



# Providence Prophet

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## From our Pastor

*It is the season of Easter. As we celebrate resurrection and new life for seven weeks in the church, the season of spring presents itself in beautiful colors and sounds. We experience resurrection in the purples, yellows and greens of the flowers, trees, fruits and vegetables. We see and hear new life in the birds, fawns and foals. It is a magical time that brings much hope to our spirits.*

*April 21<sup>st</sup> is Earth Sunday, a day set aside to celebrate the beauty and magnificence of all that God created. It is also a day to acknowledge our sin against God through our misuse of creation's resources and to pledge a change that helps us walk more gently on the earth.*

*Plan on attending our Earth Day Event! Providence will participate in an Earth Day celebration with several other churches at Walnut Hill Church from 4pm-7pm. There will be information booths and games and activities. Families and friends are invited to bring a picnic supper to enjoy on the grounds and we will close the evening with a short worship service.*

*I also invite you to join me in making one change in your lifestyle that helps you use less. The options are numerous:*

- *Do you frequently eat (or drink) at fast food restaurants? Consider making one or more days fast food free.*
- *Do you like to eat out and take home the leftovers? Consider keeping a bag of to-go containers in your car.*
- *When you shop, take your own bags and keep them in your car so you do not forget them.*
- *Shop at consignment stores for "new to you" clothing.*
- *Plan your errands so that you lessen the amount of driving and gas you use.*
- *Plant a tree or give to an organization that plants trees.*
- **REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE everything.**

*God has blessed us and calls us to use and care for all of creation in the same way we invite people into our homes and onto our land. We hope they will be blessed by our spaces and we expect that they will be respectful of it all.*

*May God bless you and your family in this season of resurrection and new life.*

*I am so blessed to be your pastor!*

*Carol*

## Letter from Abigail Hibbard

I am involved in a Christian ministry called CRU, the U.S. ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, at the University of Kentucky. CRU has been caring for college students since 1951. The group is very active here at UK and in over 1,000 campuses in the U.S. and overseas.

I have recently been accepted to participate in an international summer project with CRU to Central Asia for six weeks. In the country that I will be working, 68.2% of the population is unreached. These people will go their whole life without ever meeting a Christian, seeing a church, or hearing the name of Jesus Christ. The primary focus of this project will be to reach Muslim students with the Gospel through teaching English at the university's English club, building relationships with students, and also building my own relationship with God. Through this project, I will have the opportunity to spend my summer with people who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ and tell them about God's love and forgiveness.

In order to make this possible, I need to develop a team of ministry partners who will support me financially. Through your support, you will be a part of what God is doing in the world. All gifts can be made out to CRU and will be earmarked for my summer project expenses and are tax deductible. Raising the funds necessary for this project, a total of \$5,900, will be one of my greatest steps of faith in preparation for this summer.

We will hold a fundraiser lunch at Providence after worship on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. I ask that you prayerfully consider joining my team by supporting me financially. Thanks!

*Abigail*



**Living Well Expo is a community outreach program offering classes designed to strengthen, educate and encourage families to be more self-reliant**

Providence Christian Church is pleased to be a partner in bringing the Living Well Expo to Jessamine County.

Plan to attend **April 20, 2013, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, at West Jessamine Middle School in Nicholasville.

More information on flyers posted at church and inserted in bulletins.

Contacts for pre-registration/questions:

859-948-5527 – Carl Waits

859-533-5384 – Paul Nicholls

859-881-8144 – Fr. Justin Patterson

## Providence Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry volunteers would like to thank everyone for their food contributions throughout Lent.

We are currently feeding nine families and packing 24 school bags each month. When we run out of food and have to buy food to fill our boxes, we spend over \$300 a month.

So please continue to support the Food Pantry by bringing food items. This ministry never stops.

Items can be placed in the "4 Cans 4 Christ" trunk located in the gym.

**APRIL CALENDAR (SEE ALSO DETAILS BELOW)**

- 4/11/13 – 5:45–8:30 PM – Disciples for Habitat 2013 Fest, Celebrating Build #30 for Cora Waite and family  
Twin Pines Christian Church, 1139 Tanbark Road, Lexington
- 4/12/13 – 7:00 PM– Sat. 8:00 AM Youth Group Lock-In
- 4/13/13 – 8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast
- 4/14/13 – 12:30 PM – Potluck and Board Meeting
- 4/20/13 – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Living Well Expo (see page 1)
- 4/21/13 – 12:30 PM – JOY Group Annual Heritage Lunch (see below)
- 4/21/13 – 4:00–7:00 PM – The Good Earth Festival, Walnut Hill Church (see below)
- 4/24/13 – 9:30 AM – Providence Disciples Women’s Service Group
- 4/26/13 – 7:00 PM – Youth Group Talent Show and Chinese Auction (see below)
- 4/28/13 – 12:30 PM – CRU Fundraising Luncheon for Abigail Hibbard

<b><u>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	
Carol Devine	3
Allene Fielder	4
Susan Kinnard	7
Toby Anderson	8
Courtney Draper	9
Harold Waits	15
David Smith	30

**Each Sunday**

- 12:15 PM Pilates with Sarah Downs
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Programs

**Each Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Monday only, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>)**

- 10:00 AM – “Bodies in Motion” Low-Impact Exercise Class

**Each Wednesday**

- 5:45 PM – Providence Prayer Team
- 6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM – Youth Fellowship

***Hospitality: Not A Spectator Sport***  
**Kentucky Disciples Women’s Ministries**  
**2013 Spring Conference**

**April 13, 9:30 AM** – Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington. Keynote speaker is Dr. Sharyn Dowd, Minister for Spiritual Formation and Mission Engagement at First Baptist Church in Decatur, GA and former LTS Professor of New Testament. Music and a concert will be provided by Andra Moran, Disciples recording artist. Registration form available in church office. See also bulletin board. Registration fee \$30. (\$40 after April 1<sup>st</sup>.)

**April 20, 9:30 AM** – Sinking Fork Christian Church, Princeton Road, Hopkinsville/Lexington. Keynote speaker is Kathy Jeffries of Nashville, Former IDWM Vice President and popular Disciples speaker and retreat leader. Registration form available in church office. See also bulletin board. Registration fee \$25. (\$35 after April 8<sup>th</sup>.)



**First Annual**  
**Providence God and Country Picnic**  
**Planned for June**

Our new Evangelism Committee, headed up by **Frank Coots**, is planning a “God and Country” community-wide event, tentatively planned for June 29<sup>th</sup>. Frank is being assisted by **Ertel Whitt**, as chairperson for the event.

Plans include games, food, music, entertainment, door prizes and more! Details will be provided as we firm up plans.

If you would like to help, contact **Frank at 885-5283** or **Ertel at 241-1063**.

**2013**  
**General**  
**Assembly**

**July 13-17**  
**Orlando, FL**



**APRIL CALENDAR DETAILS**

***Youth Group Talent Show and Chinese Auction***

Scheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, this will be a fun family event. We are signing up performers now. Contact youth director, Moe Morris at 895-270-6276 or [knowmadministries@gmail.com](mailto:knowmadministries@gmail.com) and sign up to share your talent.

We are also taking items for donation to the auction. We hope to have a list of items available by April 12<sup>th</sup>, and begin accepting bids, and selling raffle tickets.

***JOY Group Annual Heritage Luncheon***

This year’s Annual Heritage Luncheon, sponsored by the JOY Group to honor senior ladies of Providence, will be held at Equestrian Woods on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> following worship.

***The Good Earth Festival***

Walnut Hill Church at 575 Walnut Hill Road, Lexington, is hosting this event on Earth Day, Sunday, April 21, 2013, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. This is an ecumenical festival with the purpose of celebrating God’s gift of the Earth to encourage good stewardship of the Earth and its resources.

Providence is a sponsor of this event along with other area congregations: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Pax Christi Roman Catholic Church, Phillips Memorial CME Church and Walnut Hill Church.

The program includes:

**Earth Day Fair at 4:00 PM**

- organization displays such as KY River Watershed Watch, KY Interfaith Power and Light, LFUCG Division of Environmental Policy, Faith Feeds and more.
- Congregation displays including environmental and earth stewardship information and activities.
- Grounds and playground open for strolling and for children playing.

**Earth Day Picnic – 5:30 PM**

- Bring picnic food, lawn chairs, blankets, etc.

**Earth Day Worship – 6:30 PM**

- Informal outdoor worship service

**PROVIDENCE PRAYER TEAM**

The Providence Prayer Team meets at 5:45 on Wednesday evenings.

**PRAYER LIST FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

***Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders and for our military:*** Allen Fielder, Adam Draper, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Donnie Thornton, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Craig Tackett, Ken Harney, Steven Russell.

**PRAYER LIST**

Don Draper, Sharon Gash, Norman Flynn, Mildred Walker, Allen Fielder (Allene’s grandson), Joyce Hack (John-Mark’s mother), Pastor Carl King, Gloria Whitt, Bobby Keller (Daryl Southworth’s cousin), Susie Holbrook (Jenifer Payne), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother), James Ruckman (Allene Fielder’s brother), Tom Schweitzer, Joan Jones (Rose Hall’s sister), Don Smitson (Eddie Cox’s brother-in-law), Gary Tinnell (Theresa Draper’s brother), Reece King (Linda Schweitzer), Meredith Owens (Mildred Walker), Randall Hall (Rose’s stepson), Laura Crawford (Flynn), Margaret Waits, Helen Lynch, Edythe Albrecht, Myrtle Warren.

~ Please contact the Church Office with additions or corrections. ~