



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 February 2022

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From our Pastor

My seed catalogue came in the mail last week and my mind turned for a bit toward next year's garden.

However...

When there is ice and snow on the ground, and seemingly dead, leafless trees and bushes everywhere, it's hard to imagine anything growing. When you walk outside and your face hurts from the cold and the wind, it's hard to believe that you'll be walking around barefooted planting seeds in the ground. When you must pry open frozen car doors, it's hard to envision prying ears of corn off their stalks.

And yet...

We continue to make plans. We continue to remember the things that brought us success in years past, and the pitfalls we fell into so we can avoid them this year. We remember the promise of Christ to walk with us and guide us along the way of God's kingdom. We continue to move forward and make progress because we cannot stay here. God calls us into new seasons with new opportunities and we answer, even if we must bundle up to take the first steps.

Where do you see God moving you this year? What seeds are you looking forward to cultivating in 2022?

Blessings,

Peter

2021 Yearend Contribution Statements

*It's that time of year
again!*

Your 2021 contribution statements are available on the welcome table in the narthex.

Pick up yours and save us a stamp.

Providence Food Pantry

The Providence Food Pantry is unique in that it serves low-income Hospice families in our area with a monthly bag of non-perishable food staples and a Kroger food card for perishable items such as milk, eggs, etc. Church members and friends prepare these food bags and deliver them with love to patients' homes. A bag of food is provided for others in need as requested.

Along with our 2021 Christmas Angel Tree project we provided complete Christmas dinners for the six single-parent families who were a part of this year's project.

We are always in need of donations of food as well as financial donations for any shortages and the Kroger food cards. A list of items most needed is shown here.

Food Pantry Items Always

Needed:

Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables (no beans)
Canned Meats
Peanut Butter
Cereal
Crackers
Pasta
Pasta Sauce

Happening at Providence in February

- February 13 12:00 PM – All Church Potluck
- February 13 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- February 20 Scout Sunday (*tentative*)
- February 23 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group Meeting
- February 28 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meeting (*see below*)

Each Sunday

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

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM *Simply the Solution* AA Group

Each Monday and Thursday*

10:00 AM Bodies in Motion Exercise Class
**(on hiatus until March 3rd.)*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Melody Ward	8
Gilbert “Buddy” Littrell	9
Jennie Doane	14
Erin Roberts	16
Amiyah Walker	17
George Dean	21
Martha Morrow	23
Bobby Payne	28

Providence Book Club

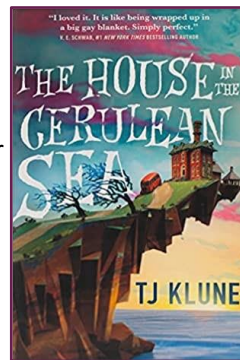
We will meet at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, to discuss “*The House in the Cerulean Sea*” by TJ Klune.

Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life. At forty, he lives in a tiny house with a devious cat and his old records. As a case worker at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, he spends his days overseeing the well-being of children in government-sanctioned orphanages.

When Linus is unexpectedly summoned by Extremely Upper Management he’s given a curious and highly classified assignment: travel to Marsyas Island Orphanage, where six dangerous children reside. Linus must set aside his fears and determine whether or not they are likely to bring about the end of days.

But the children aren’t the only secret the island keeps. Their caretaker is the charming and enigmatic Arthur Parnassus, who will do anything to keep his wards safe. As Arthur and Linus grow closer, long-held secrets are exposed, and Linus must make a choice: destroy a home or watch the world burn.

An enchanting story, masterfully told, “*The House in the Cerulean Sea*” is about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place—and realizing that family is yours.



Want to Get More Out of Church?



It’s a fact – you get more out of everything when you participate – so **Get Plugged In!** Here at Providence, we provide opportunities and space for you to use your gifts and talents by participating in bringing about the Kingdom of God. Take a moment to consider your gifts, talents and passion and get plugged into the ministry of Providence Christian Church.

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

Patsy Samples, Anne Allen, Don Thornton, Theresa Draper and Family, Apryl Tandy, Lee Walker, Nancy Purdy (Anderson), Steve Fohl, Lesli Daughetee (Downs), Pamela Morel (Renfro), Gilbert “Buddy” Littrell, Martha Morrow, Barry Newcombe, Kandi Gonzalez, (Harper), Ethan Castillo (Morrow), Steven Newson, Breann Grissom (Lynch); Evan Whitaker (Walker), Kim Cowherd, Lewis Utz (Kinnard); Jong Family, Cole Brasfield, Janet Gillespie (Draper), Barbara Travis (Schweitzer), Gayle Harney, Kim McNeal (Bellman), Sandy Hanson, Molly Reynolds, Beverly McNeal (Roberts), Brenda Holbrook, Jayne Mattingly, Barry and Nora Brown, Bruce, Jackie B. Miller, Billy Jack Raybun (Waits); Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham, Wally Temple (Whitt); our Hospice families. We pray for the loved ones and families directly impacted by the COVID pandemic.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION:

We pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders, our military and all who serve our nation: Jake Mackey, Jonathan Haney, Dawson Simpson, Audrey Walden, Alex Pope, Michael Hagan, Shawn Davenport, Jason Rutherford, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Noah Davenport, Stephen Rawlings, Takoda Hacker and First Responders.