





# The Messenger

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

<b>SUNDAYS</b> 8:00 Worship (WC) 9:30 Sunday School (EC) 10:45 Worship (WC) Children's Church (WC) 5:00 Dlife Men & Dlife Women (EC) Forgotten God Study (EC)  <b>MARCH 31</b> 8:00/10:45 Easter Sunday (WC)	<b>TUESDAYS</b> 10:00 Ladies Joy SS Class (WC) 10:00 Ladies Roman Study (CCB) 6:00 King's Kids (EC)	<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> 5:00 Golden Notes (WC) 6:00 Prayer Meeting (WC) 6:00 Youth Kinect (EC) 6:45 Church Choir (WC)  <b>APRIL 2 - 4</b> PBC Kids Take on Spring Break	 
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### STAFF

Dr. Rusty J. Sowell *Senior Pastor*  
Dr. Thomas R. Smith *Music Minister*  
Rev. Charles Adams *Assoc Pastor-Student/Media*  
Mrs. Deana Stone, *Senior Adult Minister*  
Mrs. Tammy Senn, *Children's Director*  
Mrs. Jennifer Hughes, *Church Secretary*  
Mrs. Lydia Stringfellow, *Financial Secretary*  
Ms. Mandy Steward, *CDC Director*  
Miss Pam Morris, *Music Assistant*  
Mrs. Suzanne Harris, *Pianist*  
Mrs. Gayle Smith, *Organist*

### MARCH SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

### GIVING THEIR TIME AND TALENT

#### Deacons On Call

Mar 24: Brad Ennis & Jay Hovey  
Mar 31: Ben Ingram & Coye Yeager

#### Sunday Morning Nursery

Mar 24: Angie Searles, Hannah May, Pam Heartsill  
Mar 31: Mike & Morgan Brown  
**Nursery Volunteers Needed!**

### FACTS & FIGURES

Budget Needs Weekly.....	22,279.17
<b>3/3/2024</b>	
Budget Giving.....	35,193.96
Designated Giving .....	460.00
Budget Giving YTD .....	1,376,074.11
Building Debt .....	2,180.00
8:00 AM Worship .....	147
Sunday School.....	162
10:45 AM Worship.....	196
<b>3/10/2024</b>	
Budget Giving.....	37,164.82
Designated Giving .....	11,158.00
Budget Giving YTD .....	1,413,238.93
Building Debt .....	845.00
8:00 AM Worship .....	121
Sunday School.....	143
10:45 AM Worship.....	234



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

Easter is upon us, and it is a wonderful time of the year. Spring has sprung, flowers are beginning to bloom, new life after a cold wet winter. Spring is a strong reminder of the hope we have as the children of God. It's Resurrection time, what looks like the end, as in the cold clutches of death, suddenly life begins fresh and new. Thanks be to God for the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord. I trust to see you in church soon.

### Assoc. Pastor-Student/Media Ministry

Rev. Chuck Adams [chuck9587@yahoo.com](mailto:chuck9587@yahoo.com)

I love the Easter season and look forward to it coming each year for a couple of reasons...

1.) Easter is the anniversary for my wife, Karesa's, spiritual birthday. Karesa accepted Jesus as Lord of her life on Easter over 32 years ago at a church event she attended with my Granny Adams. She has been the glue that has held me together for almost 37 years now and I praise God for her and especially her salvation.

2.) I love this time of the year because it helps me understand the contrast of the darkness of this world and the light of eternity in Christ Jesus! I see this day that we live in as the darkness of the Friday that Christ was placed upon the cross for our sin. "Now it was about the 6<sup>th</sup> hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour." We live in the time of darkness that was the death of our Lord... BUT... There soon comes a day of eternal light for all of us that are

in Christ Jesus!! Sunday is coming, eternity with Christ is on it's way for all who believe. We can understand the world through the crucifixion better than any other way. Darkness gives way to light whenever Jesus is introduced into it. I know of no more comforting words than "because He lives... We will live!". So, glory in the resurrection of Christ this Easter season!! Give God the glory for great things He has done! Invite a friend, neighbor, for that matter, invite anyone to church and get involved in a discipleship group so that we can all celebrate the light that is in Christ every Sunday not just Easter Sunday!! We love and look forward to seeing you soon!

Montgomery Biscuits baseball game for Youth Grades 7 thru college. April 12<sup>th</sup>, leaving PBC at 5:00 p.m. need to sign up by Monday March 31 in Sunday School room in basement or on table in E/C Sanctuary.

### Providence Baptist Church Budget vs Actual Church Budget Year April 2023 - March 2024 (\$89,116.72 required monthly)

Date	Undesignated Actual Receipts	Undesignated Actual Expenditures	Actual Receipts vs Actual Expenditures
2023/2024			
April	107,891.68	88,321.77	19,569.91
May	78,697.95	103,692.61	(24,994.66)
June	95,102.75	92,284.33	2,818.42
July	74,423.71	76,112.78	(1,689.05)
August	88,788.71	101,313.05	(12,524.34)
September	81,100.37	93,286.06	(12,185.69)
October	100,643.75	95,999.85	4,643.90
November	81,240.37	81,952.47	(712.10)
December	127,598.15	91,811.26	35,786.87
January	60,814.42	90,670.42	(29,856.00)
February	75,729.36	84,146.83	(8,417.47)
TOTAL	972,030.74	999,591.43	(27,560.21)

### West Campus Loan Payment 2/01/2024

Current Balance \$432,077.45 Principal \$15,637.26 New Balance \$416,440.19

## Simply Still

Prepare for the joy of Easter through prayer, reflection, and worship

Thursday, March 28  
4, 5, 6, & 7 PM

Childcare available for 6PM event only

