



OUR MISSION:

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE BY LOVING ONE ANOTHER AND BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES.
NURTURING FAITH • SUPPORTING CHURCH • SERVING NEIGHBORS

Providence Prophet June 2021

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From our Pastor

When trying to write a newsletter article, I will often try to think of a unique metaphor for faith or church. Sometimes they work better than others, but they're always fun to play around with. Today I would like you to explore how church is like barbecue. And not simply because we make a mess of things sometimes.

To begin with, there really is no universal definition of barbecue (even the spelling can be different: BBQ, Bar-B-Q, Barbeque). Barbecue can be a slow smoked brisket or chicken down in Texas, or a whole smoked hog in Eastern North Carolina. Barbecue can be covered in a sweet and smokey ketchup-based sauce in Kansas City, or a mustard-based sauce in South Carolina. It can have no sauce at all in Memphis or a spicy vinegar-based sauce in Eastern North Carolina. These are just our U.S. variations; I'm not versed enough to dive into different barbecues from around the world.

If barbecue can be so different, what is the bare minimum that must be present for something to be considered barbecue? Meat and fire? Can you not have vegetarian barbecue? There really is no wrong way to do barbecue. Sure, there will be different personal preferences, but that doesn't make any one style or flavor of barbecue better than another. It is all based on what you grew up on, who introduced you to the barbecue, when they introduced you to it. Even if you have a preference, you're doing yourself a disservice if you never travel and try different barbecues. You should dabble and expand your palate!

Ultimately, the best barbecue is always a labor of love. It's not something that can be rushed or done haphazardly. Conversely, with so much time and passion put into preparing barbecue, it isn't a meal to be hastily eaten, but rather should be fully enjoyed with family and friends! Can you make and enjoy barbecue all alone? Of course you could, but it's so much better when enjoyed within a community.

Maybe barbecue can tell us a little bit about church. Or maybe I'm just hungry. What do you think?

Blessings,

Peter

Exciting Upcoming Events

We cautiously, yet enthusiastically welcome the end of our year-long wandering in the COVID wilderness.

- ★ June 13 – On this Sunday, our worship service will look more like what you remember from before quarantine. A potluck will follow worship, so bring a dish to share! The Board will meet following the potluck.
- June 20 – we will celebrate with **Kristi Newton** in her baptism.
- June 26 – The Young Adult Life Group will gather for dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings on Old Todds Road at 7:00 PM.
- June 27 – Outreach worship services at Bridgepointe resume at 2:00 PM.

For more information about any of these events, please contact Rev. Peter or the church office.

Providence Young Adult Life

We are excited to announce the start of a new life group at Providence for young adults!

Our goal is to have monthly fellowship outings where we have a safe environment to socialize and discuss topics and issues that pertain to this group of individuals.

Our first outing will be held on June 26, 2021, at Buffalo Wild Wings (Todd's Rd location) at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

-Young Adult Life Group

New Adult Sunday School Series: Secular Summer Series

Too often we delineate a distinction between sacred and secular – as if an object can only be one or the other, with no overlap. In this Sunday School series, we will look at pieces of secular culture through a sacred lens.

- June 6th Music A: What kind of faith message do these songs express, and how is this message given? This first week we will focus on songs with a more obvious Christian message (example: "Jesus Take the Wheel"). *
- June 13th Logos and Advertising: What Christian themes and imagery do these logos and advertisements use to sell their product?
- June 20th Music B: Same as first week but with a new batch of songs whose lyrics are less straightforwardly Christian (example: "Imagine"). *
- June 27th Movie and TV: What Christian themes and imagery does this movie or TV show play on? How does the scene use the themes or image? *
- July 11th Bring Your Own Example: Participants bring their own examples to explore.

Blessings,

Peter

* Some of the material we will explore may contain strong language.

Happening at Providence in June (see also page 1)

- June 4 *Camp Wakon'Da-Ho summer schedule begins – see below.*
- June 13 12:00 PM (following worship) – Potluck Dinner
- June 13 12:45 PM Providence Board Meeting
- June 23 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- June 24 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meeting at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (details below.)
- June 26 7:00 PM – Young Adult Life Group – dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings Old Todds Road location. (see also page 1)
- June 27 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe.

Each Sunday

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Worship Service

Each Monday, and Thursday

- 10:00 AM Bodies in Motion Exercise Class

Each Wednesday

- 6:30 PM Simply the Solution AA Group

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

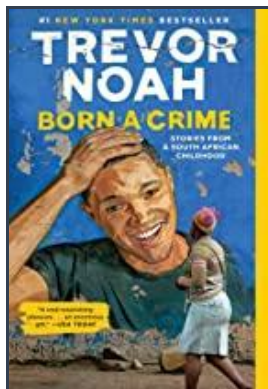
Charles Samples	9
Wilma Batchelar	17
Ryan Rivard	29
Carl Waits	21
Eddie Payne	28
Jayne Mattingly	30
Ertel Whitt	30

Congratulations!



George Dean, long-time member and Elder of Providence, was recently honored with the Hall of Fame Award by the Jessamine County Chamber of Commerce for his many years of service to the County.

Providence Book Club



We will meet on June 24th, at 5:30 PM at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers. Our discussion book is “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah.

Trevor Noah’s unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison.

Living proof of his parents’ indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa’s tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle.

“Born a Crime” is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man’s relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother — his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.

Trevor’s stories are by turns hilarious, dramatic, and deeply affecting. Whether subsisting on caterpillars for dinner during hard times, being thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping, or just trying to survive the life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Trevor illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit and unflinching honesty. His stories weave together to form a moving and searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time, armed only with a keen sense of humor and a mother’s unconventional, unconditional love.



Camp Wakon'Da-Ho Summer 2021 Schedule

Mini Camp (2-3)	June 4-6
CYF 1 (high school)	June 8-12
Eighters’ Camp (8-9)	June 13-19
Junior 1 (4-5)	June 22-25
Camp 101A (K-2)	June 26
CYF 2 (high school)	June 29-July 3
Chi Rho 1 (6-8)	July 6-10
Chi Rho 2 (6-8)	July 13-17
Junior 2 (4-5)	July 20-23
Camp 101 B (K-2)	July 24

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

Contact the church office to add your friends and loved ones to our prayer list. And, we love to hear when people on our prayer list are improving! Please review the list and give us updates.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlie Veltkamp, Martha Morrow, Barry Newcombe, Barry and Nora Brown, The Waits Family, Breann Grissom (Lynch), Evan Whitaker (Walker), Chelsea (Lanser), Kim Cowherd, Jim Rop, Lewis Utz (Kinnard), Jong Family, Janet Gillespie (Draper), Barbara Travis (Schweitzer), Gayle Harney, Kim McNeal (Bellman), Roy and Dollie Payne, Sandy Hanson, Molly Reynolds, Beverly McNeal (Roberts), Brenda Holbrook, Jayne Mattingly, Mary Marshall (McCord), Jean Christian (Hufford), Jackie B. Miller, Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham, Wally Temple (Whitt), our Hospice families.

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: Alex Pope, Michael Hagan, Shawn Davenport, Ricky Highnote, Jason Rutherford, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Noah Davenport, Stephen Rawlings, Takoda Hacker and First Responders.