



Providence Prophet February 2018

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Message from our Pastor

All you need is love! February is the month of red and pink hearts, chocolate in many forms, notes and cards. When my kids were young, I so enjoyed volunteering in their classes on Valentine's Day. At home, the evening before, they selected a card for each classmate, put it into an envelope and wrote the name on it. This was a long process when they were very young. During the party the children would decorate boxes or bags to hold their cards and then they would have a time to pass them out. My favorite part was watching all the kids as they opened each valentine and read who it was from. There were a lot of smiles and so much gratitude. All the kids felt the love.

Valentine's Day has been commercialized to the point that many people feel bitter toward the whole thing. The expectation that we are to spend a lot of money on cards, flowers, and fancy dinners can turn the sweet very sour. Even people who can afford those things feel a little manipulated by feeling forced to celebrate in a way that may not be their cup of tea. And so I have a suggestion, two suggestions actually. First, send a valentine to someone who could really use an affirmation right now. There are people all around us going through difficult times, battling cancer, trying to find a job, struggling with physical and mental health, balancing caregiving with life, shut-ins and more.

Second, attend Ash Wednesday service at South Elkhorn Christian Church, February 14th from 6:30-7:00 PM. We have reworked this service so that it will be kid-friendly with no sermon. The Providence Choir and I are participating. The service will involve candles, music, and the imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday is the official start to the 40-day season of Lent and the journey to the cross – the ultimate symbol of love. All you need is love!

Honored and Blessed to be your Pastor,

Carol

Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday Service –
February 14, 6:30-7:00 PM at
South Elkhorn Christian
Church, 4343 Harrodsburg
Road, Lexington. Rev. Carol
and the Providence Choir will
participate.

Lenten Study of *The Shack* at
Providence - February 18 and
25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
Maundy Thursday Service at
Providence – March 29, at
7:00 PM

Holy Week Services March 26-30,
Nicholasville Christian Church,
104 S. Second Street,
Nicholasville, at 12:00 noon
each day followed by a light
lunch at 12:30.

Easter Sunday – April 1st

Happy 96th Birthday, Clara!



Providence Members and Friends share Clara's birthday celebration.



Youth News

The youth and I are enjoying a video series called Alpha, which explores many of life's toughest questions. We have spent three sessions on getting to know Jesus better. As someone who has been a believer for almost 14 years now, this series has been extremely encouraging for me personally and has, in many ways, relit a fire that had gone out over the years. Please pray for us as we continue this series.

We have purchased our tickets to Guatemala for our 2018 Mission Trip. We are committed now! The tickets aren't even half the cost of this mission, so please prayerfully consider how you may be able to support our youth as we continue to raise the funds to go.

We have also booked our spots for the Middle School Mission Trip to Big Creek in Eastern Kentucky for June 17-23, 2018. We reserved two extra spots for additional leaders. If you are interested in going on this trip as a youth leader we would love to have you!

Watch for several fundraising events by our hardworking youth between now and June as we continue to raise funds for both our Mission Trips this summer.

Lastly, our Youth Sunday School class wants to "remodel" our youth loft. We could use some items if you have any of these that you don't need anymore: floor lamps, entertainment center, and cabinets that can be locked to secure some of our items. Please contact me (Moe) at 859-552-4682 or email knowmadministries@gmail.com if you have items we could use.

Thanks always for supporting our Youth! We are blessed and grateful to have the support of our Providence Church family!

Moe

Happening at Providence in February (see also Page 1)

- February 4 10:45 AM – Scout Sunday
- February 11 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- February 11 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- February 11 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- February 14 Ash Wednesday (see also page 1)
- February 26 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club Meeting at Bella Notte (see also below)
- February 28 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group Meeting

Each Sunday

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

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

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



The Shack

During the season of Lent, on February 18, 25, and March 4, 11, 18, and 25, we will study and discuss the book, *The Shack* by Wm. Paul Young which has also been made into a movie by the same name.

This study may challenge and hopefully deepen our theology as we wrestle with some very big questions about God. Please make time to watch the movie or read the book and join us for this journey.

Synopsis:

Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend.

Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?"

The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him.

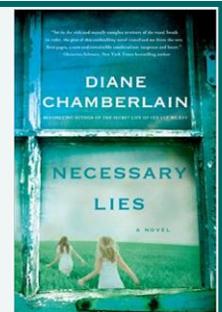
Providence Book Club

We will meet February 26th at 5:30 PM at Bella Notte Restaurant at Fayette Mall. Our book for discussion is *Necessary Lies* by Diane Chamberlain.

In 1960 North Carolina, the lives of Jane Forrester and Ivy Hart couldn't be more different.

15-year-old Ivy lives with her family as tenants on a small tobacco farm with her grandmother, older sister and nephew.

Jane takes a position as a country social worker and is given the task of recommending which of her clients should be sterilized without their knowledge or consent. Jane becomes emotionally invested in her clients' lives and begins to discover secrets much darker than she would have guessed.



NUTURE SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP MENTOR TRAINING

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

WHERE: Woodland Christian Church, 530 High St. Lexington, KY 40502

Trained mentors are needed to work with incarcerated men and women about 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

R.S.V.P by Feb. 5 – Mark Johnson

MaJohnson2008@gmail.com

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

Clara Hermanson, Carol Wheat, Lindi Campbell (Gardner, Long), Barbara Borchart (Tandy), Garnetta Wylie (Anderson), Eric Ruff (Payne), Jeff Wade, Sandra and David Cowan, Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Linda Johnson (Bellman), Johnny Cannon (Cox), Justin Stewart, Janice Glenn (Wilson), Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Harold Conn, Lucy Carpenter, Anna Lear (Conn), Linda Fauz, Judy Pierce, Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Ivan Doane, Ellen Wilson, Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Doris Stanley (Sumeracki), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Miller (Downs and Paynes), Elizabeth Hurst, Gene Shanks, Fran Charles (Hazelwood), Mattie Justice (Whitt), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow).

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