



Providence Prophet March 2018

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Message from our Pastor

Billy Graham died on February 21st at the age of 99. He would have turned 100 in November. Like most Christians, I had a great love and respect for this giant of our faith. I did not agree with everything he said or did, but his faith was deep and never stagnant. He was not ashamed to say, "I was wrong" or to change his mind on how he felt about issues like Judaism or people like John F. Kennedy. I respected the fact that he stood up for his beliefs and worked for unity and inclusivity.

Most people know that he started the Crusades in the 1950's and led revivals all over the U.S. (and beyond) for thousands of people. Countless people received much needed hope in their lives and Christ in their hearts at these events. You know that Graham had radio and TV shows that reached millions of people around the world, that he provided spiritual counsel for 12 presidents in a row from Harry Truman to Barak Obama and to Queen Elizabeth II. But you may not know that he was a registered Democrat while endorsing some Republican candidates saying that Jesus did not have a political party. In a 2006 Newsweek interview Graham said that politics should be secondary to the Gospel and added "some of the things that I commented on years ago would not have been of the Lord, I'm sure." In another interview he said, "Evangelists cannot be closely identified with any particular party or person. We have to stand in the middle in order to preach to all people, right and left. I haven't been faithful to my own advice in the past. I will be in the future."

Graham spoke out against segregation, demanding in 1957 that the ropes separating white people from black people at his revival be removed. He warned a white audience, "we have been proud and thought we were better than any other race, any other people. Ladies and gentlemen, we are going to stumble into Hell because of our pride." Graham served God alongside Martin Luther King, Jr., by marching, preaching, traveling, writing and speaking against racial injustice. They became close friends and Graham once posted bail for King. Graham said, "The ground at the foot of the cross is level, and it touches my heart when I see whites standing shoulder to shoulder with blacks."

In 2000 Graham said, "I think that everybody that loves or knows Christ, whether they are conscious of it or not, they are members of the body of Christ... [God] is calling people out of the world for his name, whether they come from the Muslim world, or the Buddhist world or the non-believing world, they are members of the Body of Christ because they have been called by God. They may not know the name of Jesus but they know in their hearts that they need something they do not have, and they turn to the only light they have, and I think that they are saved and they are going to be with us in heaven."

Billy Graham is the first religious leader to have a memorial viewing in our nation's Capitol, the first person to lay in State was Kentuckian Henry Clay. Graham, listed on Gallup's poll of most admired men, is internationally known for his devout faith, humble spirit and inclusive nature. Graham said, "The secret of my work is God." May all of us share his secret with even a tiny fraction of his enthusiasm and follow his lead in putting the Gospel first in our lives.

Carol

Youth Group Chili Luncheon and Silent Auction



**SUNDAY, March 18,
12:00 Noon**

This is the Youth's largest fundraiser of the year. Please mark your calendar and join the youth and their parents as they serve up a delicious Chili luncheon.

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

Contact Moe or bring your items to the Church Office.

Whitt Memorial Funds

We wish to thank all those who contributed to Providence in memory of **Gloria and Shaina Whitt**. Your donations are being put to good use, as directed by the Whitt Family.

In 2017 we replaced our old, outdated software for membership and financial records by purchasing and installing Roll Call, a new membership and financial software designed specifically for use by churches.

Ertel Whitt planted two ginko trees in the parking lot landscaping at the back entrance of the church.

In February, we began a project of replacing and updating our exterior lighting. The much-needed new lighting, in addition to improving security and visibility of the church, will be much more energy efficient.



Youth Group News

We have some exciting and fun activities coming up:

- Spiritual retreat on March 2-3
- Silent Auction and Chili Luncheon Fundraiser on March 18th (see above)
- We are offering Easter lilies for sale again this year to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday or for your personal use. Please fill out a form from the Sunday bulletin with the name(s) of those you wish to honor or remember, or email the information to church.
- Coming up in April – The PCC Youth Group will host a 5-on-5 basketball tournament in the gym on Saturday, April 21st, beginning at 9:00 AM. Ages 16 and up, teams of 5-8 players. Registration is \$100/team with a maximum of 7 teams. More details to follow. All proceeds will support the Youth 2018 Mission Trips!

Happening at Providence in March (see also Page 1)



Lenten Study of *The Shack* continues each Sunday at 9:30 AM Providence – March 4, 11, 18 and 25.
 Maundy Thursday Service, March 29th, 7:00 PM at Providence
 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

- March 11 **Daylight Saving Time begins – “Spring Forward” one hour**
- March 11 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- March 11 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- March 11 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- March 18 12:00 PM – Youth Group Silent Auction & Chili Luncheon
- March 19 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club Meeting at Bella Notte (see also below)
- March 26-30 Holy Week Services each day
- March 28 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group Meeting
- March 29 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM

Each Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages)
 10:45 AM Worship Service
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group and
 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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Jacobs	2
Beth Waits	2
Randy Cox	3
Bethany Jacobs	6
Keith Wilson	15
Patsy Samples	17
Anneliese Jones	18
Bryson Anderson	21
Charlie Slack	22
Matt Anderson	24
Jennifer Robbins	24
Mallory McDanald	31

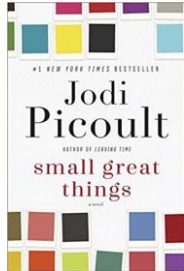


Providence 2018 Garden

We will soon prepare the ground for garden plots in the vacant lot behind the church. If you would like to join us in planting and maintaining a garden, contact the church office or Carl Waits 859-948-5527 carl.waits@twc.com

Providence Book Club

We will meet March 19th at 5:30 PM at Bella Notte Restaurant (Fayette Mall) Our book for discussion is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.



Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than 20 years’ experience. As Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, she is told that she’s been reassigned to another patient. The white supremacist parents don’t want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. As her case becomes a media sensation Ruth and her white public defender, must gain each other’s trust and come to see that what they’ve been taught their whole lives about others and themselves might be wrong.

Worship Volunteers Needed

We are in need of Worship volunteers to help with worship duties. Let Carol know if you are willing and able to help with one of these tasks on a rotating basis:

Home Bound Communion

Volunteers take communion to Providence shut-ins the first week of each month. Materials for this are supplied by the church.

Greeters

Each week, one or two Greeters hand out bulletins and welcome people to worship.

Communion Prep

Volunteers are responsible for getting communion ready and put out each Sunday, then gathering communion cups after worship and sterilizing them. New volunteers will be helped and trained by experienced volunteers.

Pack 221 Cub Scouts “Cross Over” to Boy Scouts

At the recent Blue and Gold Banquet the oldest Cub Scouts (Webelos) crossed over to become Boy Scouts. In a meaningful ceremony, Native Americans come and teach the seven

qualities of a scout. Chosen scouts and their families are invited to cross over a step bridge to the Boy Scout troop waiting for them.



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, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlings and First Responders.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jackie Bellman, Judi Toleman, Eddie Cox, Lindi Campbell (Gardner, Long), Eric Ruff (Payne), Sandra and David Cowan, Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Linda Johnson (Bellman), Johnny Cannon (Cox), Kevin Boschert (McDanald), 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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