



Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

Studies show that the number one reason people visit a church is because they were invited by a friend or relative. Here is the breakdown from one such study:

- 2% by Advertisement
- 6% by the Pastoral Invitation
- 6% by organized evangelism campaign
- 86% by friends or relatives

Another study asked active church attendees how many times they have personally invited an unchurched person to attend a church service or some other program?

- 48% of church attendees responded, "zero."
- 33% percent said they've personally invited someone one or two times.
- 19% say they've done so on three or more occasions in the last six months

As part of your Lenten discipline, I ask that you pray for people in your life who do not have a church home. Think of family members and friends, co-workers, neighbors, acquaintances and people under personal life stresses who need to know of God's love and hope. And pray for God to empower you to have the right words and timing to give a church invitation.

In addition, I would like to ask each of you to reflect on what Providence can do to increase the overall sense of satisfaction and inspiration for the congregation. How can we do a better job at being church? Share your thoughts with me or with an Elder. This is not an easy time to be the church and so to do it well requires us to all take part.

Honored and Blessed to be your Pastor!

Carol

Lenten Message from our Church Treasurer

We will collect a Special Easter Offering again this year, beginning with the first Sunday of Lent and continuing through the Season of Easter.

People often give up something for Lent in reflection of the sacrifice of our Lord at Calvary. The Providence Board would like to challenge you to place a monetary value on what you give up and set that amount aside each day of each week.

We are all then invited to bring that amount to church each week during the Season of Easter when we celebrate the Resurrection.

Our goal for this special offering is one church mortgage payment of \$5,103.

For example: Give up a daily Starbucks coffee during the work week: \$4 x 5 days x 6 wks = \$120. Or give up eating out, or watching cable TV, or buying new clothes: \$25 x 6 wks = \$150.

As we remember the ultimate sacrifice of Christ, let's each sacrifice something and pay down Providence's debt.

Bob Bellman

Join us during Lent!

February 10th, Ash Wednesday, is the first day of our 40-day (six-week) journey to the cross with Jesus. During Lent, we strip the sanctuary of decorations and ornamentations to parallel what we are also doing in our lives. Lent is a time of deep reflection and a deepening of our faith. It is a time when we are called to Prayer, Fasting and Charity.

Christians fast from something (sweets, fast food, Facebook, TV, etc.), give more from our finances, and add the discipline of prayer and study to our lives. These spiritual disciplines prepare our hearts and minds for the incredible sacrifice of the cross and the power of the Resurrection.

- **Ash Wednesday Service**

The Ash Wednesday service will be at South Elkhorn Christian Church, Wednesday, February 10th, at 7:00 PM. A tradition for many years, it is a joint service with Lafayette and South Elkhorn. This year, Nicholasville Christian Church is joining the service and the choir is singing.

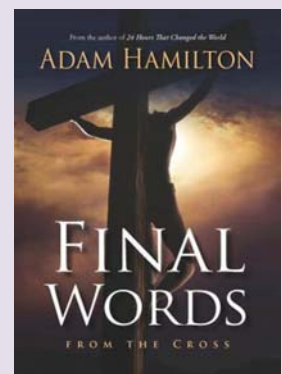
- **Providence Adult Sunday School**

The Adult Sunday School class will be doing a Bible Study based on the book, *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. The book is optional, but can be purchased online. This study will follow the sermon series and will deepen the worship experience.

- **Lenten Sermon Series**

During Lent, Rev. Carol's sermon series will be *The Last Words of Jesus*.

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| February 14th | Lent 1 – Luke 23:26-34 |
| February 21st | Lent 2 – Luke 23:32-43 |
| February 28th | Lent 3 – John 19:25-27 |
| March 6th | Lent 4 – Mark 15:29-36 |
| March 13th | Lent 5 – John 19:28-29 |
| March 20th | Lent 6, Palm Sunday – John 19:30 and Luke 23:43-37 |



PROVIDENCE WEBSITE <http://providenceccdoc.org>

- 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 February

- February 7 9:00 AM – Rev. Carol’s radio address can be heard the first Sunday of each month. Tune your radio to FM 105.9 or go to <http://www.wnjfm.com/listen/live>
- February 9 6:00 PM – Two by Tuesday Visitation Ministry
- February 10 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service, South Elkhorn Church (see also first page for special Lenten activities)
- February 14 12:15 PM – All Church Potluck
- February 14 1:00 PM Providence Board Meeting
- February 14 2:00 PM Bridgepointe Worship Service
- February 18 6:00 PM – J.O.Y Group Meeting – location TBD
- February 18 6:30 PM – Providence Book Club meet at Bella Notte restaurant (see also below)
- February 24 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- February 28 4th Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ

Each Sunday

1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith
12:00 PM Youth Group, Christian Children

Each 2nd Sunday

2:00 PM Worship Service at Bridgepointe

Each Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class

Each Tuesday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Wednesday

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

CAMP DATES 2016

Kum ba Ya (KBY) / Wakon’ Da Ho (WKDH)

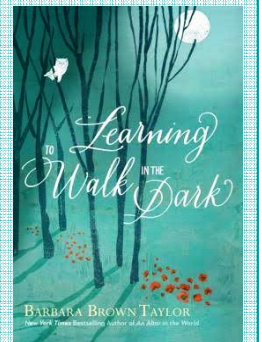
April 15-16	Photography Event	KBY
June 3-5	Mini Camp	WKDH
June 6-11	CYF I	WKDH
June 12-17	Eighter’s Camp	WKDH
June 19-24	Spirit Sailing Camp	KBY
June 20-24	Junior Camp	WKDH
June 24-26	Camp 101a	WKDH
June 27-July 2	CYF II	WKDH
July 4-9	Chi Rho I	WKDH
July 11-16	Chi Rho II	WKDH
July 22-24	Camp 101b	WKDH

Providence Book Club

Everyone had a fun, stimulating time at the first meeting of the Providence Book Club! The club will meet on a Thursday evening each month at 6:30 PM.

February’s meeting will be held at Bella Notte restaurant (Fayette Mall area), and our book for discussion will be *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Join us for a delightful, thought provoking evening with friends who love to read.



Elder and Deacon Workshop at Christmount Conference Center March 4 - 5, 2016



Speaker, Dr. Richard Weis, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Lexington Theological Seminary says, "The prophets of the Old Testament were immersed in the religious, political and social realities of their own times, in some ways not so different from ours. And yet, they spoke to them so powerfully that their words echo across the centuries. The prophets were carriers of a powerful vision and hope for what human life together on this planet could be."

Co-sponsored by Lexington Theological Seminary, the workshop seeks to broaden the skills of elders and deacons, offer time to share successes and challenges, and make possible a deepening of faith understanding.

More information

Begins: Fri. 6:00 PM; **Concludes:** Sat. 3:30 PM

Meals: Friday dinner - Saturday lunch

Cost: includes conference fee, meals, and lodging in [Guest House motel rooms](#) featuring two queen beds and private bath. \$158.50 single occupancy \$116.50 per person double occupancy



Just a little over two centuries ago the pioneers of the first Restoration Movement Church stood on the belief that Christians should be a unified, single body, patterned after the Church of the New Testament. Today, we gather in churches each Sunday that emerged from this idea. More

than 20,000 churches spread across the US as well as thousands in other countries attribute this moment in history to their existence as well.

However, with much growth has also come division and weakened the body of our church.

Restoration 200 is about reviving the core values of the Restoration Movement – Unity, Liberty and Love. Our future as a church is rooted in the past, in the person of Jesus Christ, in who the New Testament calls the church to be, and in what the Restoration Movement stands for. We must be as strategic about focusing the next 200 years of our church as the enemy will be in obstructing it.

DATE: Sunday, May 15, 2016 (Pentecost Sunday)

WHERE: Courthouse Plaza in downtown Lexington (North Limestone and Main Sts.)

WHO: Open to entire Central Kentucky Community, specifically working with the Disciples of Christ, Churches of Christ and Independent Christian Churches throughout the Greater Lexington area.

WHAT: Outdoor, revival-style event with worship messages on the topics of Unity, Liberty and Love, and a community Lord’s Supper and offering.

ADDED GOAL: Unify the church body through a service project focused on a community effort to build a house(s) for families in Central Kentucky in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity.

RUPP ARENA VOLUNTEERS

Come out and serve concessions at UK Home Basketball games. Money earned by our volunteers working at Rupp Arena goes to our Mortgage Fund. Over the season, such money adds up to a significant amount - **\$3,240** so far this season! Sign-up sheets are in the church narthex or contact Gary Anderson for more info 537-3750 or gary@indfassupply.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: Eric Heathman, Ricky Highnote, Jacob Durbin, Donnie Thornton, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Peace Officers and Firefighters.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Veda Hodges, Margaret Waits, Harold Waits, Bill Herrell (Sidebotham), Barbara Flynn, Margaret Barriger (Doane), Tammy Vanover, Cecily Amburgey (Waits), Jayne Mattingly, Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Carl Draper, Carol Dyer (Mary Lanser), Phillip Rogge (Pat Stephenson), Amy and Keith Pinson (Kinnard), Joyce Hack, Rodney Napier (Payne), David Potter (Eddie Cox), Cindy Clifton Watts (Fielder), Mike Hanley (Draper), Leon Cissell (Hack), Evan Wayne (Coy), Stanley Hicks, Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Allen Fielder, Mike Flynn, Mary Betts Hodson (Flynn), Lloyd Crockett (Sarah Walker), Cindy McKinney, Bill Turner (Anderson), John Fitzhugh and Sarah Fitzhugh, Baby Anna Grace Yanantuono (Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother).

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