

October 2017

THE “PROCLAIMER”

Newsletter of

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Heart Death

I was in Richmond this week for a program committee meeting. The BGAV annual meeting will be in Hampton Roads this year November 13-15. The theme is: “Answering God’s Call...What Now?” “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” Isaiah 6:8. We have been working hard to prepare for this year’s meeting. It is going to be a great time of celebration and preparing for the future. I hope that you will plan to be a part of it. During a break, I was talking with our executive director, John Upton, about how busy our life is. How we have all this stuff that we are doing for work, school, sports, clubs, friends, volunteering for different things and projects that we feel strongly about. All of this good stuff – the problem is that we sometimes get so focused on *doing* that that we forget to make time for our *relationships* with people and more importantly, with God. While we were talking, John asked me if I knew the Chinese word for “busy.” I did not, and to be honest, I could not say the word or recognize it if I had to. However, what made an impression is the literal translation. Chinese does not have a phonetic alphabet, but uses characters that have meanings. He told me that there are two English words that the Chinese characters represent that we translate into the word “busy.” Their literal meanings are “heart” and “death.” So the literal translation of the Chinese “busy” is “**Heart Death**”. When we fill our lives so full of things that have to be done, we literally lose our joy, and can cause so much stress and pressure that we have a heart attack. That really resounded with me because what is the first thing that we stop taking care of when we get too busy? The things should be most important – often diet and exercise and more importantly, our relationships with family, God, and friends. We look up and say, “I have been so busy, where have the last two weeks gone, the last two months, the last few years gone? Weren’t the kids in first grade just yesterday?” I cannot remember what I have been doing because I wasn’t really living, I was just surviving all the stuff that needed to be done to get through the day. Now to be fair, we all have times like this in our lives; trouble comes and we have to step up and do more and work harder to get through the crisis. However, this kind of imbalance is not meant to be a permanent lifestyle. It is meant to be for a season of time. God shows us this example in Genesis 2:2, “By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.” Exodus also show us how much we need to rest and spend time worshiping Him by making a Holy Sabbath a part of the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20: 8-11, “8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, ... 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

We all need to commit to carving out time for rest and worship in our lives or we will one day look up and ask, “What am I doing all this for?” I have missed out on all the important things in life.” If we aren’t intentional about making time for rest and worship, Satan will gladly use our busyness to “steal and kill and destroy” us (John 10:10). God wants us to have “life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). If God sees the importance of stopping, reflecting, enjoying, and resting don’t you think we might want follow his example?

Blessings,



CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CORNER



Children's Choir
Wednesdays
7 pm



Children's Church
Sunday mornings
during 11am Worship Service
For children
through 2nd grade



Children's Sunday School

10 am
Every Sunday
Morning



Youth Bible Study

Wednesdays
7 pm



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 and Anniversaries



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| | 2 | Pamela Czaplicki |
| | 3 | Connie Barksdale
Kenneth Marston
Renneth Marston
Gideon Hales
Jasmine Reeves |
| | 4 | Richard Nunnally |
| | 8 | Mark Marston |
| | 10 | Brandon Mills
Kym Mills
Jesse Nunnally |
| | 11 | Olivia Bennett
Ben Nunnally |
| | 12 | Cate Curtis |
| | 13 | Will Reynolds |
| | 14 | Nancy Jones |
| | 16 | Dan Cheatham |
| 5 | 17 | Pete Lee |
| | 18 | Leighanne Bennett |
| 10 | 20 | Russell Franklin |
| 15 | 21 | Braxton Reeves
Phillip McDonough |
| 24 | 24 | Timothy Sullivan |
| 29 | 27 | John Curtis |
| | 28 | Beth Barksdale |
| | 30 | Trevor Barksdale |



- Sunday, October 1**
Kelli & Sierra
Seagraves
- Sunday, October 8**
Debra Blackwelder &
Kaylee Buckler
- Sunday, October 15, 2017**
Deborah Howard &
Kayla Collins
- Sunday, October 22, 2017**
Lisa Wilkerson &
Mckayla Sullivan
- Sunday, October 29, 2017**
Candice Clowdis &
Morgan Curtis

CHURCH BUSINESS

DEACONS

Chair:

Annette Bennett 664-5004

Secretary:

Richard Nunnally 660-5037

Susan Adams 315-4325

Brian Bennett 664-8309

Benny Marston 248-6350

Jerleen Marston 248-6350

Carl Reeves 248-9728

Mike Reeves 660-0423

Rindy Reeves 660-9824

Chris Swanberg 6104439



Deacon's Meeting



**Tuesday,
October 3
6:30pm**

**Wednesday,
October 11
7 pm**

OPPORTUNITIES for ADULTS



**FOOD BANK
SATURDAY,
October 14
9:00 am -Noon
Mt. Zion
Baptist
Church**



**1 pm
Monday
October 2**



The J.O.Y. Group

Will meet on
October 18
11:30 am

Lunch will be at



Hosted by James &
Barbara Bennett



Join us for Wednesdays
Bible Study 7 pm

INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

Patrick Cheatham
Carolyn Chambers
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Clara Fortune
Andy Clowdis
Marvin Duke
Chuck Chumley
Glen Waycaster

Jack Chambers
Melvin Reeves
Clifford Blackwelder
Martha Colwell
Eddie Peck
Neola Smith
Raelynn Ward
Ronnie Isenhour

Buck Wilkinson & Family
Ski Pijanowski
Renneth Marston
Ann Taylor Reynolds
Nan Andrews
Pete Chumley
Gwen Flowers
Bobbie Joekel

Military: Frankie Jennings, Erica Harris,
Chanse Cook and Tim Sullivan



FROM THE WMU



APPOMATTOX ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST WOMEN COOKBOOK

Thanks to your overwhelming support, we have over 700 recipes in our cookbook! Money from the sale of these books helps provide scholarships to ABA college students pursuing a career in full-time Christian service or nursing, our who attend a Virginia College.

The cost of each cookbook is \$20. Books should be delivered to your church by the end of October—in plenty of time for Christmas gifts. For more information, or to order a cookbook, contact Emily Mitchell @ 434-248-6390.

JOY GROUP

September's JOY Group went to Golden Corral for lunch.

There were 18 in attendance. A very good time of food and fellowship was had by all.

October's JOY Group will be going to Drug Store Grill in Brookneal. We will meet at the church at 11:30. The gathering will be hosted by James and Barbara Bennett.

We still have a few months that need claiming. See me if you are interested.

Sally

FALL FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 28
2:30-5:30PM**

**COME ONE, COME ALL
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST
CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL**

**Games, stew, hot dogs,
balloon animals, bouncy houses,
And lots more.**

**Bring the kids and their friends.
Dress up in costumes.**

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	2 1:00 PM WMU Happy Birthday: Pamela Caspich	3 6:30 PM DEACON'S MEETING Happy Birthday: Connie Barbozic; Kenneth Marston; Kenneth Marston; Gideon Halek	4 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	5 Happy Anniversary: James & Barbara Bennett	6	7
8 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Happy Birthday: Mark Marston	9	10 Happy Anniversary: Bill & Jean Wells Happy Birthday: Brandon Mills, Nym Mills	11 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study Happy Birthday: Olivia Bennett	12 Happy Birthday: Cate Curtis	13 Happy Birthday: Will Reynolds	14 9:00 AM FOOD BANK @ Mt. Zion Happy Birthday: Nancy Jones
15 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Happy Anniversary: Dustin & Megan Mitchell	16 Happy Birthday: Dan Chestham	17	18 11:30 AM JOY Group 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study Happy Birthday: Leighanne Bennett	19	20 Happy Birthday: Russell Franklin Happy Birthday: Branton Reeves; Phillip McDonough	21
22 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Stop Hunger Now - Oakley Baptist Church in Concord	23	24 Happy Anniversary: Chuck & Sally Chumley Happy Birthday: Timothy Sullivan	25 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study	26	27 Happy Birthday: John Curtis	28 2-30 PM Fall Festival Happy Birthday: Beth Barbozic
29 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Food Pantry Happy Anniversary: Lonnie & Bunny Reynolds	30 Happy Birthday: Trevor Barbozic	31 Halloween	1 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study Happy Birthday: Steve May	2	3	4 Happy Birthday: Tyler Barbozic

Saving Lives One Net At A Time

Today was one of several net distribution days for the team. **Thomas Reeves** and **Brian Bennett** (both of Providence Baptist Church), **Rev. Reggie Warren** (Union Hill Baptist Church), and **Rev. Adam Tyler** (Grace Hills Baptist Church) went with several Ghanaian Baptist personnel to the village of Bofoyiai to distribute nets. 200 nets were distributed to homes in this small town, where a church had already been planted through the More Than Nets program.

Thomas Reeves had some thoughts to share about the experience:

“I feel very blessed, fortunate, and privileged to be a member of the Appomattox Baptist Association team in Ghana this week. I made a tentative decision to be part of this team when given the opportunity in June 2016. I did not know then how it would happen, but with willingness, prayer, work, and determination, I was able to come and serve the Lord and live out the Great Commission.

Today I was able to help hang mosquito nets in the sleeping quarters of the village huts in nearby Bofoyiai. With four team members and some local helpers, we were able to hang 200 nets. Upon arrival, I was struck by the way the people of the village were very receptive and seemed most grateful for us to hang the nets. Children and women came from every direction to join us. The ladies would allow us into the sleeping quarters and the children flocked around wanting to help tie strings on the corners of the nets and hang them (though we and our Ghanaian partners did the actual hanging of the nets). We tied the nets by strings and straps to nails in the wall, covering a bed or mattress on the floor with the protective net.

Experiencing the villagers’ thrill of getting something new and getting to care for these people has left me (and I think the rest of the team) with a feeling that we are doing a great service and ministry in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Furthermore, we had the opportunity to talk and visit with the folks at the end of our work. It was wonderful to see the joy of adults and children alike just to look at the screen of a camera and see the picture you just took. Even more fulfilling was the feeling that the work of installing the nets will help prolong life without disease for the people we met. All of this leaves me with the thought that if the Lord were to instruct me to come back, I would not hesitate for a moment.”

While half of the team distributed mosquito nets in Bofoyiai, three other team members went to Hopewell Baptist Church in Binchinkiyado. While there, Heather Swanberg and Diane Lee (Providence Baptist Church) led a women’s training, and Rev. Chad Harris (Calvary Baptist Church) baptized 11 new believers.

Rev. Scott Curtis (Providence Baptist Church) concluded his pastor training for 24 pastors today as well in Yendi.



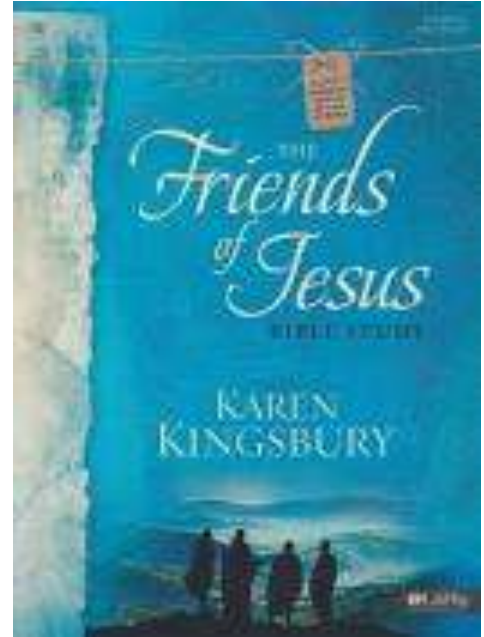
FRIENDS OF JESUS BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study
based on study by
Karen
Kingsbury.
Led by Heather Swanberg.

Beginning
Tuesday,
October 3
at 7 pm.

Contact Heather @
434-610-7846

If you are interested in joining the study.



CALLING ALL VETERANS

We are asking that all members of the church that are veterans to please submit a photo or two of yourself. A picture of you in uniform and one present day would be wonderful. Photos must be in by October 22



GAITHER CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING

Friday, December 8, 2017

Thomas Road Baptist Church

Doors open @ 6

Concert @ 7

Tickets \$22 for groups

**If you are interested in going,
See Scott
Tickets are not guaranteed if not
already reserved with Scott.**

UPCOMING SERMONS

Rev. Scott Curtis, Pastor
488 Lawyers Road
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- October 1 When Evil Becomes Good
Genesis 45:1-15
- October 8 Above My Pay Grade
Genesis 50:15-21
- October 15 Standing on Holy Ground
Exodus 3:1-15
- October 22 Set Apart (Deacon Ordination)
Exodus 4:24-26
- October 29 The Covering that Leads to
Freedom
Exodus 12:1-14

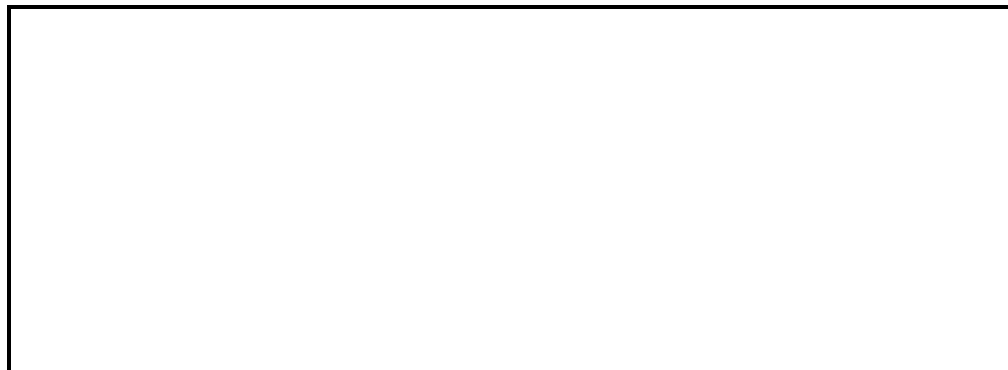


Pastor Scott, Kristen and their children.

WEDNESDAY

6 pm Adult Choir Practice
7 pm Adult & Youth Bible Studies
7 pm Children's Choir Prac-

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