



# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

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Jesus, “I will come again and will take you to myself,  
so that where I am, there you may be also.”  
~ John 14:3

## I Believe In Freedom

Ross - Yukon, Oklahoma - June 26, 2012



I believe in freedom. Freedom of spirit, mind, and soul is the most important aspect of a human life. To liberate yourself of all fear and bondage to the point of utmost spiritual freedom requires effort, but is of much importance. Not caring about what people have made of me or their perception of me is the ultimate validation of my freedom.

One thing that stems from this kind of free-spiritedness is putting everything inside yourself to what you feel passionate about. Whatever it may be, freedom allows you to take control of every ounce of it. An example of this would be my love of music and the piano. When I'm playing piano, I feel the most freedom and liberation. This along with pretty much any other art form allows me to genuinely be myself and let my freedom get the best of me.

Only when you allow someone to think freely and have total control over their thoughts can they truly achieve their full potential. When you take freedom away from a person, you take everything they stand for and believe in. If not for my freedom, I would no longer be the same person at all.

Only did I truly experience freedom a few months back. I had always grown up a Christian, going to church, but I felt God was constantly angry with me, like I needed to do something to earn his love. Luckily, my dad sat down with me and thoroughly explained the scripture to where I fully understood the grace God has on us. He brought up the fact that you can ask any child in Sunday school about John 3:16 and they can quote it without hesitation, but when you ask a grown adult claiming to do all these great works to quote the Ten Commandments, most of the time they can't do it.

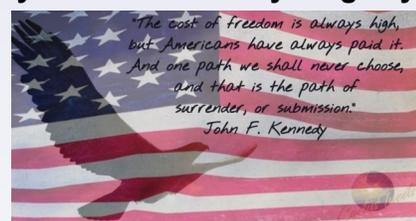
This makes it clear that freedom can only come when you realize the work has been done through Christ and his mercy on each and every one of us. When we feel we have to live up to the glory of God is when we get discouraged with ourselves.

Many people say freedom isn't free, and I somewhat agree with them. The freedom I mentioned earlier is completely free. Because it's a spiritual freedom; I'll always have it. Unfortunately, not every freedom is so easily attainable.

This country that we often times take for granted is truly a great place to live when compared with others like communist China or Soviet Russia. John F. Kennedy once stated that the “cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it.”

This is the worldly, physical freedom that is always worth fighting tooth and nail for. One of my favorite musicians Jim Morrison I think put it best. He looked at freedom in a different light than JFK when he said “expose yourself to your deepest fear; after that, fear has no power and the fear of freedom shrinks and vanishes. You are free.” Once you've experienced something that you are most scared of, nothing else can affect you in that way. You've made yourself immune to the bondage you've created in your own mind.

Upon reading this quote, I froze. It's like Morrison was speaking directly to me. It's proof to me that the only way you can obtain true freedom is if you absolutely want it with everything in you.





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Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



### God's healing presence:

- For Jean Wainwright & Bea Ashmore recovering from their strokes
- For continued prayers for Wendy Kasper & Eleanor Hathaway
- For Fritz Wainwright, Polly Grobelny, Hayley Morris & Jean Miller
- For Dave & Barb Hammell, Joe Celkupa, and Polly's son-in-law, Donald
- For Ginny Heal's cousin Isabell, Faye Eckert, and Janet Newell
- For Maritza Chambers' sister Elba, Aiden Witte, and Carol Shore's husband, Steve
- For Doris Brock experiencing cancer in her leg
- For Polly's daughter, Ava dealing with chronic pain
- For Ed experiencing complications from his epilepsy medication.

### God's comfort:

- For Carol Shore and the Eckert family upon the passing of Carol's brother, Alan Eckert
- For Alyson Keegan coping with the loss of her mom and care issues for her dad.
- For those who serve as caregivers
- For Farmers dealing with intense heatwave in the US and war in Ukraine
- For the People of Ukraine

### For God's guidance & understanding

- For family members in need of God's presence and fellowship

### In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit
- For Wonderful Fathers
- For Hospice Groups in the U.S. (Crossroads in Plymouth Mtg)
- For Krista who is blossoming her new job



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



The Crafty Ladies will be taking orders for water bottles and mugs. The order sheets will be in the back of the church. You can have your bottle or mug personalized with your own saying and name or use the sayings we have. \$5.00 for either the water bottle or mug.

Colors of plastic bottles: green, blue, white and pink. The smaller bottle comes only in purple and mugs in white.

Please leave your completed order form in the back of the church or you can give them to Carol Shore or Marie Celkupa.





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## **The Past, Present and Future of our Historical Country Church “The Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton”**

### **Part 1 *The Past***

Barb Hammell

~ Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton

~ Christian Education Building

**In 1866 after Mr. Fox left the Providence Presbyterian Church, Henry Butler was installed as the pastor. Our church has had a long line of dedicated men of God who took the responsibility of over-seeing the Providence Church. Some of these men were pastors and others were pulpit supply. During the period from 1866 to 1906 there were seven pastors that served our church and its congregation. The following years from 1907 to 1926 our church was supported by pulpit supply. All the pastors and the majority of the pulpit supply stayed at the manse. Our church was truly blessed to be able to have pastors and pulpit supply during these difficult times.**

**On May of 1927, we once again were blessed with a minister, John Talbot. Rev. Talbot served the Providence Church for seven years from 1927 to 1934. Towards the end of his tenure as minister he orchestrated improvements to be made on the manse and the social hall (originally our little house of worship). The social hall was used as a Sunday school for the children, a meeting hall, and a social gathering place for the people. It was during Rev. Talbot time, as pastor, that it was decided to add on an addition to the social hall and to do repairs and upgrading on the manse. The projects completed in early 1940. All the work was done by the people of the area who also generously supplied a lot of the materials needed.**

**Rev. Osborne came to us as a student and served as pulpit supply after Rev. Talbot in January, 1935. He was installed as our pastor on July 2, 1935 and served until October, 1936.**

**Rev. William David Glenn also came to our church as a student from Princeton Theological seminary. He served as pulpit supply for 6 months and was ordained and installed as Pastor of the Providence Church July of 1937.**

**Our church, the Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton, through its existence has been fortunate in the loyal service of devoted men of God. It is with regret that with each great work and accomplishments these men of God have contributed and dedicated their time and caring to its church and congregation, that there are not many records of their tireless efforts that have made our church the success that it is. These inspired people have handed on the torch and it is ours to bear and to pass on to those after them. Our church with all the ups and downs that we have encountered and will continue to encounter has been a successful church with the help of God, the devoted pastors, pulpit suppliers, and the people. For we have always been able to have worship service and for the longest time a Sunday school since its organization.**

**Sunday school at the Providence which was held in the social hall became very difficult. The area around the church was growing and it was predicted to grown even faster. The school presently had about 100 pupils and a teaching staff of 12.**

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They could not imagine adding a single new class; there just was not enough room. They did not want to start having to turn children away due to lack of space to teach them. Also there were other factors involved. Toilet facilities were primitive and unattractive. There was insufficient room for hats, coats, and boots. The building again was in need of renovations – though extremely well built it just was too small.

Any social event held in the hall meant that all the Sunday school equipment needed to be carried out of the hall and brought into the minister's garage. Then after the event all the equipment had to be carried back into the hall again and the classes re-assembled - a lot of work and effort. It became obvious to all that a new Christian Education building was needed.

It was while Bob Carter was pastor of the Providence Presbyterian Church (1951 – 1953) that the talk session began over a new Christian Education Building. It was discussed with the elders over and over again. They outlined the pros and the cons but could not come to a decision. There were plans and alternate plans, one suggestion after another but nothing could get resolved. The congregation was coming to the conclusion that all it was - was talk.

Dick Hasler was our pastor at the time (1957 – 1960), when in January, 1958 things started to come to a head on the new Education Building. The Board of National Missions came to our church with a Campaign Director to show us the way to go about raising funds for our project. They met with our session and the Board of Trustees and after careful consideration; they found and agreed on a proposed figure of 3 per cent of each family's annual net income for a period of three years that they could raise the money needed to build the education building.

Seven years later, in June 1965 the building we had all needed and prayed for was finally ours. Total cost was \$48,000 and that included the interest of \$2,600. Mortgage burning on the Providence Presbyterian Education Building took place Friday, October 8, 1965. The Providence Presbytery Church was debt free. We owed nothing on the church, manse and now the education building.

This could not had been possible if it were not for all our church families working together, everyone that was connected to the campaign that worked diligently and with God's inspiration and guidance.



Completion of building 1965



Current pictures as of 2022



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# JUNE

## birthday bash

**Karen Ccenteri – June 1**

**Maritza Chambers – June 3**

**Janet Newell – June ?**

**Verity Cheslo – June 18**

**Rick Cheslo – June 28**



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## Leftover Father's Day Dad Jokes



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS



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