



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

August 10, 2025

“Whenever we do not see the whole plan, we tend to assume there is a fault with it.”

-Derek Thomas, *The Storm Breaks*

Announcements and Call to Worship

Prelude

Hymn **Praise Him! Praise Him! (94)**

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;
In His arms He carries them all day long.
Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness!
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong!
Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness!
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav’nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
Power and glory unto the Lord belong!
Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness!
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

Scripture Reading Proverbs 3:1-12

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments,
²for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. ³Let not steadfast love
and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of
your heart. ⁴So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. ⁵Trust
in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷Be not wise in
your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. ⁸It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones. ⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits
of all your produce; ¹⁰then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be
bursting with wine. ¹¹My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his re-
proof, ¹²for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he de-
lights.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (303)

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
see Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long expected Prophet,
David's son, yet David's Lord;
By His Son God now has spoken:
'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
was there ever grief like His?
Friends thru' fear His cause disowning,
foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
none would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly,
nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
see who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man, and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation;
here the refuge of the lost;
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.

Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
who on Him their hope have built.

Hymn I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow (63)

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and ev'ry grace,
Might more of His salvation know
and seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
And He, I trust has answered prayer,
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining pow'r
Subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry pow'rs of hell
Assault my soul in ev'ry part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe,
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,
Humbled my heart, and laid me low.

"Lord, why is this," I, trembling, cried;
"Will Thou pursue Thy worm to death?"
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied,
"I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set you free,
And break Thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou may'st find your all in Me."

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-17

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴In your struggle against

sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." ⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon Dr. Blair Waddell

'The glory of the Christ in his discipline' Hebrews 12:3-11

Hymn How Deep the Father's Love for Us (80)

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?

I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

'The glory of the Christ in his discipline' Hebrews 12:3-11

- I. The climax of the 'Hall of Faith' (Hebrews 12:1-3; Matthew 10:32)- Christ is the example of Hebrews 11:1-2
- II. 'Not yet' but you might (Hebrews 10:32-34, 12:4; John 15:18-20; 1 Peter 4:12-19)
- III. The Good Father who disciplines (Hebrews 12:5-11)
 - a. Maxim of Proverbs 3:11-12 (also Proverbs 3:5-8; 2 Timothy 3:16)
 - b. A mark of adoption (Ephesians 6:1-4)
 - c. The intended Goal- Holiness
 - d. Not pleasant but yields a result (Hebrews 2:10, 5:8-9; Philippians 4:11-13)
 - e. Next week- practical directions. But until then ...
- IV. Seeing through the eyes of discipline- How might this change how I live?

K Group Questions for August 13

1. Take a moment to introduce one another. Share a few personal details about yourself such as where you are from, family life, vocation, how long you have been at PBC.
2. According to Hebrews 12:1-2, how is Jesus the ultimate example of Hebrews 11:1-2?
3. In what way is discipline a good thing? Can it ever be bad? If so, how?
4. How can the words 'consider him who endured' help you in times of suffering?
5. Can you share a trial from your life that transformed you to be more like Christ?

Announcements

August 13 – Fall K Groups Begin – Registration Ends Today

Signup sheets will be available in the hallway between the foyer and the office, along with area reference maps for each host home. *Please write one name per line on the signup sheet. Homes with pets are also identified for those with allergies.* If you are new to K Groups or would like a refresher on why PBC does K Groups, check out the blog on our website: [Blog Post Why K Groups?](#)

August 13 – Adult Choir Practice Resumes Immediately Following K Groups

Our primary goal is to worship the Lord with song, and all joyful worshippers are welcome regardless of musical skill level. We meet in the transept. For further information, contact Cassie Lofts (256.694.8795) or Niki Ivey (601.502.4964).

Worship Care – Fall 2025 Volunteer Sign-Up

We're getting ready to schedule the fall rotation for Worship Care (September–November) and would love to hear from you! If you're currently serving, now is the time to share your availability. And if you've been thinking about joining the rotation, this is a great time to jump in! Worship Care is a simple yet meaningful way to serve our youngest ones and to support their families during the worship service. Please contact Brooke Craig at brookecraig0129@gmail.com with any questions. Sign-ups are due by August 25. Use the QR code in the foyer/bulletin board, or click this link to register: [Fall Worship Care](#)

August 29 – Games at Valley View Nursing Home @ 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.

September 7 – Quarterly Members Update Meeting @ 4:00 PM, FH

All PBC members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Childcare will be available for ages 5 and under.

September 13 – Monthly Saturday Ladies' Book Discussion @ 9:15AM, Fellowship Hall

Fellowship from 9:15-9:30AM and discussion from 9:30-11:00AM. We meet on the *second* Saturday of each month (except Oct. 4). We run through April with May as a backup and take December off. This group is a 'no-pressure' group. If you don't have time to read or inclination to talk, please come anyway!! We will discuss *Faithful Exiles: Finding Hope in a Hostile World (The Gospel Coalition)*. Mesa, Ivan & Elliot Clark (eds). Pastor Blair's review of this book may be found at the following link: [What Pastor Blair Has Been Reading \(January 2025 through March 2025\)](#)

For Your Calendar ...

August 13	Fall K-Groups Begin @ 6:00PM
August 13	Adult Choir Practice Resumes
August 19	Elders Meeting
August 29	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM
September 1	Labor Day – Office Closed
September 2	Elders Meeting
September 7	Quarterly Members Update Meeting @ 4:00PM
September 13	Monthly Saturday Ladies' Book Discussion @ 9:15AM
September 16	Elders Meeting
September 21	3 rd Quarter Sunday School Ends
September 26	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM

September 28	4 th Quarter Sunday School Begins
Sept. 29-Oct. 3	Fall Break – No K Groups – No Bible Study
October 7	Elders Meeting
October 19	Chili Cook Off
October 21	Elders Meeting
October 24-25	Theology Conference
October 26	Reformation Sunday
October 31	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM
November 2	Jim Milby Memorial Building Fund/IDOP