



# Providence Prophet

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## Message from our Pastor

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month and we were busy behind the scenes helping to ensure that Providence Christian Church does all we can to keep our children, youth, and vulnerable adults safe.

We know that abuse is reported for 3 million children in the United States each year and many, many more go unreported. Four children die every day due to abuse in the United States, and most of them are less than three years old. We know that "upstanding church members," priests, pastors and church staff have been the perpetrators of child physical and sexual abuse more times than we can count through the years.

The Providence Christian Church Board has recently discussed the desire that ALL people feel welcome here at Providence, regardless of who they are or where they have been. As Christians, we want people who struggle with mental illness or addiction problems to feel welcomed here. We want people with a criminal record or people who participated in criminal activity but did not get caught to feel welcome here at Providence. We gather not because we are sinless, but because we are sinners. We gather not to stand in judgment but to worship God through Christ. We gather not to hate but to love. We want all people to feel welcome here.

AND we want our children, youth and vulnerable adults to be safe. We want all our families to know that we have policies and practices in place that provide a safe environment for everyone. We have a committee working diligently to put together a new Safe Church Policy to protect our youngest and most vulnerable people. This policy will be made available to everyone as soon as our attorney and the Board review it.

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month and that initiated a thorough process of making Providence Christian Church a safe church to worship and grow in faith.

Carol

Save the date!

### Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction



SUNDAY, MAY 31, 12:00 Noon

This is the youth's largest fundraiser of the year. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. The youth will serve dinner and entertainment will be provided.

We are accepting donations for the silent auction (gift cards, baked goods, kitchen and household items, gift baskets, etc.).

Contact Rev. Carol or Jenifer Payne.

## Adult Sunday School News

Adult Sunday School begins a new study this Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Jerry Sumney, professor at Lexington Theological Seminary, has gifted Providence a DVD set of his teachings on the Bible.

We will view the videos on Gospels and the Historical Jesus for the next six to eight weeks. The first half of each class, we will view a video segment and then open up discussion.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 AM each Sunday, and everyone is invited to attend one or all of the sessions. You do not have to be a member or have ever attended Sunday School.

Contact Carol Devine if you would like to know more.

## Join in!

We have so many ways to enjoy the fellowship of the Providence community – to join in and serve:

- Thank you **Eddie Cox** and **Cathie Slack** for sprucing up the landscaping at our front door with flowers and new pine straw.
- Thank you **Carl Waits** and **Gary Anderson** for mowing and preparing the ground for our garden.
- Thank you **Don Thornton** for patching and painting the walls in our gym

### Here are more ways you can Join In!

**Mulch day** – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM - you are invited to join us as we spread mulch around plants, trees and shrubs on the Church property. You will need to bring gloves, shovels and rakes, and preferably a mulch rake if you have one. We need at least one other pickup truck in order to distribute the mulch. Contact Ed Sidebotham if you can participate [esidebotham@cdpengineers.com](mailto:esidebotham@cdpengineers.com) or 420-2998.

**Two by Tuesday Visitation Ministry** – 6:00 PM, Tuesday May 5th (and the first Tuesday of every month.) Come join in this visitation ministry dedicated to serving our members and sparking our church growth. All are welcome! Contact John-Mark Hack 559-8804.

**J.O.Y. Group Family Care Project** – Bring donations by May 10<sup>th</sup> for the Family Care project. The Family Care Center supports single teen mothers by providing classes, day care, counseling, baby and household items, and helping them attain self-sufficiency.

**All-Church Cleanup – Coming soon!** We are planning times for extra cleaning projects around the church. See Jackie Bellman for a list of opportunities and we will work around your schedule.

## PROVIDENCE WEBSITE <http://providenceccdoc.org> – Did you know:

- Carol's Sermon Manuscripts and NOW Sermon Audio are found on the Providence website.
- You can arrange to make your contributions by auto-deduction. It is easy to set up and very safe. Go to our website or see Bob Bellman for more information.

## Happening at Providence in May

- May 3 – 9:00 AM – Rev. Carol address on Jess FM Radio 105.9 (see also below)
- May 5 – 6:00 PM – Two by Tuesday Visitation Ministry – All are invited to join in this visiting ministry.
- May 9 – 9:00 AM – Mulch Day (see also front page)
- May 10 – Mother’s Day
- May 10 – **NO** All-Church Potluck and Board Meeting this month
- May 21 – 6:00 PM – J.O.Y Group Meeting – location TBA
- May 24 – Pentecost Sunday and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ
- May 27 – 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- May 31 – 12:00 PM – Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction (see also front page)
- May 31 – Graduate Sunday – We will celebrate our 2015 graduates: Will Hibbard, Presli Neal, Seth Rogers, Maddie Toleman, Shaina Whitt, and Tristan Cox

### Each Sunday

- 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Program

### Each Monday

- 7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

### Each Monday and Wednesday (summer schedule)

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

### Each Wednesday

- 6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

### Each Thursday

- 7:00 PM – Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Brennon Sidebotham	2
Lee Walker	2
Chelsea Sidebotham	3
Nathan Sumeracki	3
Cailynn Coy	6
Abigail Hibbard	9
Eddie Cox	9
James Morrow	11
Clark Toleman	11
Dee Sidebotham	12
Sarah Walker	12
Lizzie Hibbard	14
Sarah Downs	16
Christine Coy	17
Deborah Montgomery	17
Jesse Downs	19
Emma Whitt	19
Rebecca Sheldon	20
Andrew Ward	20
Carol Thornton	26
Jan Downs	31
Nicole Hagy	31
Larry Kinnard	31
Leland Smith	31

### “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Group includes Health Education

In May and June classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

Starting with the Wednesday class on July 1, Baptist Health is conducting a series of six free classes covering topics such as nutrition, exercise and lifestyle changes to help manage chronic disease.

Classes are open to members, family and friends.

Twelve participants are signed up. If you are interested, please contact Marie in the church office 272-3655, or email [marie@providenceccdoc.org](mailto:marie@providenceccdoc.org)

**Chronic Disease Management Program**  
At Baptist Health Lexington

Let us help you take charge of your health!

- Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Chronic Pain
- Arthritis
- Migraines
- Depression
- Asthma or COPD
- Hypertension
- Other conditions

**Our program can help with:**

1. Dealing with frustration, stress, poor sleep and pain
2. Exercise tips
3. Appropriate use of medications
4. Learning good communication skills
5. Diet/nutrition tips
6. Decision making

This class is **FREE**. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. There are SIX classes to attend; the group meets once a week. The classes are cosponsored by the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging, and Baptist Health Lexington. For information about upcoming classes & locations, call **859-260-5122**.

**BAPTIST HEALTH**

### Hear Rev. Carol on the Radio

Beginning May 3, 2015, at 9:00 AM and the first Sunday of each month, Rev. Carol will deliver an address on Jess FM 105.9 in Nicholasville.

WNJK-FM, is a new radio station in Nicholasville, focusing on local events, local people and local information for Nicholasville and Jessamine County. [http://www.wnjkm.com/about\\_us/](http://www.wnjkm.com/about_us/)



### GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

Make plans to attend now. More information available in the church office or go to <http://ga.disciples.org/registration/> register.

## Keeping Family Strong

### April was National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Raising children is stressful. These are tips from the Child Welfare Information Gateway website at [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov)

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Take quiet time to reenergize: Take a bath, write, sing, laugh, play, drink a cup of tea.
- Do some physical exercise: walk, stretch, do yoga, lift weights, dance.
- Share your feelings with someone you trust.
- Surround yourself with people who support you and make you feel good about yourself.
- Take time at the end of each day to connect with your children with a hug, a smile, a song, or a few minutes of listening and talking.
- Find ways to engage your children while completing everyday tasks (meals, shopping, driving in the car). Talk about what you are doing, ask them questions, or play simple games (such as “I spy.”)

## Prayer Concerns

### SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders and for our military: Ricky Highnote, Donnie Thornton, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Craig Tackett, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark.

### MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Brad Sumeracki, Eddie Cox, Jayne Mattingly, Mary Ramsey (Gloria Whitt’s mother), Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Evan Wayne (Coy), Tim Miller (Kinnard) Apryl Tandy, Tammy Vanover (Frank Coots’ daughter), Margaret Waits and her brother, Stanley Hicks, Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Cora Potter, (Eddie Cox), Allen Fielder, James Ruckman (Allene Fielder), Melissa Flynn-McClain, Laura Crawford, Mary Betts Hodson (Flynn), Mary and Lloyd Crockett (Sarah Walker), Cindy McKinney, Bill Turner (Anderson), John Fitzhugh and Sarah Fitzhugh (John Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother), Linda David.

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