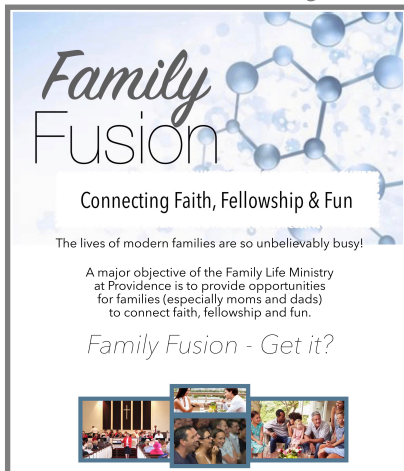




# the INVITATION

## NEW for 2019! Family Fusion



The lives of modern families are so unbelievably busy! A major objective of the PPC Family Life Ministry is to provide opportunities for families (especially moms and dads) to connect faith, fellowship and fun. *Family Fusion - Get it?*

We believe that when families (or sometimes "just couples") make time for faith, fellowship and

fun, everything changes! Lives become less stressful, relationships grow and Christ's Community strengthens.

When objectives are clear and opportunities for fusion are easily accessible, it's much more likely that families will function in a healthy fashion resulting in everyone growing in their faith and family focus.

This year, we'll offer a series of opportunities for mom, dad and the kids to strengthen their family and community relationships. Some activities have been organized for participation by families (parents and kids) and others are for parents-only.

Couple's programs have been planned to equip couples to better handle the demands on their time, schedules and emotions that pull them in different directions. The goal is to help couples to better connect with one another and God. Contact Pastor Billy for more info ([familylife@provpres.org](mailto:familylife@provpres.org)).

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## Wednesday Evening KIRK NIGHT

On Kirk Night ("Kirk" is Scottish for "church") Providence hosts an informal Wednesday evening gathering where we join together to share a meal and focus on God's word through a specific study.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall where you will find a dedicated team of volunteers who have prepared a delicious home cooked meal for us. Dinner is provided for a minimal fee of \$5/adult and \$3/children.

After dinner our adults and youth remain in the fellowship hall for a group study and our children move to the choir room for Kirkmusik. Our kirk-"moo"-sicians engage in a variety of activities during the half-hour session, including singing, playing instruments, and learning the language of music.



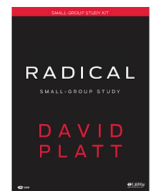
## Kirk Night Winter/Spring 2019

### Radical

by David Platt

When Jesus called His disciples, they left everything and followed Him. Careers. Possessions. Families. Everything that was safe and familiar. Jesus expects no less of His followers today.

In this video-based group Bible Study, David Platt challenges the notions that Christians can follow Jesus without giving up our old way of life. Redeemed by radical grace, we are called to a radical abandonment of our agendas, to a radical strategy for making disciples, and to a radical vision for being on mission.

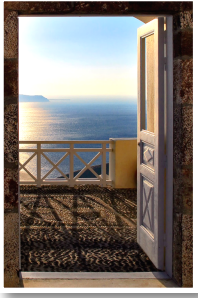


### Study

### Schedule

The following Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30pm

January 9	February 27
January 16	~ Break for Lent ~
January 23	(Ash Wednesday through Easter)
January 30	May 1
February 6	May 8
February 13	May 15
February 20	May 22



As I reflect upon the past year for our church, it's a reflection that can best be encapsulated by the word "blessed." I don't think this word is terribly unique – as if there were some years where God's blessings were somehow absent. I don't believe that at all. It's just that there have been times this past year when I've paused amidst the activities at Providence and looked at all that God has done in our lives. And at those moments the most appropriate thought I've had is to say that "God has blessed us."

There's a danger, though, in reflecting upon blessing. Blessing was never intended by God to be reduced or limited to the first person pronoun "I". The Bible is full of reminders that to those to whom much is given, much is expected. The Lord rebukes his people for taking the blessings he has given them and squandering them for selfish purposes. The Bible clearly states that the people of God are blessed so that we can be a blessing to others. And during those times when we are able to bless others, we can thank God for using us, for giving us opportunities to serve, for giving us the means by which to help, and for not allowing our hearts to grow selfishly cold.

It's always a privilege for me to take part in the many ministries here at Providence - worshipping in a vibrant and meaningful congregation, delivering gifts to needy families during the holidays, fellowshiping with the men of our church, working with our youth as we experience Workcamp Mission Trips, enjoying the presence of Gad-A-Bouts during a noon luncheon gathering, working alongside caring and talented Ruling Elders on Session, in our committees, and on our staff, challenging myself to be a better musician in choir, being a resource to Care Team Leaders.

Most recently I've been blessed as I've watched our congregation enfold the Preschool into our ministry and have watched excited children come each morning as they anticipate another day of learning and socialization. I can't help but reflect on God's joy as he watches our church use the gifts he's given us as a means to bless others.

The truth that grabs hold of me in powerful ways most weeks is the truth that in serving others there is joy. And that when we are the church of Christ, serving others, there is no time to think about "self." There is simply time to enjoy the blessings that come with serving others.

All of these things, and so many more, are why I say that we are blessed – because God has moved in our hearts to do this! God has given us the opportunity and the resources to do this! God desires that we do this! For we are "blessed to be a blessing." Our Lord didn't die on a cross for our sins so that we could be average or live self-serving lives. Our Lord died on a cross so that we could die to selves and live for others. God is good – we are blessed, and God uses his people to bless others – all for his glory and honor.

See you in Church!

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# Giving Statement Notice

Providence's 2018 annual giving statements will be mailed through the United States Postal Service by the end of January - just in time for tax preparation! If you do not receive your statement by mid-February, please contact Providence's financial secretary through the church office.

Please make a note that in 2019, Providence will no longer be mailing quarterly giving statements by regular mail. Instead, the financial secretary will be emailing the statements to your email box. To ensure the correct email is used for this purpose, we recommend you email the office at [office@provpres.org](mailto:office@provpres.org) to confirm the email address Providence should use for quarterly statements. Year-end statements will continue to be mailed through the regular mail.

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# THIS MONTH AT PROVIDENCE

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## Tuesday, JANUARY 1

- New Year's Day -  
Office Closed

## Wednesday, JANUARY 2

10:00am Gad-A-Bouts Breakfast Out  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

## Sunday, JANUARY 6

- Communion Sunday -  
8:30am Merry Bells  
9:45am Discipleship Hour  
11:00am Worship & Communion  
12:15pm Family Fusion

## Monday, JANUARY 7

7:00pm Committee Chairs Meet  
7:30pm Committee Meetings  
7:30pm Elder Elect Training

## Tuesday, JANUARY 8

10:00am Dorcas Circle  
7:30pm Bells of PPC

## Wednesday, JANUARY 9

9:45am Mary & Martha Circle  
4:30pm Prayer Ministry  
6:00pm Kirk Night  
6:30pm Kirkmusik  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, JANUARY 10

6:30pm Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm Men's Dinner @ Providence

## Sunday, JANUARY 13

- Preschool Sunday -  
8:30am Merry Bells  
9:45am Discipleship Hour  
11:00am Worship  
12:15pm Congregational Meeting  
12:30pm Chili Cook-off

## Monday, JANUARY 14

7:00pm Session Tele-Conference

## Tuesday, JANUARY 15

- Newsletter Deadline -  
7:30pm Bells of PPC

## Wednesday, JANUARY 16

- ODU Meal Day -  
4:30pm Prayer Ministry  
6:00pm Kirk Night  
6:30pm Kirkmusik  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, JANUARY 17

6:30pm Care Team

## Sunday, JANUARY 20

8:30am Merry Bells  
9:45am Discipleship Hour  
11:00am Worship  
12:15pm Family Fusion

## Monday, JANUARY 21

- Martin Luther King Jr Day -  
Office Closed

## Tuesday, JANUARY 22

7:30pm Bells of PPC

## Wednesday, JANUARY 23

4:30pm Prayer Ministry  
6:00pm Kirk Night  
6:30pm Kirkmusik  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

## Saturday, JANUARY 26

7:00pm Family Fusion Event

## Sunday, JANUARY 27

8:30am Merry Bells  
9:45am Discipleship Hour  
11:00am Worship  
12:15pm PPWCT

## Monday, JANUARY 28

- Meals on Wheels -

## Tuesday, JANUARY 29

- Meals on Wheels -

## Wednesday, JANUARY 30

- Meals on Wheels -  
4:30pm Prayer Ministry  
6:00pm Kirk Night  
6:30pm Kirkmusik  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, JANUARY 31

- Meals on Wheels -

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# BIRTHDAYS

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01/01 Jimmy Hawn III  
01/01 Helen Watkins  
01/01 Deb Reel  
01/01 Chris Molleen  
01/03 Corie Olenych  
01/04 Bruce Lytle  
01/04 Debbie Riggan  
01/05 Rachel McMahan  
01/05 Melodee Hanson  
01/06 Barbara Sturtevant  
01/06 Robie Armbruster  
01/07 Bob Birdwell  
01/07 Micah McMahan  
01/09 Katie Manning  
01/09 Christina Richardson



01/11 Gary Toone  
01/11 Cindy Kennett  
01/14 Sarah Grady  
01/14 Lee Anne Spivey  
01/14 Terry Finch  
01/14 Sherry Jansen  
01/16 Joy Sullivan  
01/17 Deborah Lane

01/17 Jane Pritchett  
01/18 Pat Griffin  
01/19 Laurie Parker  
01/20 Anita Matteson  
01/20 Ashley Schroeder  
01/20 Peggy Deans  
01/23 Karen Dixon  
01/23 Sue Crosland  
01/24 Leonne Smith  
01/24 Abbitt Harvey  
01/26 Marion Samuels  
01/27 Margaret Harker  
01/27 Emma Bogdan  
01/30 Becky Rogers  
01/31 Barbara Lumpkin





## Hot-Hot-Hot!

**Sunday, January 13 @ 12:15pm**

After worship on Sunday, January 13, the Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Chili Cookout in the Fellowship Hall.

**All are welcome.**

Volunteers are needed to bring  
Chili or Corn Bread/Rolls.

If you can help, register on the Volunteer  
Sign Up Sheet posted on the  
Sign Up bulletin board.



## PRESCHOOLSUNDAY



**Sunday, January 13**

You won't want to miss worship on  
Sunday, January 13 when the  
students of Providence Preschool will  
grace us with a special presentation.



GROUP

**WORKCAMPS**

Home Repair

Kevin Daley, Workcamp Coordinator

Hello again everyone! In preparation for our youth attending Workcamp in Knoxville, TN the week of July 21-27, 2019, we have established two fundraisers. We currently have 5 youth, 2 adult chaperones and 3 staff volunteers attending our mission trip to work on homes and share the experience with other youth from around the country. The cost for each youth attending is over \$472. The following are a few fund raisers to help offset these costs.

- March 2, 6pm – Aberdeen Barn Dinner at Providence. A great dinner with all the fixin's. Tickets go on sale on Sunday February 3, 2019. Cost is \$10. Get your tickets early as there is a limited supply!!
- May 11, 8am-1pm – Yard Sale at Providence. Please do not bring any articles for the sale prior to May 4 as we do not have any place to store them.

Stay tuned in upcoming newsletters and flyers at Providence for these events. Thank you for all your support of the youth in this endeavor. They look forward to sharing their experiences with you upon return and throughout the year. Further questions contact Kevin Daley at 572-3977 or [kdaley7203@cox.net](mailto:kdaley7203@cox.net).







PC Family Outing for all ages at the home of Kevin and Cecilia Daley for a

## Model Train Open House

Saturday, January 5 🚂 11am - 1pm

Kevin is an expert model train engineer and has an amazing array of trains and scenes! Please sign up at Providence or online at [provpres.org](http://provpres.org).

Stop by their home at 1717 Whitlow Street in Virginia Beach anytime from 11am to 1pm on Saturday, January 5 to enjoy the trains!

Questions? Call or text Connie Salter, 288-2072 or Donna Rae Barrow, 748-1477.



## Valentines Dinner



Tickets Go On Sale  
Sunday, January 13

Available in the Church Office or  
Sundays in the Foyer

\$30/Couple \$15/Single



An evening of live  
entertainment and  
dinner.

A variety of dinner selections to  
choose from.



February 16 @ 6pm



Fellowship Hall



Providence Presbyterian 5497 Providence Rd, Virginia Beach, Virginia

## **FAMILY FUSION SMALL GROUP “KINDNESS” STUDY STARTS ON JANUARY 6**

*What’s one thing that can make any marriage better?* Improved communication? Financial stability? Magically adding more hours to each day? Those may be valid answers. But the surprising answer that we’ll be exploring in this small group study is **Kindness**.

Kindness is a small thing that makes a big difference—especially since most of us aren’t really as kind as we think we are! The study will be based on Shaunti Feldhahn’s book *The Kindness Challenge: Thirty Days to Improve Any Relationship*.

### **Session 1: Why Kindness** [January 6, 2019]

What does it mean to be kind? How does our kindness (or lack thereof) impact our relationships? Why should I be kind to my spouse? These are the questions we’ll be exploring during our discussion. We start out with one of the best examples of kindness in the Bible; the story of the Good Samaritan.

### **Session 2: Nix The Negative** [January 20, 2019]

One of the first steps to being a kinder person is to stop being unkind! We’re often more negative towards our spouse than we might realize. That’s why the study will challenge us to focus on being kind to our spouses. And we get an example of how negativity impacts us from the story of Joshua and Caleb in the Promised Land.

Each of our six sessions will take place following worship on Sunday afternoons (from 12:30 - 1:30). All sessions include lunch and childcare. Contact Pastor Billy ([familylife@provpres.org](mailto:familylife@provpres.org)) for more information. Please register to attend online at [www.provpres.org](http://www.provpres.org).

## **FAMILY FUSION LARGE EVENT**

The Family Fusion LARGE event will take place in the PPC Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 7P - 9P. It is for married people—no matter where you are in your marriage or your faith. It involves lots of laughter, creative programming, great music, a relevant message and follow-up applications that can be used by each couple.

While childcare will be offered, dinner will not. So, grab a bite to eat on your own and drop by the church from 7P - 9P for dessert and fun! Please register online ([provpres.org](http://provpres.org)) before January 13, 2019.

## **FAMILY FUSION TIME MACHINE DATE NIGHT**

Simply put, Family Fusion Date Nights are “a little nudge from your friends at Providence to get moms and dads out of the house and focused on one another (not work, kids, etc.)” Date nights do not take place at the church (or in a group). While they are planned for specific dates, they may be taken on any night that works for your schedule. Childcare will be available on officially scheduled Date Nights, if needed.

The first official Date Night will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019. As we get closer to the date, you’ll be encouraged to register online for the Time Machine Date Night. On this night, you’ll travel back in time together and reminisce about past experiences that will help you find new ways to connect and look forward to a future together. All couples (not just Family Fusion folks) are invited to participate!

Please save the March 9, 2019 date and plan to go back in time with your sweetheart!

## **2019 FAMILY FUSION COUPLE’S RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE!**

PPC Family Fusion Couples are encouraged to put the dates for this couple’s retreat on their calendar. For this weekend away, we’ll be staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Corolla on the Outer Banks. While couples will spend time chatting with other couples (socially and in sessions), there’s lots of space in the schedule for getting away together.

The cost for this wonderful weekend will be \$210 per couple. If you could use a deep breath in your life, save the date (March 22-24, 2019) now!

Contact Pastor Billy ([familylife@provpres.org](mailto:familylife@provpres.org) or 289-9763) if you have any comments or scholarship/potential childcare questions.

## MUSIC NOTES FROM VALETTA



(L) Providence Bells shared the gift of music Saturday, December 8 at the Chrysler Hall Museum.

(R) On December 9, Providence Chancel Choir blessed the congregation and guests with two musical programs; Sunday morning Lessons & Carols and a Sunday evening Christmas Concert.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all the men that attended the dinner and fellowship at Keagan's in December. On January 10 we will meet at 6:30pm at Providence for dinner and fellowship. Chris Daley from the Fatal Crash Team of Virginia Beach Police Department will be our guest speaker. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Sign-up bulletin board. Bring a friend to share in fellowship. At this meeting we will finalize plans for the Valentines Dinner.

Reminder to sign-up for the Transportation Ministry on the Sign-up bulletin board. Direct any questions about this ministry to ministry coordinator, Glynn Rogers.

### Upcoming Men's Events

#### **Valentines Dinner, February 16**

Here are some highlights we are planning:  
Program: 6pm Social

6:30-8:30pm Dinner & Entertainment

Cost: \$30/Couple, \$15/Single

Tickets: On sale Jan 13<sup>th</sup> in the foyer.

Dinner: Dinner selections are still in the works and will be announced when they are finalized.

*Please let us know if you will need childcare.*

#### **Men's Dinner Out, March 14**

*Nick Bolton coordinating*

#### **Admirals Hockey Game, TBD**

If you have any questions or would like more information please Contact Kevin Daley at (757)572-3977.

**Join us for the Presbyterian Men's Fellowship and Conferences**



Over the last few months, our congregation has been praying for young adults (aged 18 - 34) who are affiliated with the church; some we see regularly and some we don't see so often. Each month, we identify a few and ask the congregation to begin to pray for the well-being and future of each young woman or young man.

Additionally, we've asked the congregation to personally sign a card for the young adults that we're focused on for that month just to let them know that they're on our radar screen. These cards are always located in the Fellowship Hall.

In January, we'll DARE TO CARE and be focused on Chris Daley, Katie Dixon, Bryan Lytle, Brittney Pursel and Ashley Veraque, letting them know that God and the Providence congregation cares about them and their future. For more info on this process, please contact Pastor Billy at "[familylife@provpres.org](mailto:familylife@provpres.org)."

### **January 2019**

- Chris Daley
- Katie Dixon
- Bryan Lytle
- Brittney Pursel
- Ashley Veraque





## Stay Connected

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- sign up to receive our Friday e-letter
- check out our Facebook page

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