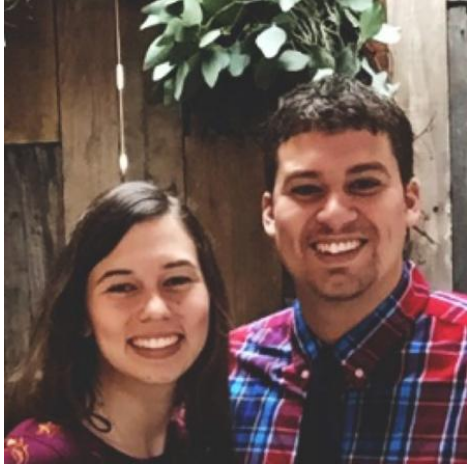




## Leaders Directory 2021-2022



### Jarrick & Brittany Oxendine

Jarrick serves as the Student Pastor at Providence. His wife, Brittany is a 12th grade girls Refinery leader. They will be celebrating six years of marriage this fall. They both enjoy all things asian cuisine, with their favorites being sushi, pad thai and fried rice. Brittany's favorite candy is watermelon sour patch gummies. They ask for prayer for baby Oxendine due November 16th. Brittany asks for prayer for the senior girls that she will be coleading for Refinery, that they will steward their last year of high school well as they prepare for young adulthood.



### Andy Owens

Andy serves as the Family Discipleship pastor at Providence. He has been married to his wife Erica for 17 years and they have 4 children. His favorite food is spinach and eggs. A fun fact about Andy is that he has many connections to wrestling. He was a high school wrestler, had a friend in Turkey who was a World Champion Arm Wrestler and attended a camel wrestling event, during his time in Turkey. Similarly, he believes we should "wrestle" for one another in prayer (Colossians 4:12). He asks for prayer that he would delight deeply in Christ and lead others to do the same.



### Mary Beth Ellis

Mary Beth serves as the Assistant Director of Student Discipleship at Providence. She is originally from Jacksonville, Florida and moved to Wake Forest in 2020 to pursue a Masters degree in Christian Ministry at Southeastern Seminary. She loves coffee, dogs and going to baseball games. Her favorite candy is anything with dark chocolate in it. Mary Beth asks for prayer as she builds relationships with leaders and students and for her to manage time between work and school well.



## Hannah de Leon

Hannah serves as the Student Ministry Assistant at Providence. She will be celebrating her 35th anniversary with her husband, Rally this year. A fun fact about Hannah is that she lived in Germany for a season when her husband was serving there with NATO. Her favorite sweets are ice cream and York peppermint patties. Hannah asks that you would pray that she would have wisdom in the places of leadership God has placed her in.



## Jacob Arrowood

Jacob serves as the Student Ministry Intern at Providence. He will be graduating soon from Southeastern's college program and beginning his seminary degree. A fun fact about Jacob is that he was once stranded in Alaska while on a fishing trip. His favorite candy is lifesaver gummies. Jacob asks for prayer as he balances responsibilities of finishing college, applying to graduate school and pouring into students.



## Whitaker Bennett

Whitaker is a 6th grade guys Refinery leader. He loves to video things. His favorite drink is cheerwine and favorite candy is M&M's. Whitaker asks for prayer with time management and balancing studying and other life responsibilities.



## Andy Bennison

Andy is a 9th grade guys Refinery leader. He has a twin brother. He is studying Computer Science at NCSU. His favorite candy is skittles. Andy asks for prayer for his 9th grade guys that they hear and understand the gospel in a real way so they feel comfortable sharing their faith.





### Ryan Bennison

Ryan is a 10th grade guys Refinery leader. He is studying Computer Science at NCSU. He enjoys running and playing disc golf. His favorite candy is Reese's peanut butter cups. Ryan asks prayer for continued growth in his own faith, finishing school well and landing a full-time job after graduation.



### Brett & Lindsey Danforth

Brett and Lindsey are 12th grade Life Group leaders. They met and started dating in student ministry. They have three girls; Briggs, Reade and Andi. Lindsey's favorite treat is an almond latte from Jubala. Brett's favorite candy is anything with chocolate and peanut butter in it. Lindsey asks if you would pray for her as she wants to spend intentional time in prayer for the students. Brett asks prayer for God to continue to make him more like Christ as he studies His word with the students.



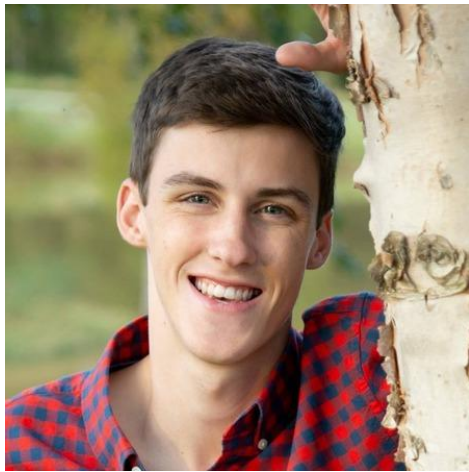
### Hope Dorman

Hope is a 12th grade girls Refinery leader. She serves as the Digital Content Coordinator at Providence. Her favorite drink is Coca Cola. A fun fact about Hope is that she and her sisters were the main stars in a PBS Kids TV Commercial that ran for well over a year. She asks that you would pray for her as she relies on the Holy Spirit to help her point the senior girls to Jesus and what He has done for them.



### John Dorman

John is a 8th & 9th grade Life Group leader. John and his wife, Karen (who serves as an Office Director at Providence) just celebrated 29 years of marriage. They have 7 kids. A fun fact about John is that he used to be a competitive diver in high school. His favorite drink is a diet coke. He asks that you pray for him as he teaches and leads the guys in his life group.



### John Michael Dorman

John Michael is a 7th grade guys Refinery leader. A fun fact about John Michael is that his highest scoring basketball game was 25 points. His favorite candy is anything sour and chewy. He asks prayer for his time with the 7th grade guys and that he's able to make strong connections with them so that he can point them to Christ.



### Matt & Heather Faucette

Matt and Heather Faucette are 10th & 11th grade Life Group leaders. A fun fact about Matt is that in the mid-90s he was in a movie with the original Buffy the Vampire Slayer. His favorite candy is chocolate covered peanuts. They ask for prayer to shine the light of Jesus to the students, while making Life Group both spiritually meaningful and fun.



### Holly Ficken

Holly is a 9th grade girls Refinery leader. A fun fact about Holly is that she is in the NCSU marching band. Her favorite food is pineapple, grilled cheese and chocolate pudding. She asks for prayer to have confidence, wisdom, peace and joy in leading her girls.



### Gary & Vinniece Freeman

Gary and Vinniece are 6th & 7th grade Life Group leaders. A fun fact about Gary is that he was drafted by the Mets out of high school. A fun fact about Vinniece is that she is a pescatarian. His favorite food is mac and cheese and her favorite food is mediterranean. Gary asks for prayer to be authentic in who God created him to be and to lead through God's strength. Vinniece asks for prayer that God uses her to be an example in her home and reaches others for His glory.





## Griffin & Emilee Fulk

Griffin is an 8th grade guys Refinery leader and Emilee is a 7th grade girls Refinery leader. They will celebrate one year of marriage this year. Griffin likes to play disc golf and Emilee thinks that Pilot G-2 .38 are the superior pens. His favorite candy is peanut M&M's and her favorite snack is white cheddar flaming hot popcorn. They both ask prayer for confidence in the Holy Spirit speaking through them with their students.



## Peyton Funderburk

Peyton is a 9th grade girls Refinery leader. She is a sophomore at NCSU, studying English with a minor in Sociology. A fun fact about Peyton is that she has been skydiving. Her favorite food is mexican. She asks prayer for her semester at school and her desire to know the Lord more would deepen.



## Rick & Sarah Gessner

Rick and Sarah are 10th & 11th grade Life Group leaders. They served as missionaries in Kenya for two years (2012-2014). A fun fact about Sarah is that she loves dragonflies and hummingbirds. Rick's favorite candy is anything with chocolate and caramel in it. Sarah's favorite food is plantains in almost any form. They both ask prayer for connecting well with students.



## Paul & Sandy Hendrix

Paul and Sandy are 8th & 9th grade Life Group leaders. They have six children. Paul is a girls varsity basketball coach. Sandy loves to read and work on puzzles. His favorite candy is a 100 grand bar and her favorite is dark chocolate. Paul asks for prayer that God would speak through his weakness when teaching and Sandy asks for prayer to make real connections with the students.



## Holly Huffine

Holly is a 10th grade girls Refinery leader. A fun fact about Holly is that she spent the past summer working on jet engines in Cherry Point, NC. Her favorite food is ice cream. She asks prayer for deep connections with her students and for wisdom and clarity in small group discussions.



## Robert & Robin Jackson

Robert and Robin are 10th & 11th grade Life Group leaders. They have been married for 21 years and have two sons. They met on a fishing trip. A fun fact about Robert is that he used to fox hunt on retired race horses. A fun fact about Robin is that she has a small business, designing jewelry. His favorite food is a bone in rib-eye, medium rare and her favorite treats are oreo milkshakes and Starbucks lattes. Robin asks for prayer that God would grow her knowledge of Him this year and enable her to be a bright light to all the students. Rick asks prayer for further pruning in his life.



## Tom Kilpatrick

Tom is a 10th & 11th grade Life Group leader. He coaches tennis and golf. His favorite treat is a chocolate chip cookie. Tom asks prayer for his time to be expanded and him to be efficient and effective in student ministry.



## Kevin & Bethany Lambeth

Kevin and Bethany are 6th & 7th grade Life Group leaders. They have been married for 9 years and have twin boys, Noah and Greyson. A fun fact about Kevin is that he completed an eating challenge without even trying. A fun fact about Bethany is that she has visited over 20 countries. His favorite place to eat is Cookout and her favorite candy is anything with chocolate and peanut butter. They both ask prayer for being able to connect well with engaged and unengaged students.





## Don & Miriam Leshnock

Don and Miriam are 10th & 11th grade Life Group leaders. They have three girls. A fun fact about them is they were both college athletes at UNC, he played baseball and she played volleyball. Miriam's favorite candy is chewy sweet tarts. They ask prayer for intentionality at home, pointing their daughters to the Lord.



## Cameron Mabe

Cameron is a 6th grade guys Refinery leader. He is in his senior year of college at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. A few fun facts about Cameron is that he is a huge fan of retro video games and he has been playing the drums since the 6th grade. His favorite candy is Snickers. He asks for prayer as he serves at Providence with students and finishes college.



## Chris & Kristen McCutchen

Chris and Kristen are 8th & 9th grade Life Group leaders. They have been married for 17 years and have five children. A fun fact about Chris is that he served in Turkey with Andy Owens. His favorite candy is Reeses pieces. He asks for prayer that he would serve his family and the students in their class well.



## Ryan Miller

Ryan is a 11th grade guys Refinery leader. Him and his wife, Alyson have been married for one year. A fun fact about Ryan is that he was slimed after winning a Nickelodeon game show. His favorite candy is Skittles and Twix. He asks for prayer that his guys would recognize the significance and importance of their faith, especially as they move toward graduation and college.



## Emmy Owen

Emmy is a 6th grade girls Refinery leader. She plays on the Wake Tech volleyball team. She loves sports, the outdoors and missions. Her favorite candy is Skittles or gummy bears. Emmy asks prayer for her time management with everything she has on her plate and to keep God as her number one priority.



## Tara Puthenveetil

Tara is a 7th grade girls Refinery leader. A fun fact about Tara is that she has been to five continents. She loves Mexican food. She asks for prayer as she leads the girls and that she would be able to show Christ's love through everything she does and encourage/ challenge them to grow in their faith.



## Alana-Lee Sidden

Alana-Lee is an 8th grade girls Refinery leader. She is studying accounting at NCSU. Alana-Lee loves the outdoors and goes hiking and biking. She has a new found love for chocolate bombas. She asks for prayer that the Lord would continue to teach her as she strives to teach the students.



## Dalton Smith

Dalton is a 10th grade guys Refinery leader. A fun fact about Dalton is that he is on the Club Water Polo team at NCSU. He enjoys playing golf and the guitar. His favorite candy is Almond Joy. He asks for prayer to keep Jesus at the focus of his life and for Jesus to guide him as he leads the students.





## Jason Steele

Jason is a 6th and 7th grade Life Group leader. A fun fact about Jason is that he was "Tuffy," the mascot of NCSU. He came to Providence youth group in 1985. His favorite candy is chocolate covered peanuts. He asks prayer for time management so he can serve effectively.



## Terry Swope

Terry is a 7th grade guys Refinery leader. He was born and raised in Hershey, PA. He enjoys whitewater rafting and hiking. His favorite candy is Hershey kisses. Terry asks prayer for quiet time discipline, including Bible study, prayer routines, exercise and appetite control.



## Casey Thompson

Casey is a 6th grade girl Refinery leader. She is a freshman at NCSU. She enjoys playing volleyball, reading and trying new coffee shops in her free time. Her favorite candy is dark chocolate. Casey asks prayer for time management as she starts college and wisdom as she co-leads 6th grade girls.



## Avery Vester

Avery is an 11th grade girls Refinery leader. A fun fact about her is that she consumed about 780 ounces of peanut butter her freshman year of college. Her favorite candy is gummy lifesavers. She enjoys coffee and sparkling water. Avery asks prayer for boldness as she leads the girls and that they would learn more about Christ.



## Daniel & Lauren Ward

Daniel and Lauren are 12th grade Life Group leaders. They will be celebrating 14 years of marriage this year. They have three girls. Daniel enjoys sports and home projects. A fun fact about Lauren is that she has swam with sea lions. His favorite drink is Kombucha and her favorite is La Croix. Daniel asks for prayer to be faithful to God's word when teaching the students. Lauren asks for prayer that she would be faithful to pray for the senior girls and reach out to them frequently.



## Gabby Whorley

Gabby is an 8th grade girls Refinery leader. A fun fact about Gabby is that she is a grand champion goat showman and a reserve champion sheep showman. Her favorite candy is white chocolate Reese's. She asks for prayer as she navigates graduate school and finds community post college.