

JERRY LYNN RAY



Sunday
September 11, 2022
Providence Baptist Church
East Campus Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.

Jerry Lynn Ray is a native of Opelika and grew up in the Beauregard community. He attended Beulah, Beauregard, and Scott Preparatory schools, graduating from Scott in 1972. He subsequently earned degrees from Mobile College, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the University of Virginia. In September of 1969, Jerry became a Christian under the ministry of Robert Dismukes during Providence's annual fall revival, and not long afterward accepted the call of sharing God's Word. Early on he served as pastor of Hatchechubbee Baptist and Smiths Station Baptist churches in Alabama, Beaver Dam Baptist Church near Charlottesville, Virginia, and First Baptist Church of Shellman, Georgia. Since 1993, he has taught at Georgia Baptists' Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, where he currently serves as Professor of New Testament. Among his publications are *Narrative Irony in Luke-Acts: The Paradoxical Interaction of Prophetic Fulfillment and Jewish Rejection*, Mellen Biblical Press, 1996; and *Our Messianic Age: The Story of a Spiritual Legacy*, Lighthouse Christian Publishing, 2012. Jerry resides in Dublin with three of his four children.

STEVE GOLDEN



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Rev. Steven Golden is the Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Americus, GA, where he has served for the past 15 years. He has served as pastor in three states, Alabama, Louisiana, and Georgia, for the past 45 years. He studied at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from which he earned a Master's of Divinity. Steven has also done mission work in Mexico, Romania, Africa, and many states in the U.S. He and his wife, Pat, have been married since 1979. They are proud parents of two adult children. Their daughter, Leah, resides in Liberal, Kansas, and has blessed them with three grandboys and one granddaughter. Their son, Caleb, works alongside them in ministry at Bethel with the Youth.

GARY DENNIS



Monday
September 12, 2022
Providence Baptist Church
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6:30 p.m.

Gary Dennis is the Pastor of Old Zion Hill Baptist Church in Independence, Louisiana, where he has served for the past 9 years. Gary graduated with his Doctors degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In fact, he is still connected with the seminary as he serves as an Adjunct Professor of Evangelism. In addition, Gary is Founder and Director of *In His Steps Missions*. Gary and his wife/best friend, Debbie, live in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. They have four children and are happy Grandparents of eight Grand kids.

JIMMY BLANTON



Tuesday
September 13, 2022
Providence Baptist Church
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6:30 p.m.

Jimmy Blanton is the Associational Missionary for the Columbus Baptist Association and has served in this role for 28 years, coming from the FBC of Warner Robins. He is husband to Anita and father of Angela and Ashley and granddaddy to Hannah, Matthew, and Lauren and he is thankful for his two sons-in-law, Bruce and Jason. Jimmy graduated from Mobile University and New Orleans Seminary. Beyond his service as an Associational Missionary, Jimmy has served in several roles in the state convention, one of which was to serve as Vice President. He was saved on May the 9, 1971 and called to ministry three days later. At age 20, while attending Clarke College God called him to associational ministry. Jimmy served as Minister of Evangelism at Providence and then served 22 years as a pastor. Then in 1994 he was called to Columbus to fulfill God's mission for his life as an Associational Missionary. He loves Auburn sports and loved riding his bike until one too many accidents happened. Now has replaced his bike with walking his new dog, Baxter.

BILLY DUNCAN



Wednesday
September 14, 2022
Providence Baptist Church
East Campus Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.

Billy F. Duncan is the Pastor of Beallwood Baptist Church in Columbus, GA, where he has served for twenty-one years. He and Melita have two children Melody (Chris) Poole and Jonathan (Katherine) Duncan. They have been blessed with eight grandchildren, Eli, Asher, Lydia, Lyla, Silas, Evie, Gideon, and Amelia. Billy is a 1980 graduate of Criswell College, a 1982 and 2004 graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He came to the Lord in May of 1969 at Providence Baptist Church during a Steve Franklin Revival. During the early days of the Seekers while being discipled by Brother Robert, Billy sensed God's leadership to be a Pastor in 1971. Billy and Melita have had the joy of serving Southern Baptist Churches for forty-seven years. Billy has served as Vice President of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board and is currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Melita and Billy recently started the Global Gospel Initiative, INC. which is a 501C3 Non-Profit Ministry that is providing theological training for Hispanic Pastors in seminaries at Lacey Theological Seminary in Oaxaca, Mexico, and Southwestern Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.



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The Seekers was a group of young people that had its beginnings in the early 1970s. The group began with two or three young people under the direction of Pastor Robert Dismukes (late husband of our Shirley Dismukes and father of our David Dismukes), who was beginning his ministry as pastor of Providence. The group would meet weekly for Bible Study and prayer under Brother Robert. The growth was miraculous from just a few to more than 100 young people committing to the "seeking" of a closer relationship with the Lord. As a result, there were at least 18 men called to some kind of full-time ministry during that time period. Those who were "called" to preach as teenagers were called the Preacher Boys.

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