



PROVIDENCE

Baptist Church

March 23, 2025

“Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth.”

-A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

Announcements and Call to Worship

Prelude

Hymn Join All the glorious Names (113)

Join all the glorious names
Of wisdom, love, and pow’r,
That ever mortals knew,
That angels ever bore:
All are too poor to speak His worth,
Too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God,
My tongue would bless Thy name:
By Thee the joyful news
Of our salvation came,
The joyful news of sins forgiv’n,
Of hell subdued and peace with heav’n.

Jesus, my great High Priest,
Offered His blood, and died;
My guilty conscience seeks
No sacrifice beside:
His pow’rful blood did once atone
And now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor,
My Pattern, and my Guide,
And Thou my Shepherd art;
O, keep me near Thy side;
Nor let my feet e’er turn astray
To wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord,
My Conqu’ror and my King,

Thy sceptre and Thy sword,
Thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the pow'r; behold, I sit
In willing bonds beneath Thy feet.

Scripture Reading Psalm 95

95 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn I'd Rather Have Jesus (379)

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand
Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.
I'd rather be true to His holy name
Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs.
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead
Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

Hymn It Was Finished on that Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross

Scripture Reading Hebrews 5:11-6:12

¹¹About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

6 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ²and of instruction about washings,^[a] the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³And this we will do if God permits. ⁴For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and

holding him up to contempt. ⁷For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. ⁸But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned. ⁹Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. ¹⁰For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. ¹¹And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹²so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon **Dr. Blair Waddell**

‘Act your age!’ Hebrews 5:11-6:8

Hymn **I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (103)**

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in ev’ry place;
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy pow’r,
And give us strength in ev’ry trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness;
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,
That we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Outline

'Act your age!' Hebrews 5:11-6:8

- I. About this ... (from 5:9-10 which will come in chapter 7).
- II. Admonition- (5:11-6:3)- Don't miss the main point of the passage.
 - A. You should be mature teaching others. ('Oracles of God' in Romans 3:2; Acts 7:38; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Hebrews 5:11-14)
 - B. Go on to Maturity! (Hebrews 6:1-3)
- III. Warning- (6:4-8)
 - A. Reminder about what warnings do.
 - B. What is impossible: Those who ...
 - 1. Once been enlightened (Hebrews 10:32)
 - 2. Tasted Heavenly Gift and shared in the Holy Spirit (Psalm 95; Hebrews 3:7-19)
 - 3. Tasted the word of God and the powers of the age to come (Hebrews 4:12)
 - 4. And fallen away (Rejected Jesus outright)
 - 5. To be restored those who are actively crucifying Christ- holding him 'to contempt' or 'public shame'- (Deliberate action- Ezekiel 18:24, 19:10-14).
 - 6. An illustration ... (Matthew 7:15-20, 13:3-8, 18-23; John 15:6)
- IV. An encouragement – not you (see also Hebrews 10:32-36)
- V. Applications
 - A. Where are you in your spiritual growth? (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - B. Allow the god-breathed word to work in you and motivate you. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - C. Work for the eternal things. (1 Corinthians 3:11-15)

K Group Questions for March 26

- 1. What is the main idea in Hebrews 5:12-6:8? Why is this a significant problem?
- 2. The writer of Hebrews used terms like 'dull' (5:11) and 'sluggish' (6:12). What might have caused his readers to become like that?
- 3. How would a Christian know they are growing toward maturity?
- 4. The writer told his readers they should have become teachers themselves (5:12). Are you at a point where you can disciple others? If so, are you doing so? Why or why not?
- 5. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 the lowest and 10 the highest), how well do you think you are focused on the eternal things (i.e., the blessings from God in 6:7)? What could you do to improve your score?

Announcements

VBS – June 9-13 @ 9:00-Noon ... Are you willing to help?

Thank you to those that have signed up to volunteer. We have 25 volunteers and need 20 more to sign up. We want to make sure we have enough people interested to host VBS this year, before we start planning. In the foyer there is a sign-up sheet and a QR code or use this link: [VBS 2025 Volunteer Interest](#). Any questions- Kelly.Nichols@live.com.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast, March 24 @ 6:30 AM, Sunny Street Cafe

All men are invited to join us for a time of food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Dolloff.

Church Wide Workday - Saturday, March 29 @ 8:30-Noon

There will be something inside and outside for EVERYONE to do, so bring your tools and cleaning supplies, roll up your sleeves and let's Spring clean!

Postpartum Support Group – *Please let the Host know if you plan to attend*

- March 24 @ 9:30 – Allison Smitherman (205-242-1744)
- April 14 @ 9:30 – Allison Smitherman (205-242-1744)
- April 28 @ 9:30 – Ellie Milby (256-348-6148)

2nd Quarter Sunday School Begins March 30 – Sign up in the foyer

Class descriptions can be found on our website: providencebaptist.us/adult-education

Games at Valley View Nursing Home – Friday, March 28 @ 2:30 PM

On the last Friday of every month, we play games with residents of VVNH. We are called "Providence Players." Come join us for rousing games of dominos and UNO. For more information contact Monika Carroll at 256-772-0185.

PBC Women's Conference: "Walking with God in Suffering"

- April 4th 5:00pm-8:30pm, Sanctuary
- April 5th 8:30am-12pm, Sanctuary

Please join us for this year's women's conference. The topic will be setting our focus on God in the midst of suffering. Breakout topics include miscarriage, infertility, grief, chronic illness, anxiety, and ministering to others who are suffering. We hope to see you there! Contact Kelly Nichols (Kelly.Nichols@live.com) with any questions. For more information and to register, visit the PBC website or click this link: [PBC Women's Conference](#)

Looking Ahead... Baby/Child Dedication – Sunday, May 11 During the Morning Worship

If you are a member of PBC and are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact the church office and include the parents' and child's names as you wish to have them appear on the certificate.

Weekly Happenings ...

Wednesday	Youth K Group @ 5:45PM, Fellowship Hall Adult K Groups @ 6:00PM, Host Homes
Thursday	Ladies Bible Study @ 9:30AM, Youth Room

Upcoming Dates to Remember ...

March 24	Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ 6:30AM
March 24	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM

March 26	Adult Choir Practice after K Groups
March 28	Games at Valley View @ 2:30
March 29	Church Wide Workday @ 8:30AM
March 30	2 nd Quarter Sunday School Begins
April 1	Elders Meeting
April 4-5	PBC Women's Conference
April 14	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM
April 15	Elders Meeting
April 18	Good Friday/OFFICE CLOSED
April 20	Resurrection Sunday/NO Sunday School
April 28	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM