

# THE PROVIDENCE HERALD

ISAIAH 40:9 ...LIFT UP YOUR VOICE WITH STRENGTH, O JERUSALEM, HERALD OF GOOD NEWS...

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From the Desk of John Reeves

## The Pastor's Post



### Sovereignty and Prayer

In our small group recently we considered the relation of God's sovereignty and prayer. I thought the books by Jerry Bridges and the comments by the class were most helpful.

I especially liked the quote from the Puritan Thomas Lye who said, "As prayer without faith is but a beating of the air, so trust without prayer [is] but a presumptuous bravado. He that promises to give, and bids us trust

his promises, commands us to pray, and expects obedience to his commands. He will give, but not without our asking."

You might want to read that again and ponder it.

### !Celebration!

On November 27, 2011, Pastor Reeves baptized his grandson, Jackson Thomas Clyatt, son of T and Melanie Clyatt.

### Recognition

During the morning service on November 20, 2011, Pastor Reeves recognized the following young people who learned the Children's Catechism: Brinkley Branch, Mary Katherine Bishop, Noah Govero, Hwin Moller, and Grady Wright. Natalie Gault will be recognized on December 11. They are to be congratulated for their hard work. Thanks also to the elders who took the time to listen and "pass" each student.

*Unto Us a Child Is Born*

### Christmas Sunday School

On Sunday, December 18, during the Sunday School hour we will once again share with one another, songs, and stories of Christmas as well as sing favorite Christmas Carols. If you have a song, instrumental, and/or vocal, or a story you'd like to share with everyone, we would love to hear from you. Whatever you have in mind, new ideas are welcome. Contact Randy Reed by phone 601-925-1899 or email [rcc@ftn-assoc.com](mailto:rcc@ftn-assoc.com). Please consider joining in on this part of the celebration of the Savior's Birth.

**Christmas Candlelight Choir Service**  
**December 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

### India Trip

For many years Providence has supported the ministry of James Dhale and Joseph Kennedy in remote Northeast India. They began and run Royal Ambassadors Academy, Heritage College of Theology (first class 2011), and summer youth camps. They have started several churches and support missionaries to surrounding areas. Providence has helped purchase rice paddies, a power tiller for the fields, and hydroelectric equipment.

Lord willing, Paul Byrd and his sister Miriam Paulus will visit this ministry the third week of February 2012. They will assess the ministry and its needs. Our goal is to encourage James and Joseph in their work and to be encouraged by them. We also want you to know what fruit your gifts are producing on the other side of the world. Please pray for the trip preparations, safety, and that it will glorify God.

Thanks. *Paul Byrd.*

The session has approved designated gifts for this trip. To give to this venture just place "Paul Byrd India Trip" on your check.



## Windows Into WIC

**For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. Is. 62:1.**

### RUF Christmas Cheer

On Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. the Mississippi College RUF students will gather at Providence for their Christmas party. Our church can help by providing sweet and salty snack foods and drinks for them to enjoy. You're welcome to drop off your refreshments at the church office and for questions on what is needed, please contact Helen Reed.

### Christmas Choir Program and Reception

We look forward to the annual Candlelight Choir Program and Reception scheduled for De-

ember 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Please look for signup sheets in the narthex to volunteer to bring goodies for the reception and to volunteer to clean up afterwards.

### Holiday Dinner

Feeling chubby around the middle from all those Thanksgiving vittles? The Ladies Ministry Team will provide a catered Holiday Dinner of a variety of soups and chillies, homemade breads, and desserts Wed., Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person, \$10 per family. Come support our Pioneer

Club kids as they will entertain us by singing Christmas carols. The LMT will cook the meal, but we need your help in cleaning up! Let us know how many from your family are coming to eat, and please volunteer to help clean up.

### Cookbooks for Christmas

Looking for an original idea for a Christmas gift? We have plenty of church cookbooks for sale for \$15, and they would make a great gift for anyone on your list! If you are interested in purchasing one, please see Betty Robinson.

### New Prayer Group

Don Malin is developing a ministry to veterans through the churches. He has started a monthly prayer time at PPC on the third Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to pray for the needs of our veterans and ways the Church can help, this group is for you!

### Weekly Prayer List

A weekly prayer list for the congregation is available in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Email Bess at [bess@ppcpc.com](mailto:bess@ppcpc.com) if you would like to receive the list by email.

To add or remove a request, please email [bess@ppcpc.com](mailto:bess@ppcpc.com) or call the church office **by 5pm Thursday** for that week's prayer list. (Please follow up with a call or email even if you spoke to a staff member personally.)

### Staying in Touch

From Penny and Joe Lotterhos

We are busy packing the "stuff" from 36 years in this great house. We have many wonderful memories here. This is where Karen and Ed grew up and went to school. We have so many friends and a wonderful Church that

we are leaving to start again in Keller, Texas. We are looking forward to being near family and grandchildren. We should be in our new house around the 16th of December. We wanted to send you our new address. 1603 Woody Creek Drive Keller, Texas 76248 Cell Joe 601-842-7341 Cell Penny 601-842-7342 - after the new year

### 2012 Missions Conference

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 Mission Conference to be held on February 17th-19th.

**Pros Luncheon**

The Pros will meet Tuesday, December 6, at 11:30, for a Christmas luncheon. The ham will be provided, and we are asking that you bring sides and desserts. We will sing Christmas carols and have a devotional. Come join us!

**In Sympathy**

Christian sympathy is extended to Lane Ewing and family on the death of her mother on October 29, 2011; and Jesse Jacobs and family on the death of his wife Jerline Jacobs on October 29, 2011.

*Rom. 8:38-39 – "Neither death nor life ... nor anything else in all creation will ... separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**Scholarship Fund**

The session has established a Providence Seminary Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be designated to this fund to assist qualified seminary students from Providence. Please mark your check "Seminary Fund."

**Merry Christmas**

**Baby Watch**



- Lael Rodriguez Olsson**  
1/27/12
- Robin Elliott**  
2/13/12
- Christie Rogers**  
4/9/12

**Good News**

Congratulations to Samuel and Lindsey Cole on the birth of their son, Andrew Addison, October 12. Renee Cole is the happy grandmother. Tyler and Mallory Rosamond on the birth of their son, Alec Easton, born Monday, October 24. Delighted grandfather is Gary Rosamond, great-grandparents are Dot Rosamond and Rilla & Barry Pride. Reuben and Albrey Oates on the birth of their son, Reuben "Cotten" Oates Jr., born Friday, November 4th at 4:38 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 20 1/2 in. long. Linda and Ken Elliott are the cheerful grandparents.

**Opportunity for Service**

Oakley Youth Development Center in Raymond is looking for volunteers to serve as tutors, mentors, lifeguards and facilitators, to the "at-risk" youth ranging in age from 10-17. Volunteers serving as facilitators will lead sessions with a provided curriculum in areas such as character development, leadership, addiction recovery, and money management. If interested, contact Brandon Davis at 601-857-7913 or [Brandon.Davis@mdhs.ms.gov](mailto:Brandon.Davis@mdhs.ms.gov).

**Newsletter Info**

Submit info to the church office: 924-4747, [bess@ppcpca.com](mailto:bess@ppcpca.com) or [danielvogt@bellsouth.net](mailto:danielvogt@bellsouth.net)  
**Submittal deadline: the 20th of each month**  
 General editor: Dan Vogt.  
 The Herald staff welcomes your input, opinions, and articles!

**Birthdays**

- 1 - Nina Gault, Elias Medeiros
- 2 - Fiona Frances Foster, Joanne Harrison, Charlie Rodriguez
- 3 - Erin Kate Goode, Peter Ireland
- 4 - Anthony Craven, Noah Govero
- 5 - Sheri Ainsworth, Jeff Burns
- 6 - Margaret Kelly
- 8 - Barry Kelly
- 10 - Helen Reed
- 11 - Angela Miller
- 15 - E.H. Lucas, Bubba Melton
- 16 - Klare Campbell
- 18 - Bill Pleasant
- 19 - Addison Hall
- 20 - Sam Brand, Christie Rogers
- 22 - Diane Pleasant
- 28 - Andrea Perkins
- 29 - Nathan Craven

**Reminder**

If you or a member of your family had a birthday which was not included in the monthly birthday list, please email the name and date to either Bess at [bess@ppcpca.com](mailto:bess@ppcpca.com) or Dan at [danielvogt@bellsouth.net](mailto:danielvogt@bellsouth.net).

**TLC**

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**601-591-1493**  
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**TLC**— *noun*: A Providence ministry which provides meals to those grieving, giving birth, hospitalized, or in need.

## Providence Gatherings

Circle 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. @9:30 a.m.

Circle 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. @7:00 p.m.

Circle 3/Ladies Bible Study -

Wed. @ 6:30 p.m. (at church).

Clinton Healthcare Center Ministry - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. @2:30 p.m.

College Bible Study - Thurs.

@7:00 p.m. (at Giesman's)

Friday Bible Study - @ 9:00 a.m.

Scrapbooking Group - 4th Tues @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Bible Study - @ 9:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday Nights**

Pioneer Club (K-6th) - @ 6:30 p.m.

Small Groups - @6:30 p.m.

Youth Groups - @6:30 p.m.

### **Prayer Groups**

Japan I – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun @5:00 p.m.

Japan II – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun @5:00 p.m.

Men's – Tues. @6:45 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat @8:00 a.m.

Veterans Ministry - 3rd Sun @5:00 p.m.

Women's – Thurs @8:30 a.m.



### **Administration**

Christian Education Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun @5:00 p.m.

Deacons – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun @4:45 p.m.

Ladies Ministry Team – TBA

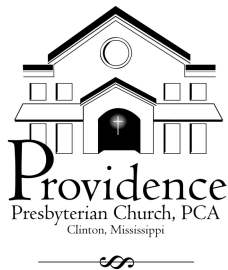
Missions Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> Sun @4:45 p.m.

Nursery Committee - 1st Wed. @6:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun @5:00 p.m.

Preschool Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun @5:00 p.m.

Session – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues @6:30 p.m.



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