



**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 September 2022**

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***From our Pastor***

We've made our way to September. The kids are back in school, the garden is winding down, if you close your eyes and try really hard you might even feel a cool fall breeze (well maybe by the end of the month, none of our imaginations are that good).

September also marks my second anniversary as your pastor. What a couple of years it has been! We were in the middle of a global pandemic with no end in sight when I started. We had a drive through meet and greet in the parking lot, our worship was completely virtual, we held Sunday School and Board meetings over Zoom. As time passed, we spent many hours in prayer and deep conversation about the best way to "open back up." Through the waves of Covid our exercise group returned, the Book Club, Service, and JOY groups gathered in person, we celebrated with Prodigy Preschool as they welcomed kiddos back.

I've been proud of the approach we've taken weathering this storm and I'm happy with the ways we continue to engage as a community of faith while following the best available health practices. As Covid seems to be transitioning into an endemic, we'll continue this approach.

To that end I'm excited about a number of opportunities that are in the works:

Our Elders are heading back to school. Well not exactly. Some of the Elders and myself will participate in a three-night elder's workshop through Lexington Theological Seminary. We'll explore the implications of the role of the elders in the Bible and our denominational history as well as ways to equip and strengthen their ministry.

We're also organizing a series of fellowship dinners (but haven't settled on a name yet). These will be opportunities to gather in small groups at each other's homes for a potluck style meal. If you are interested in joining, we'll have a sign-up sheet in the narthex. More specific details will follow after sign-ups.

The Joy group is running point on organizing a trip to help following the flooding in eastern Kentucky. The Joy group will be gathering on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and more information will follow.

Our choir has returned from their summer hiatus and will be back in worship soon. Worship and Wonder continues to be a blessing for our children. There are so many amazing things going on!

Blessings,

*Peter*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Holiday Marketplace is on Saturday, November 12. Invite your family and friends and plan to do lots of shopping!



Our Daily Bread devotion booklets for the last quarter of 2022 are located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex

## Happening at Providence in September

- September 4 Sunday worship
- September 5 Labor Day – Church office will be closed
- September 11 12:00 pm – All-Church Potluck  
12:45 pm – Providence Board Meeting
- September 28 9:30 AM – Women’s Service Group Meeting

### 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

*Thank you to all our Worship and Wonder storytellers for providing a great worship opportunity for our children!*



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barry Brown	6
Arline Wilson	6
Ben Davis	11
Peter Harper	11
Creighton Jones	11
Mary Lanser	12
Charthorn Renfro	19
Judi Jones-Toleman	20
Mia Anderson	23
Aiden Downs	29

Time is running out to register for the Women’s Fall Retreat October 15–16! Reserve your room or cabin at Barren River State Park (270-646-2151) by September 5<sup>th</sup> and get your retreat registrations in by September 30<sup>th</sup>! Register at [ccinky.net](http://ccinky.net) Contact Marsha Thornton Jr Acting Director of Women’s Ministries if you have questions [marsha@ccinky.net](mailto:marsha@ccinky.net)

**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**

Jack Morris, Martha Morrow, Sandy Henson, Amanda Roberts (Roberts), Chelsea, 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), Mike Harney, Ann Glass, Evan Whitaker (Walker), Billie Short (Cox), Sandy Hanson, Brenda Holbrook, Jayne Mattingly, Barry and Nora Brown, Hadley Gayheart, Bruce, Jackie B. Miller, Billy Jack Rayburn, Rachel & baby (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.