



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 2026

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From Our Pastor

School is starting up for all the kiddos this month, which has me thinking about the greatest of childhood superpowers: their imaginations.

Do you remember having an imagination? How many times did you pick up a stick, and it instantly turns into a sword or gun? How many times were you a swashbuckling pirate or cowboy in the wild west? How many times did you hit a walk off homerun in the bottom of the 9th with a full count to win the World Series? How many half court buzzer beaters did you make to win a National Championship? (Apologies to everyone who did not grow up as a boy, you'll have to recall your own childhood imagination scenarios unprompted.)

Unfortunately, there's something about life, probably the years and experience, that dulls our imaginations. Somewhere along the line someone told us to be serious or come back to reality. What a shame that we've muted such a beautiful gift!

But you remember that Jesus guy and his teachings we call the Good News I keep talking about...? He asks us, even expects us, to tap into our imaginations. Our Sunday morning scriptures this month will have this theme throughout them.

In these stories and scriptures, we'll read in August, the disciples have tried and come up with fairly inventive strategies and answers, but Jesus challenges them to go farther; to imagine more! Whether it's five thousand people who need feeding, or walking on water, or recognizing who Jesus is, the disciples are constantly stretched to live into what the kingdom of heaven can be. Of course, the disciples need not feel bad; Jesus himself is taught this very lesson by a Canaanite woman!

The disciples recognize the crowd needs to be fed, Peter steps out of the boat to walk on the water, Peter correctly identifies Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God. But somewhere along the line something goes wrong. They're stuck, Peter sinks, Peter doesn't get what Jesus being the Messiah actually means. They haven't imagined BIG enough!

How are we like the disciples? How have we seen a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven but not imagined big enough? In what ways is God calling us to feed folks? What water is Jesus calling us to walk across? Who are the gentiles we don't recognize as part of the kingdom?

Let's tap into our amazing imaginations again and bring about the impossibly brilliant Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessings,

Peter

Happening At Providence in August

- August 4 National Night Out @ 5:30 PM @ Lake Mingo
- August 9 Potluck @11:30 AM
Board Meeting @ 12:30 PM
- August 16 Youth Sunday School starts
- August 26 Women’s Service Group @ 9:30 AM
- August 28 Prodigy Parent’s Night Out @ 5:30 PM

Each Sunday

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

Each Wednesday

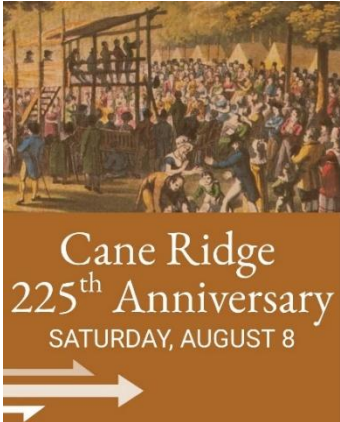
6:30 PM Simply the Solution AA Group
6:30 Girl Scouts
6:45 PM Choir Practice

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



Join us for the 225th anniversary of the Cane Ridge Revival, which took place August 6 – 12, 1801. On Saturday, August 8, we will gather from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Cane Ridge Meeting House for a day of education, worship, and celebration. The program will include a panel of scholars reflecting on Barton W. Stone, the Cane Ridge Revival, and The Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery, along with keynote lectures, worship, and preaching in the historic meeting house. The event is FREE, lunch will be provided, and we ask all who plan to attend to RSVP:

www.discipleshistory.org/225th-cane-ridge-revival-anniversary-event/

(Taken from the Disciples History Facebook Page)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bob Bellman	9
Kathryn Drydyk	16
John Downs	20
Kathryn Draper	20
Theresa Draper	26
Sharon Heathman	28
Liam Downs	29
Zoey Downs	29
Josh Hamilton	30

School Supplies

Needed:

- Pencils
- Flair Pens
- Ink Pens
- Eraser Caps for pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erasers
- Sharpies
- Binder Clips
- Paper Clips
- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Clorox Wipes
- Lysol Spray

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: The family of Carlie (wreck on Brannon), The family of Josh Ray, Rev. Bill Watson (Anderson), Roy Payne, Gabby Birchwell, Roger (Waits), Kysyn (Walker), Carl Williamson, Debbie Hardin, Darel Young (Lanser), Rev. Ted Faulkner (Whitt), Charlotte Haney (Downs/Payne), Dillon Lynch (Lynch), Tonya Wells (Waits), Tammy Rankin Goodaker (Lynch), Gloria Bertsch (Schweitzer), Ashley Waits, Danny Arvin, Bridgette (Kristi), Martha Morrow (Schweitzer), Caroline M (Anderson), Kevin Van Wert, Charton Renfro, Katie Baker (Slack), Shannon Richmond (Waits), Joyce McGee, War in the Middle East, 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, 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, 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.