

THE PROVIDENCE HERALD

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

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The Pastor's Post

From the desk of John Reeves



How You Can Have a Better Pastor

Years ago when Providence was temporarily meeting in the chapel of Reformed Theological Seminary I preached a sermon with same title of this article. The thrust of the sermon is the importance of praying for the pastor. Maybe you wonder what to pray for the pastor. In one sense you can pray for all the things for which you pray for other Christian friends.

In addition let me give four specifics. Pray for protection from evil.

(Mt. 6:13) One of our members put this in rather concrete terms some years ago when a number of well known pastors were involved in scandals. She said, "I'm praying that you don't do anything stupid like those men." Another prayer request is that I would preach all I should (Acts 20:27) and the way I should (Eph. 6:20). Then you might pray that I would pastor the flock along with the other elders as I should (I Peter 5:1-

4). Finally, pray for my personal walk with the Lord. Preachers can be busy doing good things, even church things and yet the neglect of personal devotion and fellowship with Christ leads to spiritual dryness.

How can you have a better preacher? Pray for him regularly.

John Reeves

A Missions Minute

For some time the Bulletin has included a Missionary of the Week and a Prayer Family of the Week listing at the bottom of the centerfold. You may have recently noticed that the Missionary entry now has a short statement concerning what specific prayer needs they have. More information about these families is sometimes available to the Missions Committee than is generally disseminated to the congregation. We felt a short and specific need we are aware of may be helpful to you in your prayer time.

Some of the missionaries you support are in harms way, some are risking their lives in places such that

we are asked to be very careful about communicating their location. Another is an indigenous pastor in a country that is holding for graft medical supplies sent from the US for that mission to use. There are others that need our prayers for many reasons. Paul Kooistra said: "One of the recurring themes in Scripture is that of faith on trial, the refining of the believer's faith through perplexity and pain, twists of providence that we never would have chosen bring us to question the goodness of God."

Would we be discouraged and perplexed in the situations mentioned above? Please pray for the missionary of the week and make them a part of your week.

The Missions Committee

Sermon Sidebar

On May 17, Pastor John quoted what John Wesley said about people who expect God's forgiveness, but refuse to grant forgiveness to others.

"We are indeed setting God at open defiance; we are daring him to do his worst. ... 'Do not thou forgive us at all: we desire no favor at your hands. We pray that you will keep our sins in remembrance, and that your wrath may abide upon us.'"

Wesley and George Whitefield were both members of a "Holy Club" at Oxford University. Wesley developed 21 questions to encourage spiritual accountability. The questions include 4. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits? 6. Did the Bible live in me today? 7. Do I give the Bible time to speak to me? 8. Am I enjoying prayer?

WIC

WIC News

Beginning June 7, the Women in the Church will offer the Sunday School Class, "Seeking Him: Experiencing the Joy of Personal Revival." This interactive study by authors Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Tim Grissom is designed to lead you into a revived relationship with our loving Heavenly

Father. If you missed out on ordering a workbook and would like to enhance the weekly lesson, you can still order one for \$15. Contact Gloria Coxwell or Bess Malin.

Plans for a new Providence Cookbook are coming along! You may place your favorite recipe(s) in the

basket in the narthex or email them to Bess Malin at bess@ppcpca.com. Please note: If you have favorite recipes from the old Providence cookbook, please give us those as well! We would like to have a combination of the old and the new in this edition.

Bess Malin



Flag Day - June 14

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress adopted the flag of the United States. In 1916, President Wilson proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In August 1949, Congress established National Flag Day, but did not make it a federal holiday. Only Pennsylvania celebrates Flag Day as an official state holiday.

New Adult Sunday School Classes

Defending our Faith and Evangelizing our Community - taught by Paul Byrd. This class will examine attacks on Christianity from science, philosophy, politics and other religions and answer their criticisms from the Scriptures and sound reason. Not only do we need to defend our faith but we need to spread the Gospel to our families and community. Be prepared for lively discussions and bring a heart for the lost.

Church Officer Class - All church officers are encouraged to attend this Sunday School Class specifically for them. They will be studying the book, *From Embers to a Flame* by Harry Reeder. Books are provided. If you weren't at the officers' retreat, your book is in the church office workroom. Contact Hal Martin if you have any questions.

WIC Class - See the description under **WIC NEWS** above.

TLC June:

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

D-Day - June 6, 1944

On this date, 160,000 Allied troops under General Dwight David Eisenhower landed on five heavily defended locations (Omaha, Utah, Gold, Juno, and Sword) in Normandy, France. This invasion was the long awaited Second Front during World War II and led to the defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945.

Father's Day - June 21

First observed in 1908 in Fairmont, WV, Father's Day gained popular support slowly. Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, and Lyndon Baines Johnson recognized it, but only in 1972 under Richard Milhous Nixon did Father's Day receive official recognition. Mother's Day is clearly more popular (and more expensive). The average gift for fathers costs 61% of the average gift for mothers.

Good News

Summer and Joey Wright rejoice in the birth of their son, Murray Jonathan, on May 20th at 3:01 a.m., weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces!

Brothers Grady and Owen are excited as well.



Baby Watch

Amy Prince Flynn **7/8/09**
Jen Holbert **11/14/09**
Kathleen Foster **11/21/09**

Congratulations

On May 24, Providence recognized its high school graduates with a gift from the WIC and a reception following the 6:00 service. Those so honored were

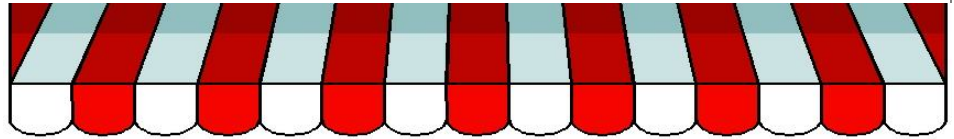
Carter Brown
Rebecca Johnson
Paul Lavallee
Tracy Pitts

Pros (60+)

The Pros will meet again on Tuesday, June 2, at 11:30 a.m. Our own "T" Clyatt will be speaking on general fitness, nutrition, and how to stay active. Bring a covered dish to share with everyone.

Birthday's

- 1 - Suzanne Cole, Florine Oldham
- 2 - James Foster, Ed Kerut
- 6 - Harry Bakker, Lindsey Scott
- 7 - Olivia Hall
- 8 - Josh Sullivan
- 9 - Adam Craven, Timothy Hammond, Gary Rosamond
- 11 - Adele Perry
- 13 - Margo Gathers
- 15 - David Johnson
- 18 - Linda Estes
- 19 - Alan Kelly, Bob Pennington, Deborah Scott
- 20 - Mary McDonald
- 21 - Walker Moller
- 22 - Eric Branch
- 23 - Yoko King
- 27 - Jean Dorman, Debora King, Herbert Stuckey
- 28 - Grady Wright



Mama mia! That's Italian!

Sign up soon for the June 6th Spaghetti Dinner to get the dining or pick-up time of your choice!

From 6-8 you can dine in the elegance of cuisine, music and atmosphere straight from Italy!

Donations will go to the New Mexico Missions trip.



Ad written and designed by Diane Pleasant

The Fellowship

The Fellowship (30s -40s) will have a bowling night on Saturday, June 20. Childcare will be provided at the



Vacation Bible School

Upward Bound! VBS 2009 is June 8-12; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. All guides and assistant guides will meet Sunday, June 7, at 4:30, in the room off the Fellowship Hall. We will pray, have a brief meeting, and prepare our campsites.

Sunday School

There is still a need for Sunday school teachers and helpers. If you are interested in helping with Sunday school, contact me at danielvogt@bellsouth.net.

The Group

The Group (20 somethings) will meet Saturday, June 20th at Nathaniel and Susan Inman's house (108 Rollingwood Drive) at 5:00 pm for some backyard games and dinner. Bring your Frisbees and a side dish, dessert, or drink. We will provide barbecue. Sign up in the Narthex. Questions or comments email or call Nathaniel or Susan at nateand-susan@yahoo.com 601-591-1493.



Newsletter Info

Submit info to Bess Malin: 924-4747, bess@ppcpca.com. or danielvogt@bellsouth.net
Submittal deadline: June 20th
 General editor: Dan Vogt.
 The Herald staff welcomes your input, opinions, and articles!



Providence Gatherings

Art Group – Mondays @9:00 a.m.

Circle 1 – 2nd Wed @9:30 a.m.

Circle 2 – 2nd Tues @7:00 p.m.

Family Night Supper - 3rd Wed @
6:00 p.m.

Ladies Weekly Morning Study -
Thursdays @9:00 a.m.

Pros Luncheon – 1st Tues @11:30
a.m.

Trinity Hymn Sing – 3rd Mon
@2:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

Youth Groups - @6:30 p.m.

Prayer Groups

Japan I – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.

Japan II – 3rd Sun @5:00 p.m.

Men's – Tuesdays @6:45 a.m.

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

Scott's – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m

West Virginia – 2nd Sun @7:05 p.m..

Women's – Thurs @8:15 a.m.

Administration

Christian Education Committee – 3rd
Sun @5:00 p.m.

Deacons – 2nd Sun @4:45 p.m.

Missions Committee – 4th Sun @4:45
p.m.

Outreach Committee – 1st Sun
@5:00 p.m.

Preschool Committee – 1st Sun
@5:00 p.m.

Session – 3rd Tues @7:00 p.m.

WIC Council – 4th Sun @4:30 p.m.



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