



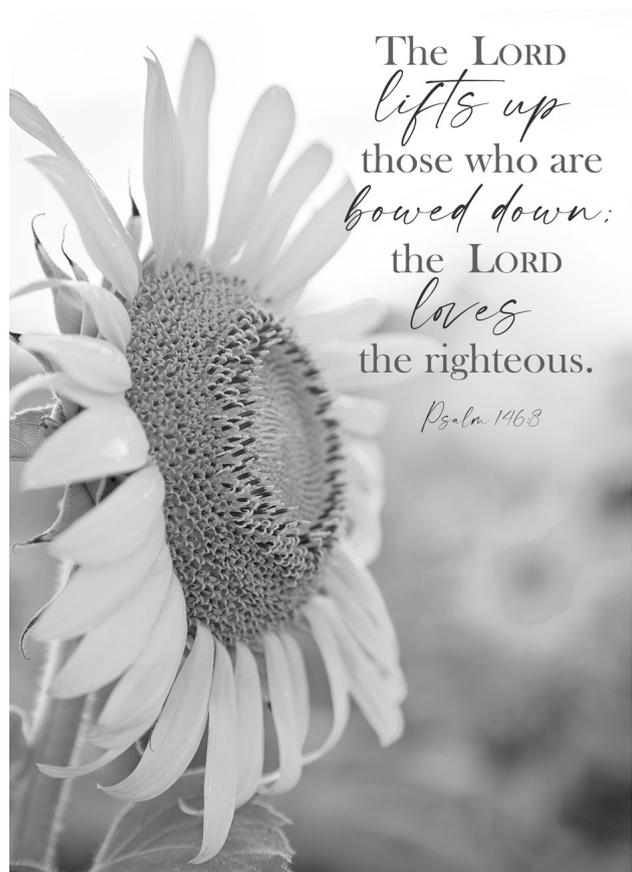
# The Messenger

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FACTS & FIGURES 6/26/22	
Budget Giving .....	21,382.49
Designated Giving .....	13,667.00
Budget Needs Weekly.....	21,382.49
Budget Giving YTD .....	955.00
Building Debt .....	210.00
(Budget Year April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023)	



**Pastor's Thoughts** **Dr. Rusty J. Sowell**

It's been several days since our Liberty Celebration, but the memory is still vivid. So appreciative of everyone who goes above and beyond to make this moment a time we always look forward too. The setting up of tables, the food preparation, the clean up, goodness, there is a lot that has to happen to make this moment come to pass. I'm tempted to start calling names, but I know I'd leave someone out and the list is long. Just allow me to say, from my heart and the hearts of many, young and old, thank you! What a Blessing to celebrate our freedom in the Land of the Free at Providence. The Liberty Celebration was a great day, but we were missing some folk: Lamar Pierce, as Uncle Sam; Milton Lawhorn, always a helper; and Marie Ford, always with a smile... until...

Dear Church,  
On behalf of the county, and especially the poll workers from Beat 7, Beauregard, I would like to express my appreciation to Providence Baptist Church for the use of your West Campus Facility for the elections. This space is a far cry from the unair-conditioned lobby of the school gym! Thank you also to the men who set-up and take down and otherwise assist in getting the building ready for election day. Your gracious generosity is much appreciated. —Danielle

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE July 17-23, 2022						
SUNDAY 17	MONDAY 18	TUESDAY 19	WEDNESDAY 20	THURSDAY 21	FRIDAY 22	SATURDAY 23
Worship (WC) 8:00 Sunday School (EC) 9:30 Worship (WC) 10:45 Children's Church (WC-CC Bld) Ladies Bible Study Lies Women Believe (FSH) 5:00		Joy SS Class (WC) 10:00	Prayer Meet (WC) 6:00 Church Choir (WC) 6:45			
Pray for the Honduras Mission Trip 16-23						
DEACONS ON CALL Micheal Pattillo & Robert McCullars		LIVESTREAM on Facebook Providence Baptist Website @ providencealive.com			<p>July Scripture</p> <p>The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.</p> <p>Philippians 4:9 (NKJV)</p>	

**PBC Kids** Mrs. Tammy Senn [tsenn@providencealive.com](mailto:tsenn@providencealive.com)

Summer is in full swing now. Are they "lazy days of summer" for you? For most of us the answer would definitely be a big NO! I was trying to think of ways to create more rest and quiet time in my life. That seems almost impossible some days. When listening to a favorite preacher this week he gave some statistics that I too fall into the negative side of the percentages.

- 71% of Americans never turn their phones off
- People check their phones on average every 12 seconds
- 40% of people say they check their phone within 5 minutes of waking up

"Focusing on God's word without distraction for a few minutes a day is a wonderful anecdote to the frantic pace of a world that is centered on technology." Dr. David Jeremiah

His sermon came on the same day that I received a great website that Mrs. Gayle Smith forwarded to me about praying scriptures over your kids. That is something that I personally have done for a very long time for my children. This website was a wonderful resource with specific scriptures for praying over your children. Please check it out! To find it easily you can go to this website <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/>, then search for praying for children, click on the video by Jodie Berndt. It is a wonderful resource. You could also check on our Providence Baptist Children's Ministry page on Facebook and follow the link.

One of the challenges that he mentioned in his sermon was something that I want to start soon. He suggested writing out scripture. Many studies have been done about the way the mind processes and retains information that you have written down. How many of you had to or remember someone that had to write sentences at school? The hope is that the "guilty" per-

son would remember to not make the same mistake again.

One personal confession is when I was a principal, I often had children brought to my office for various bad behaviors. I had chosen a few specific verses for things such as lying, being disrespectful, and stealing. That students would have to write that "sentence" a few times (LOL)...some not even realizing it was scripture. My prayer was that His Word would have a greater impact than I ever could.

I will be grabbing a blank spiral bound notebook and start writing out books of the Bible that I've read before. I look forward to seeing how God will speak to me in more quiet and slower times. Let's all slow down together! Please share with me if you already do this or if you will start with me.

See you Sunday!