

November 2020

# Providence Ponderings



## The Magic of Christmas

Ladies Christmas Celebration

December 4

6:30 p.m.

ISAIAH 9:6

All ladies are invited to attend our annual Ladies Christmas Celebration. The celebration will take place on Friday, December 4th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The theme is "The Magic of Christmas." We will have a magician for some special entertainment.

If you are interested in hosting a table, please see the sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Please let us know how many you expect at your table. Table hostesses are responsible for table decorations, place settings, and a small gift for your table's guests.

If you would like to attend the Christmas Celebration as a guest, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Sanctuary.

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# News from the congregation

## Thank You

Ladies of the PCC Family,  
Thank you so much for the delicious food that was prepared for us.  
Jim & Deb Wise

Thank you! Thank you! for the very delicious meal that John delivered to me from the Providence Homecoming lunch! So Good!! I'm sorry that I could not be there, but I sure thought of all of you.  
God Bless You,  
Louise Spicer

Thank you so much for the beautiful afghan and the church preparing dinner for us after Dad's funeral. We appreciate the many cards and text we receive expressing your prayers, love and support. All your

personal memories of Dad were heart warming. Thank you PCC!!  
Love,  
the Bill Hatchett Family

## Update on Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve and grandson, Tristan Oren, have been called by Flora First Christian Church in Indiana to serve as Co-Interim pastors. The full time ministry will begin November 1st and conclude when the Search Committee completes their work in calling their full time permanent pastor. Flora First Christian identifies with Disciples Heritage Fellowship churches.

## Memorial Contributions

Providence Christian Church:  
I have enclosed a check for the Bill Hatchett Memorial Fund. Bill and Marianne were a wonderful couple and good friends. They were very supportive of our ministry at Providence Christian Church which was our first full-time pastorate.  
Sincerely,  
Dr. Sam and Judy Young

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Bill Hatchett Memorial Fund. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. A total of \$1,965.00 has now been contributed.



# CWF Hosts Craft Fair

The 2020 Craft Fair and Bake Sale was a huge success! We raised \$2,475 to go towards projects in 2021.

Congratulations to Deb Wise, the winner of the 2020 CWF Quilt!

Thank you to all who helped set up, clean up, donated items, and shopped at the CWF 2020 Craft Fair!



# Missions – Serving His world

## Ashley Boner -- OMS

I want to take a moment to thank Providence Christian Church for all of your ongoing prayers and support. As per everything else in 2020, this year has been filled with several changes and unseen events for my missions. I was blessed with the opportunity to travel to Africa in February and minister to over 50 women. Many of the women we met with traveled to us from closed countries. During their time with us, they were given biblical knowledge and skills to take back and minister in their homelands. Since our return, several of the women have conducted the same trainings to other women in their area, so the word of God is still constantly spreading! Praise the Lord!

Due to travel restrictions, One Mission Society (OMS) has been working diligently to transition many of our trainings into online

versions. Thanks to technology we



are still keeping in regular contact with all of our missionaries and affiliates. We have actually been able to host over 7 events since Covid hit, that we normally would have had to space out over a year and a half simply because of travel times and international legalities. God has been showing us new ways to reach and minister to people all over the world! While we are all looking forward to being able to minister face-to-face again and hug those around the world, God is showing us that this “pandemic” is not slowing Him down a bit. If

anything, it is showing us how to expedite His work. As the 2020 year is coming to an end, we at OMS are already making big plans on new ways we can minister in 2021, no matter what curve-balls the devil tries to throw at us!

Please continue to pray for my ministry and others within One Mission Society. We also ask that you pray for the Lord's message to continue to be shared and accepted in all parts of the world! Also, if you would like to see more pictures or updates on my ministry, please follow my Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ashleywithoms>

Thank you and many blessings,  
Ashley Boner



## Parents' Day Out



Parents, do you need a day to finish your Christmas shopping? PCC is hosting a Parents' Day Out on Saturday, December 12 from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m.

We will have a movie, lunch, crafts, games and devotions for children ages 2-12 while parents have the opportunity to finish Christmas shopping, decorating, or just finishing up their holiday To Do list. **Reservations are required, 317-422-9331.**

## Men's Chili Dinner

The Men of Providence Christian Church are invited to a Chili Dinner on Saturday, November 14th at the Vaught's home. Dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. Join us for fellowship over delicious food. Contact Pastor Seth or Zac Vaught with questions.



## Pastor Seth Moorman

### Why I Preach The Way I Do

Expository preaching... Which is the style that I use to preach on Sunday mornings. After a couple of months of using this style of preaching at Providence we have a clearer picture of what this means. However, I would like to briefly explain some of the parts of expository preaching, but further explain why I use this method. My hope is for Providence Christian Church to take these principles and apply them to their daily Bible reading and study.

So, what is expository preaching? Well, first and foremost it is a verse by verse reading and explanation of either one text in the Bible in one session (topical expository) or through a whole book of the Bible over multiple sessions (typical expository). I know what you are thinking, "doesn't every pastor preach like this? They open up their Bible and give a message based on the text they read?". This is where the other attributes of expository preaching come in. The expositor focuses on and considers specific words and their original meaning in greek or hebrew, prepositional phrases, the immediate context of the surrounding verses, the context of the book, and the context of the entire Bible. Furthermore, the expositor must consider all of these things mentioned before in the light of verses from other books of the Bible that use the same words or are talking about the same ideas. Then, going to commentaries, the expositor picks the brains of brilliant teachers of God's word. All of these things considered come together in order to find the origi-

nal meaning. What did the author mean for his readers to hear, think, say, or do? Then the expositor takes that original meaning and applies it to his listeners today.

Now, why would one choose the style of expository preaching? This all might sound to you like normal sermon style or teaching style in the everyday typical church...But it is not...Most sermons are "good talks" based on an idea the pastor wants to communicate. However, this can be dangerous. Our ways are not God's ways; Our thoughts are not God's thoughts (Isa. 55:8-9). Expository preaching allows the pastor to teach what God intended for His church to hear, not what the pastor wants the church to hear. Going through entire books of the Bible allows the preacher to teach whole ideas and doctrines all while increasing in knowledge of the attributes of God.

One more why... Paul told Timothy to teach the word, but how? 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." Ezra had the same idea, "10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel." (Ezra 7:10). Teaching God's word is no laughing matter to be taken lightly. This is serious. Understanding God's word draws the learner closer to God and then glorifies God! I will say again, this is serious! I choose to use expository preaching methods in preaching and teaching because I want to be a worker approved by God, rightly dividing the word of truth. I don't



want to misuse His word or misunderstand His word. Jesus said, "19 So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:19).

Surround yourself by teachers that are dedicated to studying God's word. I have a list of them that I trust that I know just aren't "knowledgeable", but they take time to pray, read, search, and do what God says. Consider this in your own personal study as we continue to exposit the scriptures on Sunday morning together.

## Prayer concerns

- Luke Bolin-- Cancer
- Mike Clark -- Health
- Pauline Clem -- Shut in
- Keith Cochran -- Infusions
- Pam Deer -- Shut in
- Mark Findley -- Shut in
- Patti Heldman
- Melissa Johnson -- Health
- Alex Maurice -- Diabetes
- David Morrison -- Health concerns
- Jimmy and Mickey Rodriguez
- Eric Sample -- Recovery
- Susan Sloop
- Katrina Vollmer -- Shut in

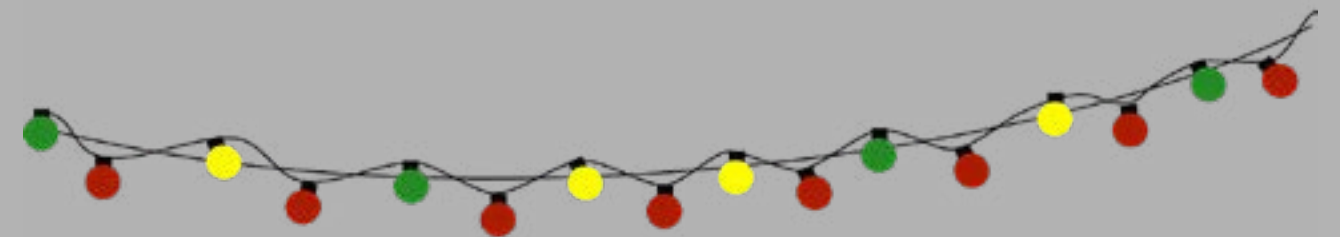
## Advent Season Worship



November 29	“Joyful Expectation”
December 6	“Joyful Confession”
December 13	“Joyful Forgiveness”
December 20	“Joyful Hope”
December 24	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 11:00 p.m.

## Happy birthday!

<b>November 1</b> Shannon New Zander Sledge Wade Vaught	<b>November 15</b> Mike Boyd	<b>December 2</b> Susan Lutzke	<b>December 20</b> Tegan Oren
<b>November 6</b> Zach Vaught	<b>November 16</b> Evan Burton	<b>December 5</b> Ken Potter Alice Sutton	<b>December 25</b> 
<b>November 7</b> Jeri Thompson	<b>November 18</b> Ruth Ann Henderson	<b>December 10</b> Betty Combs Sedam	Jennifer Ort Pat Lawton Jennifer Wilson
<b>November 9</b> Sam Hoagland Sr. Angela Sledge	<b>November 20</b> Caden Clark	<b>December 12</b> Pastor Seth Moorman	<b>December 26</b> Jeff Abercrombie Barb Mickler
<b>November 10</b> Mike Clark	<b>November 23</b> Jeff Ort LaVonne Sorensen Holly Zeilinga	<b>December 16</b> Brook Findley	<b>December 31</b> Royal Moorman
<b>November 11</b> Linda Tabeling	<b>November 24</b> Teresa Clark Joyce Potter	<b>December 17</b> Gracie Bradley	
<b>November 14</b> Becky Bolin	<b>November 27</b> Sam Boyd	<b>December 18</b> Shelly Smith	



# Happy Birthday!

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## Providence Christian Church calendar

**Monday, November 9**

*CWF*  
6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, November 14**

*Men's Chili Dinner*  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 15**

*Church Board Meeting*  
6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 18**

*Double Nickel*  
6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, November 22**

*Annual Congregational Meeting*  
Following the Service

**Sunday, November 29**

*Hanging of the Greens*  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 4**

*Ladies Christmas Celebration*  
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 12**

*Parents' Day Out*  
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 19**

*Living Nativity*  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 24**

*Candlelight Christmas Eve Service*  
11 p.m.

Keep track  
of upcoming events  
with our online  
church calendar at  
[www.pccbargersville.org/  
calendar](http://www.pccbargersville.org/calendar)

**Sundays**  
**9 a.m. – Sunday School**  
**10 a.m. – Worship**