



**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 August 2022**

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***From our Pastor***

Each Thursday we send out an email with a teaser for Sunday's scripture and the direction my sermon is taking. I like to start that email with a little greeting that is broadly relevant for the week. I felt really bad about last week's email. I began that email with basically: "Isn't all this rain wonderful?!?!". We sent out that email and then I turned on the news to the historic flooding our neighbors are experiencing. Not only did my heart break for the lives lost and devastated by the flooding, but I was also embarrassed, and frankly ashamed, to have so gleefully praised the falling water that caused so much destruction.

But then I remembered my favorite saying: "both/and." I love the paradox that something can be both one thing and another. There are so many examples that we live with and understand intrinsically. The temperature of a room can be both too hot for me and just right for you. When I watch the Gators play football, I can be both a passionate fan and an obnoxious idiot.

All that rain was genuinely good for us. The grass and shrubbery has greened up; the garden, on the verge of drying out, has perked back up and kicked into production again. We needed that rain. AND it was terribly disastrous for our neighbors. Places our friends and family live, places some of you call home, have been destroyed.

What is the best way to live in a world filled with both/ands? We should always live in a state of praise and appreciation for what God has blessed us with. But we need to also live with our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds open to those suffering around us, and we should stay ready to help those in need.

Blessings,

*Peter*

A BIG thank you to all our wonderful VBS leaders for a great time. Here are just a few pictures of all the fun the children had learning about faith:



## Happening at Providence in August

- August 7 Sunday worship - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
- August 14 12:00 pm – All-Church Potluck  
12:45 pm – Providence Board Meeting
- August 24 9:30 AM – Women’s Service Group Meeting

### Each Sunday

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

### Each Wednesday

*Choir Rehearsal is on break through August*  
6:30 PM *Simply the Solution AA Group*

### Each Monday and Thursday

- 10:00 AM Bodies in Motion Exercise Class

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Zaya Walker	2
Bob Bellman	9
Miriam Brown	10
Joy Mattingly	10
Kathryn Drydyk	16
John Downs	20
Kathryn Deann Draper	20
Terry Bullock	24
Theresa Draper	26
Matthew Todd Wells	27
Sharon Heathman	28
Liam and Zoey Downs	29
Josh Hamilton	30
Brittany Jones	30
Gavin Rutherford	30
Ali Anderson	31

## Providence Women’s Service Group News

*We are currently coordinating two collection projects:*



We are collecting school supplies for our Church World Service School Supply Kits. A list of supplies needed is on the welcome Table in the Narthex. Please place your items in the designated box in the Narthex or turn into the church office by August 24th. Monetary donations are also accepted in the office.

We are also collecting individual size personal care items such as lotion, shampoo, soaps, etc. for the Jessamine County Homeless shelter

Personal-size items are available at many stores such as Wal-Mart, Kroger, etc. When you stay at a hotel save those unused toiletry items - soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc. – and bring them to place in the donation box in the church narthex.



**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. We love to hear when people on our prayer list are improving! Please review the list and give us updates.

### **MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Buck Browning (Kinnard), Jack Morris, the family of Sarah Camden (Renfro), Martha Morrow, Amanda Roberts (Roberts), Crosby (Lanser), Virginia Long, Dora Sweaney (Doane), Mike Murphy (Anderson), Pamela Morel (Renfro), Wally Temple (Whitt), Barry Newcombe, Gloria Landen (Morrow), Steven Newson, Breann Grissom (Lynch), Ann Glass, Evan Whitaker (Walker), Jong Family, Rhonda Pope, Billie Short (Cox), Sandy Hanson, Brenda Holbrook, Jayne Mattingly, Barry and Nora Brown, Hadley Gayheart, Bruce, Jackie B. Miller, Billy Jack Rayburn (Waits); Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham, 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: Oliver Jackson, Jonathan Haney, Dawson Simpson, Audrey Walden, Alex Pope, Michael Hagan, Jason Rutherford, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Noah Davenport, Stephen Rawlings, Takoda Hacker and First Responders.