



Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

Happy 200th Birthday Providence!

On February 22, 1817, 70 members were dismissed from South Elkhorn Baptist Church (today, South Elkhorn Christian Church) to start Providence Baptist Church, on Hickman (Nicholasville) Road. On the February 25th, George Farra became the first baptized member. Brother Jeremiah Vardman was called as the first pastor in March. In May he wrote to John Smith saying about his call to Providence, "considering the raw and uncultivated state they were in, I felt it my duty to obey their call." Brother Vardman introduced the congregation to the teachings of Alexander Campbell but then renounced those same ideas. In 1830, Brother Vardman presented a resolution to drop Providence from the Elkhorn Baptist Association because the church had fallen under the influence of Campbell and had dispensed with the Philadelphia Confession of Faith taking instead "the word of God as contained in the Old and New Testaments as [the church's] constitution... Endeavoring to walk together in love bearing and forbearing with each other according to the law of Jesus Christ..." And thus, Providence Baptist became Providence Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Throughout our 200 year history there have been fires and tornadoes, fist fights and covert drinking, broken hearts and healing. Through the difficulties and disagreements, celebrations and joys, the one constant has been the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The incredible strength of this congregation has always been communion. All people are invited to come to the same table, whether they are broken or whole, sinner or saint. Through the breaking of the bread each week, we are forgiven again and receive God's grace. Through the sharing of the cup, we are connected to each other, to the earth and to God through Christ Jesus. At the table everyone is equal, everyone's name is Beloved.

Two hundred years later and we still have some of the same struggles. We do not all agree on Biblical interpretation, theology, social issues, community, national and global happenings, or politics. We all know many people who attend a church where everyone has the same social and political leanings – the pastor preaches, everyone says, "Amen," and they all go home. But at Providence, we are called to build bridges of understanding, to be challenged by each other's perspectives, to be stretched in our own thinking and to develop deep compassion for each other inside and outside the church walls.

May the love, grace, peace and joy we share as part of the body of Christ bring hope to our community and to the world today and for 200 more years.

Honored and Blessed to be your pastor!

Carol

PROVIDENCE LEGACY FUND

The Providence Legacy Fund is a permanent fund set up with initial donations in Memory of Harold and Callie Waits in celebration of Providence's bicentennial. Earnings from the fund will be designated to support Outreach, Youth Ministries, and Building maintenance.

We invite you to become part of our church legacy this year. All that is required is for you to add Providence Christian Church to your Will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. You can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to go to the church upon your death. EVERYONE can participate because there is no minimum participation level.

Please prayerfully consider designating Providence in your Will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and adding your name to our legacy book this year. This fund will help ensure another 200 years of ministry at Providence.

Bicentennial Celebrations Planned

Our Worship Service on February 19, 2017, will be a special 200th celebration of the birth of Providence. The service will follow the format of the 100th anniversary service held in 1917, and **Rev. James Trader**, Curator of Cane Ridge House will preach. A reception will follow in our fellowship hall.

On February 26th, at 4:00 PM you are invited to attend and participate in a bicentennial organizational meeting as we make plans to celebrate our bicentennial the weekend of May 20 – 21, 2017. Other churches and members of the community will be invited to a cookout/barbecue on Saturday, May 20th. Sunday Worship service on May 21, 2017, will be a special celebratory service.

If you have church photos or memorabilia that would enhance our 200th celebration, please bring them to the church office. We will scan them or make copies and return them promptly to you. If you have names of individuals or families that should receive an invitation to the Bicentennial celebration on May 20th, please send those names to Marie or drop them by the church office by February 15th.

Happening at Providence in January

- February 5 Scout Sunday
- February 5 12:00 PM – Worship Committee Meeting
- February 7 Providence volunteers at “Room in the Inn” program at Central Christian Church
- February 12 12:00 PM – All-Church potluck
12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- February 16 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group meeting – Location TBD
- February 19 10:45 AM – 200th Anniversary Worship Service (*see also page 1*)
- February 22 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- February 26 4:00 AM – Bicentennial Committee Meeting
- February 27 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meeting at Ramsey’s Diner on Harrodsburg Road (*see also below*)

Youth Group Calendar

- February 5 3:30 to 5:00 PM – Pre-Superbowl party at the church
- February 12 2:00 – 3:30 PM – Bowling at Southland Bowling Lanes

Each Sunday

1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith
5:00 – 7:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Fellowship

Each 2nd Sunday

2:00 PM Worship Service at Bridgepointe

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class

Each Tuesday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (resumes August 10th)

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Melody Ward	8
Gilbert “Buddy” Littrell	9
C. R. Gash	12
Ruth Delacey	14
Jennie Doane	14
Erin Roberts	16
George Dean	21
Kaylee Morton	21
Anna Tackett	21
Frank Coots	22
Martha Morrow	23
Wyatt McDonald	26
Gloria Whitt	27
Barbara Flynn	28
Bobby Payne	28
Tonya Wells	29

Special Request

Our brother, Sung Bauta, will be going back to Nigeria on March 8, 2017, to conduct further studies toward his Divinity Degree from Asbury Seminary. He will be away for approximately three months. Juliette and their son will not be going with him. This creates a financial hardship for the family as Sung has to give up his job and Juliette is not able to work because of Visa restrictions.

We, as a church family, can help them during this time by giving what we can to help defray living expenses. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. You can make checks payable to the church or use the offering envelopes in the chair backs. Please note in the memo block “for Sung.” The church will issue a check to Juliette once a month.



In the Garden

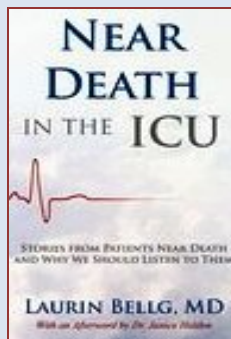
Have you reserved your space in the Providence Garden? Carl Waits will till the ground soon and mark off the plots. Contact Carl or the church office to reserve your plot. Feel free to invite friends in the community to join you.

Providence Book Club

The February 27th meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at Ramsey’s Diner on Harrodsburg Road. Our book for discussion is *Near Death in the ICU* by Laurin Bellg, M.D.

An amazing collection of patient accounts of encounters with the mysterious during severe illness and life-threatening injury from the voice of the physician who took care of them.

Touching and thought-provoking, this book invites you to reconsider what happens when we die, and in doing so, challenges you to ponder that perhaps we are much more than our earth-bound physical bodies.



Kentucky Disciples Women’s Ministries



- Women’s Chorus Retreat
March 3-5, 2017 – Jeffersontown Christian Louisville, KY

Spring Conferences

- April 22, 2017 – Sinking Fork Christian Church Hopkinsville, KY
- April 29, 2017 – South Elkhorn Christian Church Lexington, KY

Contact regional office at 859-233-1391 or linda@ccinky.net or visit www.ccinky.org.



Nurture, Support and Accountability Group Mentor Training

Saturday, February 11, 2017 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Woodland Christian Church, 530 East High Street
Lexington, KY 40502

Description: Trained mentors are needed to work with men and women incarcerated and due to be released into our community. Learn how you can help them successfully re-enter our community by joining a Nurture, Support and Accountability Group.

Contact Mark Johnson by Feb. 7th
majohnson2008@gmail.com

Prayer Concerns

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION:

Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders, our military and all who serve our nation: Jacob Durbin, Ricky Highnote, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlings and First Responders.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gary Anderson, Larry Kinnard, Rhonda Bland (Downs and Paynes), Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Hurst, Elizabeth Miller (Paynes), Rose Hall, Vicky Clark (Burger), Fran Charles (Hazelwood), Paul Hill (Pam Gardner), Kevin Boschert, Dee Sidebotham, Megan Mattingly-Arthur, Peggy Bobbies (Eddie Cox), Dr. Sam Gehring (Fern), Grover Rowe, Bill Hurt, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Fay Young, Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Mike Blanton, Graham Blodgett (Hagy), Ellen Wilson, Margaret Barriger (Doane), Allen Fielder, Mike Hanley (Draper), Evan Wayne (Coy), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Laura Crawford, Mary Betts Hodson (Flynn), Bill Turner, John Fitzhugh (Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman.)