

Providence Baptist Church

A Place of Grace

Dear Providence Members and Friends,

September 13th

Yes! And, AMEN!

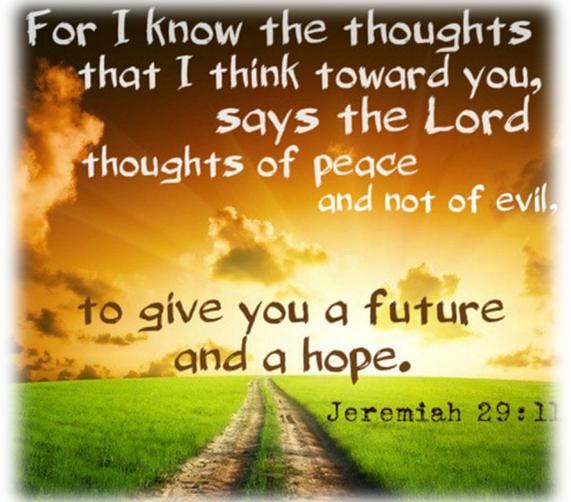
The Deacons and I are excited to share news of a special celebration service on Sunday, September 13th at 11 AM in the Gathering Place (Fellowship Center). It will be a time to rejoice and reconnect.

Considerable time and prayer has gone into evaluating the needs of our people and how we can safely worship together. It is important to recognize the extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic create profound, but different influences on us all. The plan we illustrate here is one that demonstrates many perspectives ... the perspectives of our families, those of the ministry staff, the guidance of our Safety Committee, direction from medical and emergency professionals associated to Georgia and Fulton County, and certainly the concerns of our Deacons and myself.

Now, not everyone will agree with each component of this plan, but perhaps we can all agree the safety and care of our church family and friends is worth any sacrifice in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It will be necessary for everyone to commit to this plan so we can safely be together while considering the “next steps” of Providence Baptist Church ministry.

Here is our plan: There will be a single, morning (only) service in our larger building, the “Gathering Place,” so we can accommodate as many persons as possible while maintaining the all-important “social distance” to keep everyone safe. Several adaptations are necessary to apply the safest practices for the good of everyone, adaptations such as ...

- Sunday School classes will not be meeting at this time.
- Music ministry will be limited to solos, trios or instrumental performances under Nancy Whittenburger’s direction; congregational singing and choir performances will come later.
- No meals or beverages will be served until a future date.
- Everyone entering the Gathering Place is expected to wear a face mask at all times. Face masks will be provided for anyone who does not have one.
- Outdoor sound will be provided for those who do not wish to enter the building or have concerns about defined safety precautions.
- Family members residing in the same household will sit together while maintaining appropriate separation from other families or guests. Staff and Deacons will assist.
- We will not hold Wednesday activities until a future date.



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Rest assured some facets of our ministry programming will continue, such as ...

- The "Facebook Live" broadcast of the Sunday service/sermon
- Bus transportation for Baptist Manor residents (as allowed by Baptist Manor)
- Our youth ministries as directed by Bridget Holmes



Here are a few (obvious) things we all know are vitally important to our safety ...

- Changes in our state's pandemic guidance or the local influence of sickness within our communities could change our plan for September 13th
- Persons with high-risk health conditions should consider remaining at home
- Persons who are sick or have symptoms consistent with those of the COVID virus must remain at home
- Church facilities will be disinfected and cleaned weekly according to health guidelines
- Private gatherings or events within church facilities are not permitted at this time

We know this is so very different—each of us longs to worship together as we have done so many times—but, remember God is good! He is our deliverer, and this too shall pass.

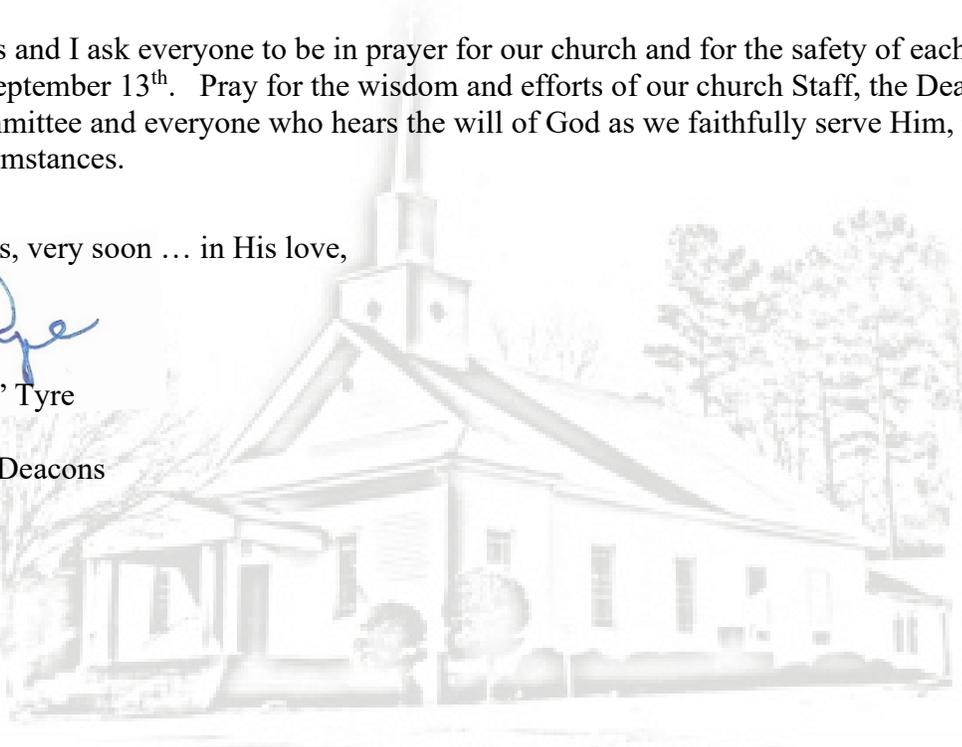
So, the Deacons and I ask everyone to be in prayer for our church and for the safety of each person leading up to September 13th. Pray for the wisdom and efforts of our church Staff, the Deacons, our Safety Committee and everyone who hears the will of God as we faithfully serve Him, no matter the circumstances.

Soon my friends, very soon ... in His love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gene Tyre".

Dr. Gene "Doc" Tyre

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