

*May 2015*

# THE “PROCLAIMER”



*Newsletter of*

## PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

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### **Slowing Down To Do Better**

I recently read this and thought that I would share it. We can all benefit from taking our time and not being so focused on the task at hand that we miss the ministry opportunity that God has given us.

An ethics professor at Princeton Seminary asked for volunteers for an extra assignment. Fifteen students showed up. He divided the group of fifteen into three groups of five each. He instructed the first group of five to proceed immediately across the campus to a certain spot; if they didn't get there in fifteen minutes their grade would be affected. A minute or two later he instructed the second group to proceed across the campus to the same spot; but they were given forty-five minutes to get there. After they left, he instructed the last group to go across the campus to that spot too; but they were given three hours for the trip.

Now, unknown to any of these students, the teacher had arranged with three students from the Drama Department to meet them along the way, acting as people in great need: the first one they met covered his head with his hands and moaned out loud as though in great pain; the second, a little bit further along the way, was on some steps lying face down as if unconscious; the third, on the very steps of the destination, acted out an epileptic seizure. You know what the ethics professor discovered? Not one of the first group stopped, two of the second group stopped, and all five of the third group stopped. What the experiment tells us is that when we are too busy, with tight schedules and impossible deadlines, there is no time for **love**.

This week, ask God to give you an opportunity to show others the love of Christ and then look for it and realize that to minister to others does not always happen on our time, but God's. Are we over-scheduling our lives and missing the opportunities that God is giving us? Colossians 3:23, “Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.”

Blessings!

*Pastor Scott*

**CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CORNER**



**Children's  
Sunday School**



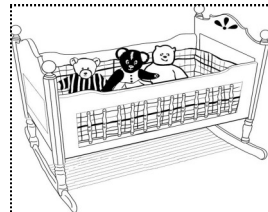
**Children's Church Sunday**

mornings  
during 11am  
Worship  
Service  
For children  
through 2nd grade

**10 am  
Sunday  
Mornings**

Children's Change Offering to  
support the Food Bank is  
collected

The 1st Sunday of each  
month during the  
Worship Service



**NURSERY**

Available *EVERY*  
Sunday during Sunday school  
and worship

**Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events**



- 1 Jimmy and Susan Adams
- 9 Allen and Virginia Marston
- 10 Billy and Chrissy Dixon
- 16 Mike and Betty Berry
- 20 Brian and Cara Bennett
- 31 Scott and Kristen Curtis

- 1 Candice Clowdis
- 2 Abigail Clowdis
- 3 Freida Whitlow
- 4 Raegan Swanberg
- Angie Reeves
- Gloria Colley
- 5 Bunny Reynolds
- 14 Margie Layne
- 15 Connor Swanberg
- Evan Czaplicki
- 17 Rodney Marston
- 18 Khrysti Franklin
- 19 Tristan Roach
- 22 Will Chambers
- Jason Marston
- 23 Joan Foster
- 25 Garet Bosiger
- 26 Ski Pijanowski
- 27 Hal Chambers
- Ellen Midkiff
- 28 Kevin Reeves
- 30 Zoey Grishaw
- Rowyn Hileman



**Nursery Workers**

- Sunday, May 3  
*Candice Clowdis*
- Sunday, May 10  
*Deborah Howard*
- Sunday, May 17  
*Debra Blackwelder*
- Sunday, May 24  
*Candice Clowdis*
- Sunday, May 31  
*Jon & Melissa Bennett*
- Sunday, June 7  
*Jim & Annette Bennett*
- Sunday, June 14  
*Connie Barksdale*

**CHURCH BUSINESS**

**DEACONS 2014-2015**

Carl Reeves, Chair	248-9728
William Wells, Vice Chair	376-9978
Peggy Clowdis, Sec.	376-5044
Annette Bennett	664-7963
Mike Berry	352-3397
William Clowdis	376-5044
Benny Marston	248-6350
Jerleen Marston	248-6350
Emily Mitchell	248-6390
Mike Reeves	660-0423



**Tuesday  
May 5  
7:00 pm**

**OPPORTUNITIES for ADULTS**



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
Wednesday**

May 13 & 27 at 1:00 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry Lessons offered for anyone interested.



***The J.O.Y. Group***

**will meet at church  
at 11:00 am  
May 20**

**Luncheon at Bob Evans in  
Lynchburg**



**W.M.U.  
Monday, May 4  
Meet at church  
1:00 pm**

**WMU  
1 PM**



**FOOD  
BANK**

**SATURDAY  
May 16  
9:00 am until Noon  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church**



**Adult Wednesday Night  
Bible Study  
At 7pm**

**THE BIBLE  
As Never Before**

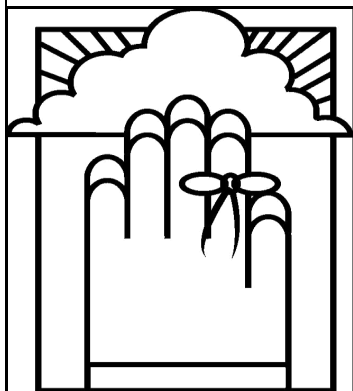
**Cemetery Endowments**

In honor of :

***Leonard Oliver***

By

**Nancy & Wayne Jones**



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
THESE FRIENDS IN  
PRAYER**

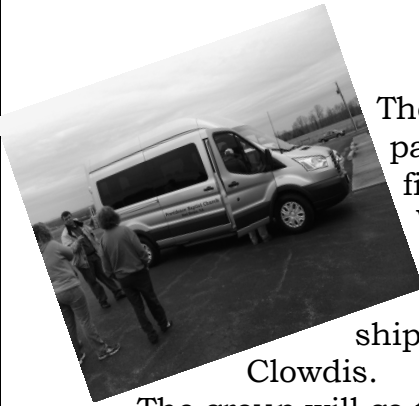
**INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND MINISTRY NEEDS**

Mitch Luckie	Jackie Grishaw	Ethel Jennings
Rachel Rice	Melvin Reeves	Jack Chambers
Sarah May	Carolyn Chambers	John Fallon
Billy Christian	Elaine Hamlett	Wayland Vaughn
Patrick Cheatham	Edgar Garrard	Skip Lyons
Carol Anne Reynolds	Mary Winks	Joe Walker
Ronnie Jenkins	Amy Lynn & Family	Amanda Presley
Kate Brown	Helen Mullins	Chuck Chumley
Leonard Kistner	Buck Chumley	Sonny Douglas
Grace Williams	Jane Tomlinson	Clifford Blackwelder
Harold "Buck" Wilkinson, Jr	Liam Hamilton	Emily Mitchell
Joan Foster		

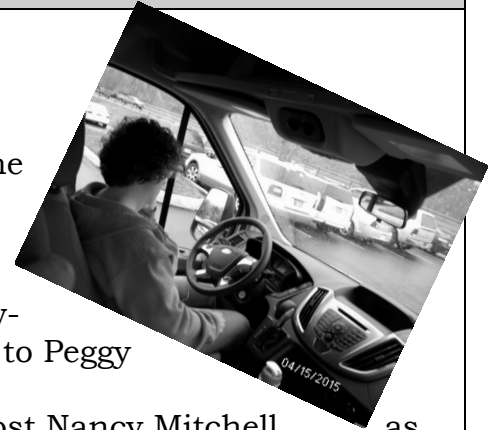
**Martha Colwell - Our Missionary**

**Military - Frankie Jennings, Brandon Cash, Chanse Cook, and Erica Harris.**

## J.O.Y GROUP



The JOY group met at the church this past April to go to Charley's. It was the first time using the new church van. We had a wonderful turn-out for the luncheon with a total of 22 people. It was a great time of fellowship and we even sang Happy Birthday to Peggy Clowdis.



The group will go to Bob Evans in Lynchburg, with host Nancy Mitchell as hostess. We will meet at the church at 11:00am. Come and join in the fun. The van is available for anyone that wishes to ride it. It is a convenience for those that do not want to drive and it is a great time of fellowship for those that do ride.

If you are interested in hosting a month and have an interesting place to visit and a new restaurant to try or one that has not been visited for a while, call Sally at 434-610-3133 so it can be put on the list. **Sally**

*For length of days, and long life,  
and peace, shall they add to thee.  
Proverbs 3:2 KJV*



## *PRAYER SHAWL*



Prayer  
Shawl  
Ministry

**PRAYER SHAWL.** Many people think that it is just a bunch of women that get-together for a gab session, but it is so much more than that. Granted, we do talk a lot, but we also share our knowledge of the art of needlework and the items that we make are given to those in need of them and are given in love and prayer, hence the name Prayer Shawl. Each item is prayed over while it is being made. It is then followed by prayer and a card when given to the individual whom receives it.

When you check out the website, [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com), you will find a wonderful definition of the prayer shawl concept written by Janet Severi Bristow in 1998. It says: "**Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles...**"

The Prayer Shawl ministry was started in 1997 and enveloped "Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every stitch" ([shawlministry.com](http://shawlministry.com)). Shawls can be referred to as many different things, including comfort shawls, peace shawls, or mantles, etc. But whatever the name, love, prayers and blessings are connected to each and every stitch that makes the shawl.

Remember, lessons are always offered to those who want to learn. Come and join us. You may be richly rewarded.

The May meetings will be on the 13th and 27th. **Sally**

*And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands for us;  
Yes, establish the work of our hands.*

*Ps. 90:17 NKJ*

*Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16*

# MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	27 Happy Birthday: Meredith Bennett; Rich Hileman	28 Happy Birthday: Meredith Bennett; Rich Hileman	29 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study	30	1 Happy Anniversary: Jimmy & Susan Adams Happy Birthday: Candice Clowdis	2 Happy Birthday: Abigail Clowdis
3 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	4 1:00 PM WMU Happy Birthday: Angie Reeves, Gloria Colley	5 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting Happy Birthday: Bunny Reynolds	6 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study	7	8	9 Happy Anniversary: Allen & Virginia Marston Happy Birthday: Dorothy Oliver
10 Happy Anniversary: Billy & Chrissy Dixon 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	11	12	13 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study	14	15 Happy Birthday: Connor Swanberg, Eyan Czaplicki,	16 9:00 AM Food Bank @ Mt. Zion Happy Anniversary: Mike & Betty Berry
17 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	18 Happy Birthday: Khrysti Franklin	19 Happy Birthday: Tristan Roach	20 11:00 AM Joy Group 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study	21	22	23 Happy Birthday: Joan Foster
24 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Memorial Day	25 Happy Birthday: Gaeret Bosiger	26 Happy Birthday: Pijanowski	27 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study	28 Happy Birthday: Kevin Reeves	29	30 Happy Birthday: Zoey Grishaw, Rowyn Hileman
Curtis Family Vacation						
31 10:00 AM Sunday	1 1:00 PM WMU	2 6:30 PM DEACON'S	3 Happy Anniversary:	4	5	6

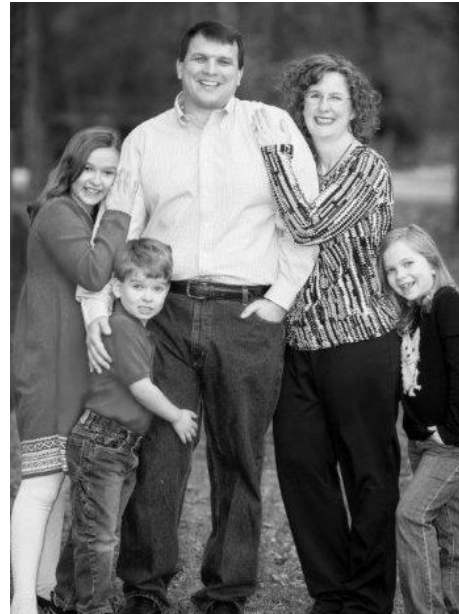
**Every SUNDAY**

Sunday School 10am  
Worship 11 am

Rev. Scott Curtis, Pastor  
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**Upcoming Sermons**

- May 3**      **The Power of God's Word: Transforms us**  
*Selected Scriptures*
- May 10**    **The Power of God's Word:**  
**Informs and Teaches us**  
*Selected Scriptures*
- May 17**    **The Power of God's Word:**  
**Sends and Equips Us**  
*Selected Scriptures*
- May 24**    **Mitch Luckie: Guest Speaker**
- May 31**    **The Treasure of Thankfulness**  
*Ephesians 5:19-20*



*Pastor Scott, Kristen and their children.*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

6:00 pm      **Adult Choir Practice**  
7:00 pm      **Adult Bible Study**  
**No Providential Kids Choir**

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*"We invite you to Providence Baptist Church where you will  
always be welcomed with open arms."*