



**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 May 2026**

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## From Our Pastor

“Is your image of God worthy of praise?”

I'm not sure how that question sits with you, but let's unpack it a bit and see if we can't come to a deeper understanding.

Right from the start let's address that “image of God” statement. God is limitless while we are limited; more so our language is limited. Therefore, anytime we try to describe God our limited words and ideas fail to fully encompass God. It is quite literally impossible for us to adequately describe God; it would be like trying to drain the ocean with a bucket. So, in whatever way we think about or describe God, that is merely a limited image of God.

Are some images of God better than others?

In the movie Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby, the characters at one point sit around a dinner table swapping images of Jesus: “I like to picture my Jesus wearing a tuxedo t-shirt. It says I want to be formal but I'm here to party” or “I like to picture Jesus as a ninja fighting off evil samurai” or “I like to think of Jesus with giant eagles wings singing lead vocals for Lynyrd Skynyrd.” All of this comes about as the main character prays to “eight pound, six ounce, newborn infant Jesus.”

Are those wrong, bad images of Jesus, or simply images that don't work for me? Jesus himself once described God as a chicken, a mother hen, gathering Jerusalem under her wings. Each of these images has its own beauty and truth.

Jesus first miracle was turning water into wine to keep a wedding party going; sounds like a formal party. How different really are our prayers for healing after a cancer diagnosis to picturing Jesus as a ninja fighting off evil samurai (cancer cells)? I'm not sure I can make an eagle costumed Jesus singing Free Bird work theologically, but maybe that's just because my imagination is limited.

What we need to be careful about is whether our images of God simply mirror the images of ourselves. In the movie, Cal says he likes to picture Jesus parting in his tuxedo t-shirt because he, Cal, likes to party too. Do we picture God leading our military into battle simply because we are a war hungry country? Do we imagine God damning folks to hell for eternity because we don't like them and can't do anything about it in our own time? Do we imagine God as loving, and forgiving because that's easier than taking accountability for our past actions?

We can find scriptural support for any of these images of God and they're all as limited as the last. But each has its own power because how we understand and imagine God has a profound influence on how we act. If we imagine God fighting evil, we'll see evil all around us. If we imagine God loving creation, we'll see what's around us as lovable.

I hope you'll consider how you imagine God and find that image worthy of praise.

Blessings,

*Peter*

## Happening At Providence in May

- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 12 Board Meeting @ 6 PM
- May 15 Prayer Vigil @ 6 pm @ Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary
- May 25 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- May 27 Women's Service Group @ 9:30 AM
- May 31 Pentecost Youth Sunday

### Each Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship Service  
6:00 PM Mattingly Basketball

### Each Wednesday

6:30 PM *Simply the Solution* AA Group  
6:30 Girl Scouts  
6:45 PM Choir Practice

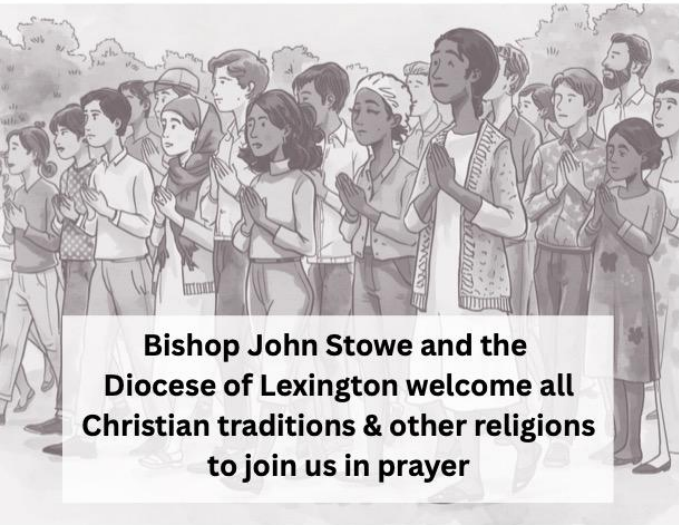
### Each Monday and Thursday

10:00 AM Bodies in Motion Exercise Class  
6:00 PM Boy Scouts (Monday ONLY)  
7:00 PM Table Tennis Club (Thursday ONLY)

### Each Saturday

10:00 AM Table Tennis Club

## Walking Together - Caminando Juntos Ecumenical Prayer Vigil for the Migrant Community



**Bishop John Stowe and the  
Diocese of Lexington welcome all  
Christian traditions & other religions  
to join us in prayer**

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm  
Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary  
601 Hill N Dale Rd. Lexington, KY**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Nat Sumeracki	3
Eddie Dean Cox	9
Clarke Toleman	11
Sarah Moesgaard	16
John Bratton	17
Jesse Downs	19
Emma Whitt	19
Christopher Hulsing	28
Jan Downs	31
Larry Kinnard	31

## Camp Wakon'Da-Ho 2026

Registration forms and detailed information is available in the church office.



### Camp Wakon'Da-Ho Events

	Date	Grade
Mini Camp	June 5-7	2-3
CYF I Camp	June 8-13	9-12
Eighter's Camp	June 14-20	8
Junior Camp	June 22-26	4-5
Camp 101A	June 26-28	K-2*
CYF II Camp	June 29 - July 4	9-12
Chi-Rho I Camp	July 6-11	6-8
Chi-Rho II Camp	July 13-18	6-8
Camp 101 B	July 25	K-2*
Y'all Camp	Sept. 4-6	All ages*

Find details regarding age restrictions, chaperone requirements, and pricing at

### Camp Kum-Ba-Ya 2026 Events

	Date	Grade
Junior Camp	June 1-5	3-5
Discovery Camp	June 5-7	K-2
Spirit Sailing Camp	June 8-12	6-12
Chi Rho Camp	June 22-27	6-8
CYF Camp	June 29 - July 4	9-12

[www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps](http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps)

**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:

Prayers for Members, Family and Friends: Sandy Ferrin, Debbie Lynch, Kevin Van Wert, Charton Renfro, Sharon Heathman, Nancy Purdy (Anderson), Katie Baker (Slack), Shannon Richmond (Waits), Joyce McGee, War in the Middle East, Rev. Bill Watson (Anderson), David Brooks (Lynch), Toby Counts (Waits), Mike Downs, Mary Boswell (Dues), Glenda Harper, Randy (Anderson), Mary (Kristi's mom), Stephanie (Cox), Mia Anderson, Betty Cowherd (Kinnard), Nancy Purdy, Melinda Johnson, Mike Bossey, Joyce McGee, Beth Waits, Carol Lanier, Albert Smith (Bratton), Jane Rothwell (Slack), Jack Hudson (Doane), Mike (Gardner), Miranda (Kinnard), baby Aspen Lynn Patty (Lynch), Dianne Sparrow, Courtney Burton, Scott Godsey (McGee), Cheryl Wright (Lynch), Mildred Lansaw (Lynch), Iva Clay (Anderson), Gaines Womac, Jennie Doane, Darrel Malcom (Widener), Jackie Miller (Waits), Jenny Vanderpool (Lanier), Pamela Morel, Marcia Davis, Mike Harney (Bellman), Loretta Mullins, Don Thornton (Whitt), Lucy Widener, Debbie Hamilton, David Reynolds (Slack), Denia Tackett (Bellman), Lena R. Gregory (Fern), Brent Gardner, Jack Switzer, Jerry Roberts, Stuart Kearns (Roberts), Barry & Nora Brown, Nan Brown, Susan Bourdain, Jack Morris, Billy Gayheart (Waits). We pray for our Food Pantry, hospice families and for all those serving our nation and community.

### 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, Jake Mackey, Jonathan Haney, Dawson Simpson, Audrey Walden, Alex Pope, Michael Hagan, Jason Rutherford, Bobby McNeil, Steven Russell, Noah Davenport, Stephen Rawlings, Takoda Hacker, Keven Widener, Austin Beetlestone, Aaron Farrar and First Responders.