



The Messenger

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6 8:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	MONDAY, SEPT. 7 	TUESDAY, SEPT. 8 9:00 Golden Notes Alt 10:00 Ladies Joy Class 6:00 King's Kids	WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 5:00 Golden Notes Choir 6:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Youth Kinect 6:45 Church Choir	THURSDAY, SEPT. 10 12:00 Family Movie 6:30 Family Movie	FRIDAY, SEPT. 11	SATURDAY, SEPT. 12
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 8:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 4:00 Bible Drill 4:45 Kids Music Missions 5:00 Student Choir 5:00 DLife/Deeper Roots Book of Philippians	MONDAY, SEPT. 14	TUESDAY, SEPT. 15 9:00 Golden Notes Alt 10:00 Ladies Joy Class 6:00 King's Kids	WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16 11:30 Comm. Luncheon 5:00 Golden Notes Choir 6:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Youth Kinect 6:45 Church Choir	THURSDAY, SEPT. 17 10:00 Hymn Sing at The Harbor 6:00 WOVEN Gathering Table	FRIDAY, SEPT. 18	SATURDAY, SEPT. 19 7:30 Men's Breakfast 9:00 WOVEN PieceMakers

SCRIPTURE FOR SEPTEMBER

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

GIVING THEIR TIME AND TALENT

Deacons On Call

Sept 06 Robin Caswell (334) 734-1049
Jim Chaffin (334) 332-3641
Sept 13 David Dismukes (334) 319-3821
Tracy Donald (334) 750-9651

Sunday Morning Nursery

Sept 06 Megan Hodges, Payton Gilliland
Sept 13 Stephanie Parker, Jordan Grigsby

FACTS & FIGURES

Budget Needs Weekly 2026/27 ... \$21,004.47
08/16/2026

Budget Giving.....	16,726.81
Designated Giving	1,905.00
Budget Giving YTD	427,998.11
Building Debt	720.00
Sunday School.....	212
8:00 AM Worship.....	130
10:45 AM Worship.....	329

08/23/2026

Budget Giving.....	16,515.73
Designated Giving	2,844.61
Budget Giving YTD	444,513.64
Building Debt	305.00
Sunday School.....	210
8:00 AM Worship.....	151
10:45 AM Worship.....	245



Pastor's Thoughts Dr. Rusty J. Sowell

It's a sad day in America, and for sure in Tennessee; Dolly Parton died yesterday. Probably one of the most solid influences in our culture. A woman of faith, with talent and business skill, just a great lady. Someone who never forgot where she came from. "Dirt poor," as she often described growing up. Someone whose presence was always a light, a light for good. It won't be the same when we go back to the Smoky Mountains. It already feels empty in some ways. Yet her light will always shine bright as we remember and celebrate a life well lived, and who can forget her classic song, "I will always love you.."? She simply loved God, life, and us. We'll hear her again; she's already taken her place in the Heavenly choir, and one day so will we. I trust to see you in church this Sunday.

Deacon Nominations: Called to Serve

As we prayerfully nominate and ordain deacons, we seek faithful servants who will lead with humility, wisdom and compassion. May God guide our church throughout this process and strengthen those called to care for His people and support the ministry of the church. Nominations begin September 6, 2026 until September 27, 2026.

Music Notes

Dr. Thomas R. Smith smith73@auburn.edu

My heart is overflowing as I think back to all the summer activities in the Music Ministry. There was the exciting presentation of the musical, *I Love America*, by our Church Choir on the day of our Liberty Celebration. What a great way to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. Then, there were two successful choir tours with our Student Choir and with our Church Choir/Providence Singers. We had a great time of sharing the gospel through wonderful music. It has also been exciting, as the choir has been off for a few Sundays, to focus on the real choir in our church, the Providence congregation, as we have lifted our voices to the throne in our robust singing of the great hymns of our faith.

However, it is now time to focus on a new year as we find opportunities to serve our Lord through ministry through

Upcoming Events & Save The Dates

- Sept 10 12:00 / 6:30 Family Movie: *Do You Believe*
Pizza, Popcorn & Beverages served, West Campus
- Sept 13 4:00-4:45 Bible Drill Adults and Kids 3rd to 6th Gr.
4:45-6:00 Kids Music & Missions
5:00-6:00 Student Choir
5:00-6:00 Deeper Roots Discipleship Classes
DLife: Karen Self-Women's Class
DLife: Eddie Owen-Men's Class
DR Study: The Book of Philippians
Led by David Bradshaw
Philippians has one main theme and that is JOY! The words "joy" and "rejoice" appear throughout this beloved Pauline Epistle. Join us for this a study of this most wonderful and joyous scripture.
- Sept 16 11:30 Community Luncheon, entrée country friend steak, bring a side dish to share.
- Sept 17 10:00 Hymn Sing @ The Harbor, Opelika
- Sept 17 6:00 WOVEN Gathering Table, West Campus
- Sept 19 7:30 Men's Breakfast, West Campus
9:00 WOVEN PieceMakers, East Campus

music. This is when we get new members involved in all of our choirs and ensembles. The beautiful part of choir singing is that the sum is more powerful than its individual parts or members. You do not have to be great, you just have to be willing. Please come and join us this fall as we embark on another great year of ministry. The Golden Notes (Senior Adult Choir) and the Church Choir/Providence Singers all begin on Wednesday, September 9, at 5:00 pm and 6:45 pm, respectively. The Children's Choirs and Student Choir begin on Sunday, September 13, at 5:00 pm.

Finally, I am beginning my 65th year in the Music Ministry and my 53rd year of ministry at Providence. I am so grateful for all of you and for each new God-given day that I can serve Him. I am so excited about the new year in ministry! See you Sunday.