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As Joshua led the Israelites into the promised land, he did so clinging to God's Word for guidance and trusting in the promised presence of Yahweh to empower him for obedience.

As we continue in 2010, let's do the same - let's strive for faithfulness, fastened to the pages of Scripture as our sustenance and guide, and depending on the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit to grace us with the desire and strength to obey.

Blessings,

Pastor Greg

Meet Bill and Libby Sullivan

New Providence Members

Sunday Night Bible Study



This adorable couple met at a square dance class on Valentine's Day, 2001. It hasn't been confirmed, but I think Libby found Bill's do-ce-do more than she could resist! Both have children and grandchildren from previous marriages, and Libby has one great-granddaughter and four great-grandsons. Bill and Libby have found the teaching, preaching, friendliness, love, and informality of the Providence Bible Fellowship congregation to be to their liking.

Libby claims that she has more hobbies than time. She enjoys sewing, crocheting, computer projects, reading, and writing poetry. Bill, on the other hand, enjoys spending his free time watching sports, golfing, and reading. (I forgot to ask if they are still square-dancing!)

After many times of hearing the Gospel shared, Libby felt hypocritical until attending a revival service in Ashland, Kentucky. On that particular night and the following morning, the Lord used the pastor to remove the blinders from her eyes. In her words, "Now I had heard the same explanation numerous times over the years but all of a sudden it became REAL TO ME. That was when GOD REVEALED TO ME THAT I WAS SAVED! I was re-baptized and the song AMAZING GRACE is also MY testimony. HIS GRACE does it all....HALLELUJAH!"

Bill's story is different from Libby's in that he was raised in the Catholic Church, but he always knew the Lord and what He had done for Bill.



Casual, fun, light and lively, serious and thought-provoking, tasty and fulfilling, familiar yet challenging. The Sunday night Bible studies are all of these things...and more. The two groups are studying Jerry Bridge's, Respectable Sins. Bridges does an effective work in revealing those sins that we tend to believe are more "acceptable" than others. Discussions following our weekly reading help us to apply the Scriptural truth to our daily walks.



The groups meet twice a month on Sunday evenings. Everyone brings a dish/snack to share. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members of Providence

in a more meaningful way. One group meets at the Bennett's home in Mason, while the other one meets in Liberty Township at Brent and Michelle Peter's home.

If you have an interest in joining one of the groups, please speak with Pastor Ken, Pastor Rick, or Pastor Greg for more specific information.

The precious pair has settled in the Princeton Crossing Mobile Home Park in West Chester.



Mens' Bible Studies

written by Pastor Rick



If you have to get up at the crack of dawn, what better reason than to meet with fellow brothers in Christ who love the Lord and desire to know him better? Our time together is rewarding in so many ways. The topics are challenging, the discussions are penetrating, and the fellowship is genuine.

None of us has the corner on everything we've studied but each of us has learned from one another. My prayer is that we have grown in relationship with Christ and through that growth we are better men. I encourage you to come and join us as we continue to learn more about Him and grow in His grace.

New Ladies' Bible/Book Study



Michelle Ware's home was packed last Tuesday night, the first night of our new study. Led by Amy Ebert and Michelle Jones, we anticipate challenge and growth in the next few months as we read and discuss Paul Tripp's, [A Quest for More](#).

Tripp starts off by telling us in chapter one,

"This desire for transcendence is in all of us because God placed it there. He constructed us to live for more than ourselves."

Later he states, "We were never meant to be self-focused little kings ruling miniscule little kingdoms with a population of one." Hmmm.....thought-provoking!

Ladies, we have just begun! We would love to have you join us. Just think! We could have Michelle's neighbors so curious about what is happening at her house, that our Bible study could turn into a neighborhood outreach!



"There's something very special about tiptoeing out of a quiet house well before sunrise to go fellowship and feast on the Word of God with other brothers in Christ. We need this — we need each other, and we need to savor more of Christ together as men. I'm sure I speak for the other guys when I say it's one of the highlights of my week," writes Scott Bennett.

For those men who cannot make it to a small group during the week, there is another opportunity every other Saturday morning, 6:30 a.m. at Tim Horton's in Monroe. We have just finished our first book, and will be beginning Counterfeit Gods by Tim Keller in February. For more information, contact Greg Birdwell. We would love to see you there.



FIRST PROVIDENCE BAPTISM SERVICE

On Sunday, January 31, Providence Bible Fellowship held its first baptism service. Pastor Greg baptised his two children, Jackson and Blake, followed by Michael Combs and Megan Peters and Caleb Peters. Then Mike Sewak baptised his three children, David, Daniel, and Joshua. The ninth baptism was Delanie Harrison, baptised by her father, Aaron.



"I baptise you my Christian brother (sister), in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, buried with Christ by baptism into death, raised to walk in the newness of life."

PROVIDENCE PRAISE TEAM



Each week the worship is led by a praise

team. Pictured above are Jason Ragsdale, Shelby Birdwell, Tricia Jonson, Brian Jonson, Doug Nagel and Joy Bennett.



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We welcome you to join in and participate in as many activities as you can. May God bless you and your families during the month of February.

Your pastors,

Greg, Rick, and Ken