

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Sunday, January 31, 2021 *Issue No. 46*

**Greetings!** Today is Sunday, January 31, 2021, the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** that due to a COVID-19 case, our services for this week and next week, February 7th will be virtual services only. Please do not come to church. Only person necessary for the production of the online service will be admitted to the sanctuary. We will resume live worship on Sunday, February 14th. Immediately following that service, we will hold our Annual Meeting Part 2, which will also be broadcast on YouTube and via Zoom so you may participate from home. Additionally we will be having an Ash Wednesday service on February 17th at 7:00 PM. This service will be available in person and online. Reverend Kraft will be conducting the service. Additional details and information regarding ashes will be shared at a later time ahead of the service. Thank you all and may God bless you.



## Where God Hangs Out

Stephanie Irving Blakes - Houston, TX - October 31, 2006

<https://thisibelieve.org/essay/19174/>

I believe in the eternal goodness of God. A god who goes by all names. I call him Jesus and Father. Others call him Jehovah and Muhammad and still others won't say his name out loud at all. I do not think it matters so much what we call him as long as he hears from us.

I was born and raised in New Orleans, La., a city with, reportedly, the highest concentration of Catholics in the country. With the Les Bon Temps of New Orleans, the gambling boats and daiquiri shops, the adult only entertainment of the French Quarters and slumber of the front porches, I always

wondered as a kid where God chose to hang out.

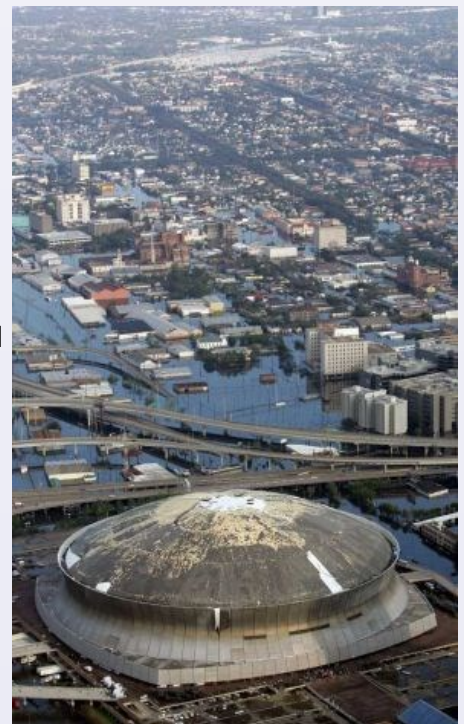
Did God appreciate a good poor boy sandwich or did he love red beans and rice as much as I did. Did he stop on the



corners in the French Quarters and throw a quarter in the hat of a trumpet player or hip-hop dancer or did he



Well, I got my answer the morning of August 29, 2005 when my family watched as Hurricane Katrina destroyed all we remembered New Orleans to be. It did not take me long to learn what God liked about New Orleans and where he hung out. I learned that long before Katrina was even a breeze in the Gulf, God had already made plans to save what he loves about our city. God loves its people and their spirit. He loves our love for life and family and our gratitude to him no matter how bad things get for us. He loves the way we greet each other.



“How you doing, Darling?”

“Baby, I’m fine. I’m too blessed to complain.” Or simply, “I’m blessed.”

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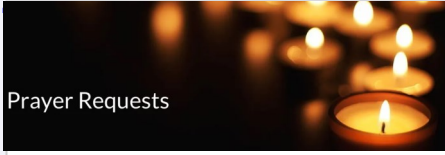
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Prayer Requests

Becky Jensen — For continued prayers for the PNC as they carry on their mission.

From All of Us — For Brynna. A 7 year old fight lymphoma cancer.

From All Of Us — Continued Prayers for Wendy Kasper.

From All Of Us — Prayers for Annette Slaney who was diagnosed with COVID and is in home quarantine.

From All Of Us — Prayers for Brittany Zier who is battling a serious long term disease.

From All Of Us — Prayers for Jack Harkins who continues to recover from his recent procedure.

From All Of Us — Prayers for Kathy Owens after her knee surgery this past week.

From All Of Us — Prayers for Karl Solymosi & Family. Karl's sister, Marie passed away this week from COVID.

Carol Shore — Prayers for her sister, Karen, she has been discharged from the hospital. She has an infected heart valve and will be on IV antibiotics for four weeks

Michelle Cox — Prayers of healing, comfort, encouragement & strength for her mother, Jennifer as she is battling serious long term illnesses.

Betsy Reeder — For Joel, who is in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Margo Mattis — For her Mother, Jean Miller, who is had a cardiac procedure this past Wednesday.

Robin McCarter — For her Mother, Betty Jenkins who is residing in the Masonic Home.

From All Of Us — Prayers for All whose needs are known only to God.

## Last Sunday!!

This year has been one of extreme challenges for everyone, which in turn, has exasperated the hardship of those already in need. Barb York is reaching out to those who may have the ability to provide a basic necessity to children in our community. The Sisterhood ministry is in need of new or gently used winter coats for kids. All sizes are welcomed, either for a boy or girl, as the demand is great. They could also use gloves, scarves or hats. Coats will be collected through the end of January. Drop off can be made either in church or arrangements can be made to pick them up. Just email Barb at: [yorkie0401@gmail.com](mailto:yorkie0401@gmail.com).



## COVID-19 vaccine



The Moorestown Mall has available appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine for those who are currently eligible. As of right now, the earliest appointments are in March. Here is the link to schedule: [https://mychart-openscheduling.et1017.epichosted.com/mychart/signupandschedule/embeddeddschedule?dept=1000021227&vt=117773&fbclid=IwAR3XVu\\_WyM0WgKEJlujUMN1GyeelZ8fk2vwfEpBI6IjuUN8IjWJeUmoNTi0](https://mychart-openscheduling.et1017.epichosted.com/mychart/signupandschedule/embeddeddschedule?dept=1000021227&vt=117773&fbclid=IwAR3XVu_WyM0WgKEJlujUMN1GyeelZ8fk2vwfEpBI6IjuUN8IjWJeUmoNTi0)

If you try booking an appointment then it says not available, you just have to try again with a different date and time. I guess it's first come, first serve, and someone beat you to it. My dad only had to try twice and got a February appointment. He signed up to get alerts from Virtua (as well as the state website) but never got any notifications. The confirmation is then listed in MyChart with Virtua. (If you don't have a MyChart account with Virtua, you can sign up for one as you book an appointment or proceed as a guest.)





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Where God Hangs Out Continued...

**My family lost everything material as a result of Katrina's wrath. But what we gained is more precious and more valuable than all the waterfront property the Gulf Coast can offer. We regained our faith. Not the faith you get by going through 12 years of Catholic school and church every Sunday and ashes on our forehead the day after Mardi Gras and giving up Chocolate and fried foods for lent. No, we regained the kind of faith**



**that makes you wake up in a shelter smiling and thankful because you know God is there with you and has a plan for your life. We learned God is a real estate agent when you seek shelter and a head-hunter when you need a job and is even willing to work through FEMA, yes FEMA, sometimes.**

**Surviving Katrina was tough on my family. There were and still are many days when all we can do is put things in God's hands. But through it all, we believe in God's goodness. We believe that when you ask, he hears you and that no request is too big or too small. We believe God wants to hear from us. We believe he loves us, all of us regardless of where we live and what we call him and that even through the worst of times whatever the disaster may be, we believe, through our faith, that we are and will always be "blessed."**

*Stephanie Blakes works in financial services in Houston. Although she has lived in Illinois, New York and Texas, she still considers New Orleans home. Blakes and her husband look forward to sharing the traditions of the city with their two children.*

This essay and last week's essay were selected from a website titled "This I Believe." This I Believe, Inc., was founded in 2004 as an independent, not-for-profit organization that engages youth and adults from all walks of life in writing, sharing, and discussing brief essays about the core values that guide their daily lives.

This I Believe is based on a 1950s radio program of the same name, hosted by acclaimed journalist Edward R. Murrow. Each day, Americans gathered by their radios to hear compelling essays from the likes of Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Robinson, Helen Keller, and Harry Truman as well as corporate leaders, cab drivers, scientists, and secretaries—anyone able to distill into a few minutes the guiding principles by which they lived. These essayists' words brought comfort and inspiration to a country worried about the Cold War, McCarthyism, and racial division.

In reviving This I Believe, executive producer Dan Gediman said, "The goal is not to persuade Americans to agree on the same beliefs. Rather, the hope is to encourage people to begin the much more difficult task of developing respect for beliefs different from their own."

# BIRTHDAYS!

**1/23 - Fritz Wainwright—Happy 90th!!**

**1/28 - Annette Slaney**

**2/1 - Lisa Huber**

**2/6 - Kathy Owens**



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### THE AV-TEAM

#### Ladies & Gentlemen, Boys & Girls, Techno-geeks of all ages!

I am reaching out to interested individuals who would like to be part of the Audio-Visual team at Providence Presbyterian Church. Wait, what? You did not know we had an AV Team. That is because we are forming one now. Team members will learn:

- How to operate the Church's new camera system
- How to script the video production of services
- How to design, edit, and utilize Title overlays
- How to set up and live stream the service to the internet



I will hold a class for all who are interested on **Saturday, February 20th at 10 AM** in the sanctuary. Just drop me a line or let me know if you would like to participate.

Stay Safe During The Coming Winter Storm. Reach Out To Family, Neighbors, & Church Friends If You Are In Need Of Anything.



"THE Heals WILL BE SORRY THEY WENT TO FLORIDA AND MISSED OUT ON ALL THIS SNOW!"