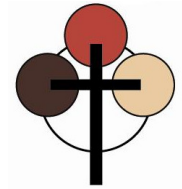


Providence Church

Pastoral Prospective



Our Mission:

Having been gathered by the grace of God, we are committed to uniting the diverse community of South Savannah to Christ, by training disciples and building authentic, Christ-centered relationships.

Our Vision Statement:

Having been reconciled to God, the gospel calls us to be people who:

Faithful to the Bible and the Reformed faith

Rejoice in diversity

At Providence, we rejoice in the diversity of people in God's kingdom worldwide but especially in South Savannah. God created diversity and we rejoice in it. We show this by embracing and encouraging a church filled with people of various ethnicities, ages, generations and with different talents and abilities. We want people to go beyond the relationships that are most comfortable to them and join in fellowship with other believers who are not exactly like them. We also value everyone's spiritual gifts and abilities and desire to see everyone being used in a unique way to see the kingdom of God advance. We call this "every member ministry" and hope that we can be a place where every member can identify their place of ministry and be equipped to serve in that ministry.

Seek Reconciliation

Creating a culture of reconciliation is challenging, but should penetrate every part of what we do. It does not begin and end with racial reconciliation. Reconciliation is emphasized in all areas and at all levels. Peacemaking should be part of our culture and people will learn how to live at peace with everyone. We want to see people in every relationship seek to reconcile their differences in a biblical way as far as it can be done. At times, it may even be necessary to seek out counselors who can guide them through the peacemaking process. We hope to be a church that can provide that counsel not only to our own church members but to the greater Christian community as well.

Pursue Renewal from the inside out

We desire to see people whose lives are being transformed by the Holy Spirit. We want to see God changing hearts, which in turn changes lives. This renewal can be brought about through

a counseling ministry, through discipleship and small group ministries, through serving others and through relationships of accountability. When we change from the heart, from the inside out, we permanently change.

Make Redemptive Relationships

Having our relationships rooted and grounded in Christ they become redemptive. We desire to see people who become “real” and by admitting their own struggles and being patient with the struggles of others. We want to be a church where people build authentic Christ-centered relationships and true Christian community, going beyond our Sunday formalities and intentionally reaching into the lives of others despite what we might discover there. We want people to intentionally develop relationships of accountability with other believers. These relationships have a clear purpose, to bring about the redemption and sanctification of those involved in them. They point us to Christ and help us to encourage and exhort one another to live out the faith we profess.

Restore Community

We desire to see people who serve in order to make a difference to the community directly around us. We want to look beyond our own church community and into the community where we are geographically located. Seeing ourselves as being reconciled to God and living in loving community with other believers causes us to reach outward, promoting mercy and justice to those in our community. We want to be a beacon of God’s mercy and love in the community around us.

Reach our community for Christ

We want to be a culture of people who desire to unite the lost in our spheres of influence to Christ. We want to be a church where both the individual and the church as a whole are equipped to minister to the lost and share the gospel of Christ with them. We want to be an outward-focused church, which focuses on the needs of the lost. We hope to always have many avenues for training and equipping Christians to share their faith as well as ministries that draw the lost from the community to participate. We also want to start and support church plants in various areas in and around Savannah, including an inner city church plant. We also seek to be involved in local and worldwide missions by supporting missionaries and by educating our congregation on what is going on with missions around the globe.

Desire to be Relevant to our surrounding culture

We want to always be communicating God’s word in a way that answers the questions and issues of the changing culture in which we live. We are willing to change our methods yet not our message in order to be relevant to the surrounding culture. We believe God’s word can be brought to all people in a way that they can best grasp and understand it.

Our Worship:

In accord with our philosophy of ministry we are committed to hymns, ancient and modern, that express the theology of Scripture and the culture we seek to engage.

Congregational History:

The inception of Providence Church was in 1926; Independent Presbyterian Church established it as Parker Mission. By 1930, the congregation grew to become Eastern Heights Presbyterian Church. The Lord blessed the work with a fruitful ministry and sustained the church through two world wars. There was a split in the body in 1955 with six families leaving to form Faith Independent Presbyterian Church. This congregation moved several times and finally changed its name to Providence Presbyterian Church in 1976. The present site was chosen at that time as well. Eastern Heights then rejoined Providence Church in 2002.

Congregational Demographics:

Our church make up is a wide mix. There are old and young, single and married, college students and young professionals, black and white and civilian/military. We have averaged approximately 50 attending on Sundays over the year. There are several newly wed couples. Unfortunately, we do not have many children. The average age attendance is in the 30's.

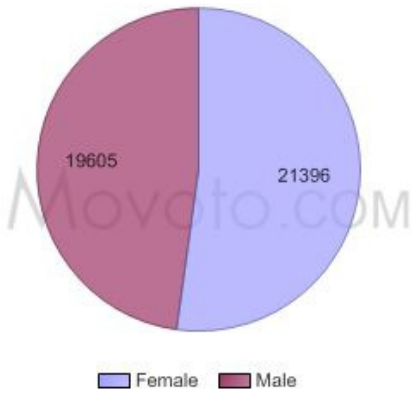
Our church property is in an ideal location. It is located right next to a mall, two movie theatres, a brand new public library, and a back entrance to the army air base. There are shopping plazas, neighborhoods and apartment buildings within walking distance of the church. As mentioned earlier, we have no debt on the property. The church is also located within a mile from Armstrong Atlantic State University. There is an active RUF ministry there, which we substantially support. However, there are opportunities for expanding that ministry.

Savannah Demographics:

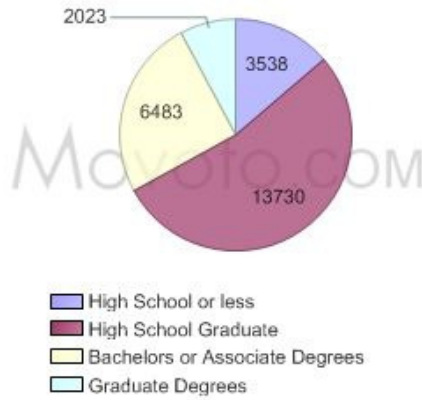
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Dec 2009 cost of living index in Savannah: 88.3 (less than average, U.S. average is 100)

Population by Sex



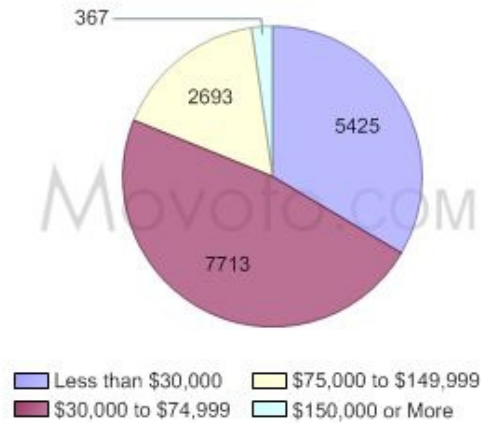
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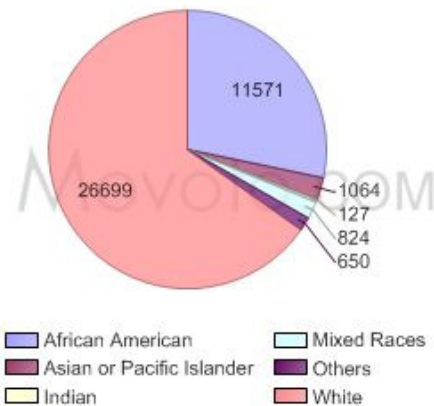
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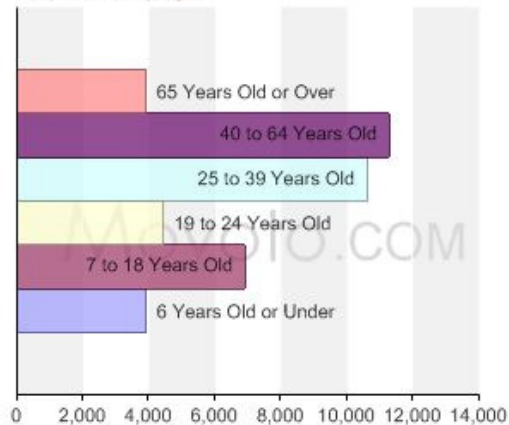
Household Income Levels



Population by Race



Population by Age



If you would care for additional information, please email: providencesavsearch@gmail.com.
Session and deaconal profiles are available.

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CHURCH PROFILE FORM

Check here if you would like to be added to our Ministry Opportunity List (<http://www.pcaac.org/ministrypositions.htm>)

PART I -- BASIC DATA

1. NAME OF CHURCH: Providence Church
ADDRESS: 11111 Rio Road Savannah, Georgia 31419
TELEPHONE: (912) 927-1750 PRESBYTERY: Savannah River
2. NAME OF PULPIT COMMITTEE CONTACT PERSON: George M. Tady
MAILING ADDRESS FOR DATA FORMS: See Mailing Address
TELEPHONE: (912) 927-1750
EMAIL: providencesavsearch@gmail.com
3. TYPE OF COMMUNITY
Inner City _____
Urban (Downtown) _____
Urban (Residential) _____
Suburban X
Small Town _____
Rural _____
College _____
Retirement _____
Resort/Recreational _____
Agriculture _____
4. TYPE OF CHURCH
Church with Multiple Staff _____
Church with Solo Pastor X
Mission Church _____
Non-PCA Church _____
Overseas Church _____
5. SIZE CHURCH
Under 100 members X
101-250 members _____
251-500 members _____
501-800 members _____
801-1,000 members _____
1,001-1,600 members _____
Over 1,600 members _____

6. TYPE OF POSITION VACANT

- Pastor (Solo) X
- Senior Pastor _____
- Associate Pastor _____
- Assistant Pastor _____
- Interim or Supply _____
- Lay Professional _____
(e.g. Educator, Musician)
- Pastoral Counselor _____

7. CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

- Average Attendance 60
- # of Adults over 65 _____
- # of Adults under 65 _____
- # of Teens _____
- Number of Children _____

8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Total Income _____
- Benevolent Disbursements _____
- Church Expenses _____
- Ministers Compensation Package Open for discussion

9. PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH

- Community Groups _____
- Women's Discipleship Group _____
- Adult Sunday School _____
- Children's Sunday School _____

PART II -- PASTOR CRITERIA DESIRED
(Check all that apply)

- A. Age:
 - Under 30 _____
 - 30-39 _____
 - 40-49 _____
 - 50-59 _____
 - 60 and over _____
 - No preference X

- B. Marital Status:
 - Single _____
 - Married _____
 - No preference X

- C. Personal Lifestyle:
 - Task Oriented _____
 - People Oriented _____
 - Both X

PART III -- CONGREGATIONAL PRIORITIES

WE THE CONGREGATION PRIORITIES THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF MINISTRY THAT OUR PASTOR ENGAGES IN: [On a scale of 0 to 4, please rate each activity, but only choose highest priority for four to six activities. If you wish to complete this in Word, please **Bold and Underline** your choices below.]

	Low Priority			High Priority	
	0	1	2	3	4
1. WORSHIP LEADERSHIP (Pastor and Session work to develop a rich worship life, educating the congregation for meaningful participation.)			2		
2. PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (The word of God is preached with urgency and conviction, bringing it to bear on the changing needs of individuals, the community, and the world. High priority of pastor's time placed on sermon preparation.)			2		4
3. SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBERS (Pastor shares members' struggles regarding the Christian faith, with opportunity provided for individuals and groups to reflect on beliefs, concerns, doubts regarding Christian understanding of the spiritual dimensions of life.)			2		4
4. CONGREGATIONAL VISITATION (Church officers and pastor develop and carry out a systematic plan for visitation of the entire congregation with special attention to prospective members and those with special needs.)			2		
5. HOSPITAL OR EMERGENCY VISITATION (Those in hospitals or emergency situations are regularly visited; network developed to keep pastor and others informed of crisis situations; needs of ill or bereaved are met.)			2		
6. CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (Emphasis placed in developing fellowship, helping members to know one another; groups encouraged which give members the opportunity to love and support one another.)			2		4
7. COUNSELING SERVICES (A counseling program initiated for assisting those in and outside the Church; appropriate referrals made when needed.)			2		
8. EVANGELISM (Pastor and congregation share faith in Christ as personal Savior in total lifestyle; seek to lead others within and outside the Church to accept Jesus Christ; congregation is informed, trained, helped to establish effective evangelism programs for the church.)			2		4
9. DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING			2	3	
10. ENCOURAGING THE MINISTRY OF THE LAITY (Creative ideas and directions developed together with the Session; many persons with appropriate skills stimulated to become involved in services.)			2	3	
11. MISSION BEYOND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY (Awareness of the Church's worldwide mission and opportunities for corporate and individual involvement; specific projects identified; persons challenged to support, study and/or visit mission programs on six continents.)			2		

<p>12. DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM (Session and pastor identify the educational needs of persons of all ages and backgrounds, developing programs to meet needs; church education supported; educational goals are congruent with the total mission of the Church.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4
<p>13. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY (Pastor accepts an active teaching role, interpreting and teaching the Scriptures, theological concepts, history of the Church and current events; provides instruction for Church Officers; educational leaders, confirmands and new members.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4
<p>14. INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND ACTIVITIES (Concern for identifying social problems in the community; work done with groups seeking solutions. Time and skills committed to community groups. Information and encouragement provided which enable members to become informed and involved.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4
<p>15. ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES (Involvement with other congregations and the denominations in the community in presenting a united Christian witness in the community.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4
<p>16. CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATION (Two-way communication encouraged, information gathered and shared that will assist problem solving and decision making; varying opinions elicited and all encouraged to listen to opposing points of view.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4
<p>17. ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP (Pastor accepts appropriate administrative responsibilities, in climate of delegated tasks and shared leadership; volunteers and professional staff encouraged to use their ideas and skills. Work done on developing accountability.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4
<p>18. STEWARDSHIP AND COMMITMENT PROGRAMS (Session and pastor develop a planned stewardship education program to communicate the financial needs of the local church and mission beyond the local church; congregation challenged to commitment to Church's work.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4
<p>19. EVALUATION OF PROGRAM AND STAFF (Systematic procedures used to evaluate programs and staff performance in accord with goals and objectives. Others trained to use these skills. Regular assessment and evaluation.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4
<p>20. CONGREGATIONAL AND DENOMINATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (Value placed on balance between local church and Assembly responsibilities. Congregation and Session know and are involved in the work of the denomination.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4
<p>21. DIACONAL MINISTRIES (Ministering to the needs of those inside and outside of the Church.)</p>	0	1	2	3	4

PART IV -- PASTORAL STRENGTHS DESIRED

On a scale of 1 to 6, evaluate your priorities for the ministry of your pastor. [Circle 6 for the areas of greatest priority and circle 1 for the least priority. . If you wish to complete this in Word, please **Bold and Underline** your choices below.]

	Strong	Slightly Strong	Average	Weak	Slightly Weak	Very Weak
Preaching	6	5	4	3	2	1
Teaching	6	5	4	3	2	1
Evangelism	6	5	4	3	2	1
Discipleship	6	5	4	3	2	1
Worship Leadership	6	5	4	3	2	1
Church Administration	6	5	4	3	2	1
Team Work	6	5	4	3	2	1
Counseling	6	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership Training	6	5	4	3	2	1
Christian Education	6	5	4	3	2	1
Pastoral Visitation	6	5	4	3	2	1
Stewardship Ministry	6	5	4	3	2	1
Diaconal Ministry	6	5	4	3	2	1
Youth Work	6	5	4	3	2	1
College & Career Ministry	6	5	4	3	2	1
Ministry to Senior Citizens	6	5	4	3	2	1
Singles Ministry	6	5	4	3	2	1
Recreational Activities	6	5	4	3	2	1
Presbytery/General Assembly Involvement	6	5	4	3	2	1
Community Service	6	5	4	3	2	1
Other <u>Practices hospitality</u>	6	5	4	3	2	1
Other <u>Rules household well</u>	6	5	4	3	2	1