PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOV. 15	MONDAY, NOV. 16	TUESDAY, NOV. 17	WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18	THURSDAY, NOV. 19	FRIDAY, NOV. 20	SATURDAY, NOV. 21
8:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship / Baptism 4:00 Bible Drill 4:45 Kids Music Missions 5:00 Student Choir 5:00 DLife/Deeper Roots Praying for Your Children		10:00 Ladies Joy Class 6:00 King's Kids	11:30 Comm Luncheon 5:00 Golden Notes Choir 6:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Youth Kinect 6:45 Church Choir	10:00 Hymn Sing at The Harbor 6:00 WOVEN Gathering Table Potato Bar	9:00 Tree Assembly	9:00 Tree Assembly 9:30 Kids Breakfast in Bethlehem
SUNDAY, NOV. 22	**MONDAY, NOV. 23**	**TUESDAY, NOV. 24**	**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25**	**THURSDAY, NOV. 26**	**FRIDAY, NOV. 27**	**SATURDAY, NOV. 28**
8:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Festival of Gratitude Food Drive for Food Bank of East Alabama		10:00 Ladies Joy Class 6:30 Community Thanksgiving Service at Watoola	No evening activities	THANKSGIVING CDC/Office Closed		

SCRIPTURE FOR NOVEMBER

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NASB1995)

GIVING THEIR TIME AND TALENT

Deacons On Call
Nov 15 Robin Caswell 334-714-5388
Jim Chaffin 334-332-3641
Nov 22 David Dismukes 334-319-3821
Tracy Donald 334-750-9651

Sunday Morning Nursery
Nov 15 Reagan Thornton, Deanna Henson
Nov 22 Hannah May, Pam Heartsill

FACTS & FIGURES

Budget Needs Weekly 2026/27 ... $21,004.47

10/25/2026
Budget Giving..... 13,624.71
Designated Giving 867.00
Budget Giving YTD 625,231.12
Building Debt 1,345.00
Sunday School..... 185
8:00 AM Worship..... 107
10:45 AM Worship..... 307

11/01/2026
Budget Giving..... 22,047.25
Designated Giving 1,157.11
Budget Giving YTD 647,278.37
Building Debt 855.00
Sunday School..... 195
8:00 AM Worship..... 133
10:45 AM Worship..... 245

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Wanda Treadway
Jimmy & Nicole Gaither



Pastor's Thoughts — Dr. Rusty J. Sowell

As I write this, several hundred folks, perhaps a few thousand members of our community, are at the West Campus casting their ballots; it's Election Day. All elections are of the utmost importance, and perhaps this one is at the top of the list across our nation. The rise of socialism/communism, anti-America, and anti-Judeo-Christian values has gained a significant foothold in our nation. But if Christians will come together and vote for our Judeo-Christian values, we could once again be "One Nation Under God." The way our forefathers intended. Remember, "If my people, called by my name, will…" I will heal the land. (II Chronicles 7:14). I trust to see you in church this Sunday.

East Alabama Medical Center is looking for Volunteer Chaplains to help provide Pastoral Care to Patients, Visitors, and Staff. We are looking for Clergy, Men and Women, you don't have to be a Bible Scholar or Theologian, you just need to have gift of compassion and believe in the power of prayer. If interested, please attend a training session with breakfast and lunch on Friday, November 20th, 9:30 to 3:00 in Classroom A in the EAMC Basement.
Laura Eason, EAMC Chaplain

Upcoming Events

⇒ Sun. Nov 15 / **Baptism Service** at the East Campus following the 10:45 Worship at the West Campus.

⇒ Wed. Nov. 18 / **Community Luncheon**, Entrée Turkey Slices and Dressing. Bring a side dish to share.

⇒ Thur. Nov 19 / **WOVEN Gathering Table**, Potato Bar
Hope Beyond Walls, Guest Speaker Anne Nicholson
Come hear the incredible work that God is doing in the Alabama Department of Corrections for Women. Last day to register is Monday, Nov. 16, childcare available.

⇒ Fri. Nov 20 & Sat. Nov 21 / **Christmas Tree Assembly**
Many hands make light work. We'll begin assembling the tree and hanging the lights starting around 9am. Please join us!

⇒ Tue. Nov 24 / The **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be at Watoola Methodist Church this year. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Music Notes — Dr. Thomas R. Smith *smith73@auburn.edu*

If you are like Gayle and I, you are preparing for a wonderful time at Thanksgiving with all of our family. And, of course, Christmas is coming up shortly thereafter. The same thing is happening with our church family as well. Our annual Festival of Gratitude is coming up on Sunday, November 22, at both morning services. Remember, we also share our blessings with others as we bring non-perishable food items through a food donation event, led by our RA boys and leaders.

We also have some special Christmas events beginning on Sunday, November 29, at 5:00 pm, at the East Campus Sanctuary, featuring our Children and Student Choirs as they present a night of Night of Missions and Music. After the program, we will immediately go outside and light our large Christmas Tree; that should be around 5:45 pm.

On Sunday night, December 6, there will no programs at church. We are designating this date as a Family Night of Christmas at home.

On Sunday night, December 13, the Church Choir will present a Christmas program at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 pm at the West Campus. This program is called *Memories and Music of Christmas* and will feature soloists, a variety of choir selections, and personal memories from choir members of their most meaningful Christmas experience.

And last, but perhaps the best, is a *Service of Carols, Candlelight, and Communion* which will be on Sunday, December 20, 5:00 pm at the West Campus. This simple, but meaningful Christmas experience will help us to focus an the Jesus, our Savior, and the focus for the Christmas Season.

And finally, from Gayle and I, we want you to know what a blessing it is for us to be a part of family of God at Providence. We also wish for you and your family the most inspiring Christmas season ever. We are all so blessed! Come to our events and bring guests with you.