



Providence Prophet October 2017

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Message from our Pastor

I have been contemplating Matthew 6.25-34 recently. It is the passage where Jesus tells the disciples (and us) not to worry. "Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?" The word worry comes from a root word that means "to strangle or to choke" and also from a word that means "division within ourselves," a divided mind.

When we allow ourselves to worry, we separate ourselves from the present moment and we miss the now – the sun shining, the quiet of the night, the person who is with us. When we allow ourselves to worry, we separate ourselves from the wisdom and strength that is inside us and the resources that are available to us. When we allow ourselves to worry, we separate ourselves from God, from trusting in God to always be present and to provide all that we need. Jesus tells us to "look at the birds in the sky," and "notice how the lilies in the field grow." God's eye is even on the sparrow, so we can be certain that God knows what we need and will take care of us.

But Jesus does not leave us there. He goes on to tell us that we are to seek, desire, or strive first and foremost for God's kingdom and God's righteousness; in other words, stay on Jesus. What would Jesus do? What does Scripture say? Where is the Holy Spirit guiding me?

A wise person told me it is the pause that is most important. The pause is where we turn from worrying to being fully in God's presence. The pause is where we turn from saying or doing something ego-centered to speaking God's words and using God's hands. It is through the practice of the pause that we can literally rewire our brains to align our will with God's. So simple and yet so powerful.

Humbled, blessed and honored to be your pastor!

Carol

Commitment Sunday October 29, 2017

"I Support Providence"

You've probably seen our Elders' statements posted around the church. Take a minute to read them and be inspired by our dedicated leaders who contribute to making Providence the family of faith we are.

Plan to attend worship on Commitment Sunday and join us in supporting Providence.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED 2nd and 3rd Quarters 2017

Thank you to families, loved ones and all who donated memorial gifts during the second and third quarters of 2017. Gifts totaled \$4,274 in memory of

Robert Bellman, Sr.
James R. Burger
Gloria Ann Rowe Whitt

Membership Software Provided by Memorial Funds

We want to thank the family of **Gloria Whitt** for designating a portion of memorial funds donated in memory of Gloria for purchasing our new membership software.

Due to an automatic update on the computer used for our member records, we lost access to our outdated software. With the help of **Glen Payne**, we were able to restore old records and purchase and install new, updated software.

Make a **DIFFERENCE**

We spend a lot of time doing what we need to do - sleeping, eating, working, doing laundry, going to the grocery, picking up the kids, all the usual. If we make a little effort and we're lucky, we sometimes also find a few minutes to do things we want to do, like read or walk or spend an evening out with friends. And then there are those days when we are especially blessed, when we get the opportunity to do something that makes a real difference.

On Sunday, October 29th, we celebrate Commitment Sunday, a day when you will be asked to commit to Providence spiritually, physically and financially; when you will be asked to devote yourself, your talents and your resources to helping this fellowship succeed in our mission to serve God in whatever ways he chooses to use us. It's a day when we collectively acknowledge and celebrate the blessings we have received in abundance, and dedicate ourselves to passing them on. This service is the cornerstone for the year to come because through it we create our annual budget, secure plans for our daily operations, and contemplate the possible ways we, as a congregation, can make a difference.

There's an old story about a little boy and a starfish. Most of you have heard it, but it bears repeating. A man walking along a beach saw a young boy throwing a starfish back into the ocean after it had washed up on the sand. He asked the boy why and the boy said, "Because the tide is going out, and if I don't throw it back into the water, it will die." The man replied, "There are miles and miles of beach, and thousands of starfish. You can't hope to make much of a difference by throwing a single small starfish back into the ocean." The little boy looked out over the water, then turned to the man and smiled. "Well," he said, "I made a difference to that one!"

Commitment Sunday is an important day of worship. It's not just about dollars and cents but about priceless gifts from the Father; it's not just about obligations but about making the most of our opportunities; it's not about limitations but about hopes; it's about gratitude and expressing our faith in our actions; it's about making a difference to that one. Plan to be here on October 29th to celebrate God's goodness to us. Share a vision of the future with Providence. Commit to serve with this fellowship. And be confident that your dedication will make a difference!

Jan Downs, Treasurer

Happening at Providence in October

- October 1 World Communion Sunday
- October 8 12:00 PM – All Church Potluck
- October 8 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- October 8 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- October 15 Children’s Sabbath and Youth-Led Worship Sunday
- October 19 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group meeting – Location TBD
- October 25 Providence Women’s Service Group
- October 29 Commitment Sunday (see also 1st page)

Youth Group Upcoming Calendar

- October 14 *OR* 28 Trip to Kings Island – date TBD
- November 4 Service Project with AdventureServe Ministries in Wilmore

Coming Up in November – Holiday Marketplace (see also below)

Each Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages)
 10:45 AM Worship Service
 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Fellowship

Each Monday, Tuesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith
Each Monday, Wednesday
 10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class
Each Wednesday
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sydney Robbins	4
Judy Krupski	5
Stacey Rogers	8
Will Hibbard	11
Pauline Burger	12
Debbie Lynch	14
Triston Cox	15
Jenifer Payne	15
Gabriel Jacobs	18
Haleigh Cook Bokros	23
Josh Sumeracki	23
Savannah Grace Hagy	27
Scott Bokros	27
Brad Sumeracki	30
Nick Woodward	30
Evan Hamilton Bullock	31



Youth Group

Our Youth Group now has a UTube channel! Youth Director, Moe Morris, will post videos of weekly lessons and other topics of interest to the Youth. We’d love to have everyone subscribe. Go to this link and sign up

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg7b4rTO_HRAqEXLkcFNGHA?view_as=subscriber

Thank you to all who supported our Youth Group participation in the 30th Annual Lexington CROP Walk.



Youth Group education station at the Lexington CROP Walk.



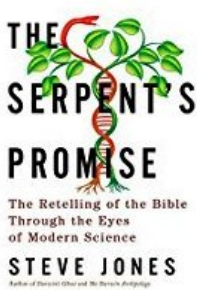
Saturday, November 11th
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Providence Holiday Marketplace is our biggest community event of the year. Now in its 10th year, the Marketplace has evolved from a small church bazaar to that of a large hall full of holiday spirit, music, vendors, shoppers, the smell of homemade baked goods, and a warm lunch being prepared to sell to our shoppers and vendors featuring:

- 32 vendors of crafts and handmade gifts
- Granny’s Attic and The Holiday Room for delightful second-hand items
- Delicious hot lunch and baked goods

Granny’s Attic and The Holiday Room

The Providence Women’s Service Group is collecting items for sale again this year for these delightful “booths” at the Providence Holiday Marketplace. Clean out closets, box up those “white elephants” and “vintage” holiday things and bring them to church the last week of October through November 7th. You can bring them to the church office during the week M-F between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.



Providence Book Club

Due to scheduling conflicts, our next meeting will be on November 6, at 5:30 PM at Bella Notte Restaurant at Fayette Mall. Our book for discussion is *The Serpent’s Promise* by Steve Jones.

Some people deny the power of religious belief, others the findings of science. This groundbreaking work from one of our great science writers explores how these mysteries often overlap and shows how the questions that preoccupy us today are those of biblical times and that science offers

many of the answers. What can science tell us of the mystical experiences of the faithful or the origin of faith itself?



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Providence Legacy Fund

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of our church legacy this year by designating Providence in your Will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and adding your name to our Legacy Book. You can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to go to the church upon your death. Everyone can participate and there is no minimum participation level.

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

Beth Waits, Delores Lunsford (Coots), Peggy Davenport (Hermanson), , Linda Johnson (Bellman), Darlene Shelton (Thornton and Brown), Johnny Cannon (Cox), Angela Tate, Justin Stewart, Janice Glenn (Wilson), Gay Herrin (Lanser), Zoey Downs, Lena Carter (Fern), Jerry Rutherford, Kevin Boschert, Harold Conn, Lucy Carpenter, Anna Lear (Conn), Linda Fauz, Judy Pierce, Baby Gram Gauthier, Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Ivan Doane, Ellen Wilson, Margaret Barriger (Doane), Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Dr. Sam Gehring (Fern), Doris Stanley (Sumeracki), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Miller (Downs and Paynes), Megan Mattingly-Arthur, Elizabeth Hurst, Gene Shanks, Fran Charles (Hazelwood), Jennifer Miller, Cashman Hawkins, Grover Rowe, Bill Hurt, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Allen Fielder, Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow).

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