinner & Music

New Life Providence auditorium
Saturday, April 24th
Dinner served at 7:30 PM
Dessert served at 8:15 PM

Featuring guest artists:

Sinita Leung

Her album *In Spirit & In Truth* will be released at the event.

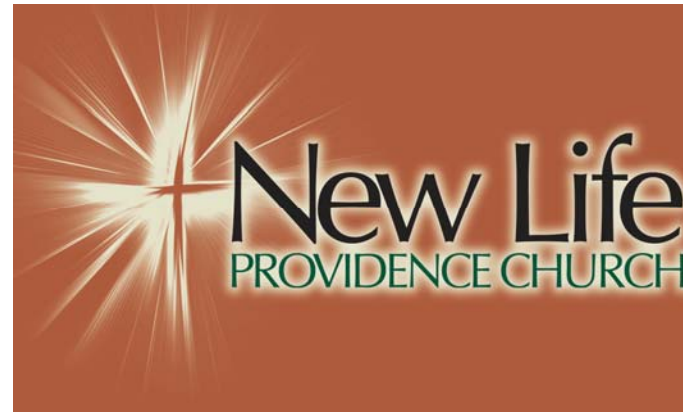


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Dinner and concert tickets limited to 50, \$20 per person
Dessert and concert tickets – \$8 advance; \$10 at the door

Tickets available today at the information center or at the church office during the week.



Kempsville Sanctuary

April 4, 2010

Your Garden of Gethsemane



Pastor Dan & Rhonda Backens

Transthnicity

We are a church that intentionally seeks to transcend our cultural and ethnic differences by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Mission

New Life Providence is contending to be a relevant multi-ethnic, multi-generational church that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is a force for good here and in the nations.

We believe...

- ◆ You matter to God.
- ◆ Heaven and Hell are real.
- ◆ Jesus, God's Son, died because of your sin, and rose again.
- ◆ When you believe in Jesus Christ you are saved.
- ◆ The Bible is true and relevant for your life.
- ◆ The Holy Spirit will give you the power to live a life of victory.

His humanity begged to be delivered from what his divinity could see. Jesus, the carpenter, implores. Jesus, the man, peers into the dark pit and begs, "Can't there be another way?"

Did he know the answer before he asked the question? Did his human heart hope his heavenly father had found another way? We don't know. But we do know he asked to get out. We do know he begged for an exit. We do know there was a time, when if he could have, he would have turned his back on the whole mess and gone away.

But he couldn't.

He couldn't because he saw you. Right there in the middle of a world that isn't fair. He saw you cast into a river of life you didn't request. He saw you betrayed by those you love. He saw you with a body that gets sick and a heart that grows weak.

He saw you in your own garden of gnarled trees and sleeping friends. He saw you staring into the pit of your own failures and the mouth of your own grave.

He saw you in your Garden of Gethsemane—and he didn't want you to be alone. He wanted you to know that he has been there, too. He knows what it's like to be torn between two desires. He knows what it's like to be confused. He knows what it's like to hear God say so gently, but firmly, "No."

For that is what God says to Jesus. And Jesus accepts the answer. At some moment during that midnight hour an angel of mercy comes over the weary body of the man in the garden. As he stands, the anguish is gone from his eyes. His fist will clench no more. His heart will fight no more.

The battle is won. You may have thought it was won on Golgotha. It wasn't. You may have thought the sign of victory is the empty tomb. It isn't. The final battle was won in Gethsemane. And the sign of conquest is Jesus at peace in the olive trees.

For it was in the garden that he made his decision. He would rather go to hell for you than go to heaven without you.

Excerpted from *And the Angels were Silent* by Max Lucado

I am the resurrection, and the life!

—Jesus

SERVICE SCHEDULE
SATURDAY – Worship, 6:00 PM
SUNDAY: Sanctuary – 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM;
Video Café – 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM; International Café Service, 10:00 AM
Nueva Vida (en Español), 2:00 PM

