

77th Church ANNIVERSARY



DR. MACK T. JOHNSON
PASTOR, 1992 - 2004

**BISHOP
A. L. COBBS, JR.**
SENIOR PASTOR

DR. ELIJAH BROCKS
PASTOR, 1958 - 1989

DRIVEN

*A Powerful Progressive Church, United in Prayer,
the Word, & Fellowship - Acts 2:1-7*

MAY 26, 2024
3:00PM



**314 SOUTH 12TH STREET
RICHMOND, CA 94804**

DEVOTION

Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lady Carolyn Cobbs

PRAISE DANCE

Dance Ministry

THEME

Sister Lena James

ALTER CALL

Bishop A. L. Cobbs, Jr.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PBC Praise Team

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Bishop A. L. Cobbs, Jr.

GUEST SPEAKER

Evangelist Char Smith

Lily of the Valley Christian Center

Oakland, California

Bishop Anthony Willis, Pastor

DEVOTION

Deacons

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PBC Praise Team

WELCOME

Sister Dawn Murray

OCCASION

Sister Michelle Hall

MIME DANCE

Brother Roland Byrd

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Bishop A. L. Cobbs, Jr.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church

Suisun & Fairfield, California

WORDS OF THANKS

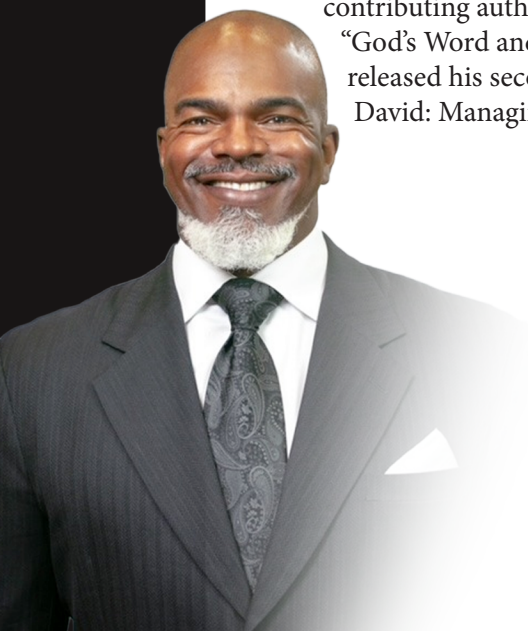
Sister Denise Knox

DR. CLAYBON LEA, JR.

Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr. is the Senior Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Fairfield and Suisun City, CA where he has served since 1999. He is the father of four remarkable children: Claybon III, Jillian, Christopher, and Jessica.

A widely known and highly sought after preacher, teacher, lecturer, and leader, Dr. Lea has been blessed to travel the world sharing his gifts to the glory of God. A believer that “a call to preach is a call to preparation”, Dr. Lea has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Morehouse College (where he was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers), a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biblical Studies from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary where he graduated with highest honors having written his dissertation on The Hermeneutics of Desmond Tutu.

Dr. Lea serves on several boards and committees on local, state, and national levels. He is the immediate past Vice-President of the Far-West Region of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., a proud member of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated, and a life member of the NAACP. In addition, Dr. Lea is the author of “Lessons from a Dying Savior”, a contributing author to multiple works, including “God’s Word and Our Words”, and in 2022, he released his second book, “Giant Lessons From David: Managing the Journey of Success”.



DRIVEN

Providence Baptist Church

Family

Preserving the family structure and end the destruction of our families.

Faith

We live with the understanding that faith without good works dies on the vine, and our faith in God is demonstrated daily through our walk.

Foundation

We stand of the principles of the Word of God as the foundation of our spiritual walk with the Lord. Understanding that God nor His Word never changes.

Innovation

As God never changes, people do. We stand on the principle of being spiritually creative, by developing ways to reach each generations on their level, yet keeping the integrity of the Gospel in a technological, fast pace world.



History

God put in the hearts of a small group of Christians residing in the Canal District of Richmond, that there was a need for a church for the saving of lost souls living in that area. This idea was born in the Coast Guard Center. In 1947, a meeting was held at the home

77 Years Of Divine Godly Leadership

We thank God for placing men of God as our Shepard and the watcher over our souls, and the sacrifices they and their families made over the 75 Years of our existence.

- 1947 Rev. B. T. Payne
- 1950 Rev. R. H. Howard
- 1950 Rev Walter LaBeaux
- 1958 Dr. Elijah Brocks
- 1991 Rev. Dino LaBeaux
- 1992 Dr. Mack T. Johnson
- 2006 Rev. A.L. Cobbs, Jr.

Jeremiah 3:15

Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.

Ephesians 4:11-12

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

of Rev. B. T. Payne for the purpose of organizing a church and selecting a Pastor. The members present were: Rev. & Sister Booker T. Payne, Rev. & Sister John A. Malone, Brother. & Sister Scott Berry, Brother & Sister Andrew Scales, Brother & Sister Roosevelt H. Henderson, Brother & Sister Elijah Dixon, and Brother George Townsend. Rev. Booker T. Payne was elected as Pastor.

A campaign for the purpose of raising money for a building was established and a total of \$1,100 was donated. A payment of \$200 was made to Realtor, Mr. Henry Warnzer and through greater financial commitments to the building fund, the church was erected in the same year. In 1947, the Home Mission Society was organized under the direction of Sister Clay Malone and Sister Mae Willie Bowles, and in 1949, the Mission Society was organized. Officers were Sister Rushing, President; Sister O.V. Henderson, Secretary; Sister Gertrude Bryson, Assistant Secretary; and Sister Gertrude Collins, Treasurer.

In 1950, God saw that we were in need of a Pastor and Rev. R.H. Howard became the second Pastor of Providence Baptist Church, ending Rev. B.T. Payne's pastoral. During this same year, Rev. R.H. Howard's pastoral ended and Rev. Walter LaBeaux accepted the call to become the third Pastor of Providence Baptist Church.



In 1956, the church found itself in the redevelopment plans of the City of Richmond and was forced to sell our church building. In 1957, God blessed us to purchase land at our present location at 314 So. 12th Street, Richmond, CA.

In 1958, God saw that we were in need again for a Pastor and Dr. Elijah Brocks was elected to be the fourth Pastor of the Providence Baptist Church following Rev. LaBeaux's ending pastoral.

In 1975, under the leadership of Dr. Elijah Brocks the sanctuary was demolished and a new foundation was laid

for a new sanctuary. The sanctuary was constructed with the hard work of Providence members under the leadership of Pastor Brocks, the direction of Brother Ralph Emerson Sr, and the Building Committee consisting of Brother Jay Lee Brock, Brother Clifton Cunningham, Deacon Levi Hill, Deacon Meadie Jackson, Deacon Joe Wright, and Brother Winfield Turner. While under construction, services were held in the Nystrom Elementary School auditorium and the church's dining hall. A commercial Gas Station was also purchased and managed by the Providence Church



for a short time. Under His leadership many lives were saved, and hundreds baptized.



On the third Sunday in December in 1976, members took possession of the new church sanctuary. In 1983, a cornerstone was laid in which a ceremony was held and performed by the M. Hirem Tyre Grand Lodge AF & AM. The cornerstone was donated by the late Sister Marsha L. Emerson. On March 26, 1989, having served as Pastor for 30 1/2 years, Pastor Elijah Brocks was called from labor to reward to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In 1990, with the hard work and dedication of the membership, the Church was able to burn the mortgage. In addition, Brothers Jay L. Brocks, Robert L. Brocks, Ralph W. Emerson, James Fields, Otis Green, John Turner, and Winfield Turner were ordained as deacons by Associate Pastors, Rev. Ben Tomlinson and Eddie Owens. During the same year, Deacon Albert Reed was added to the Deacon's Board.

In 1991, God saw that we were in need of a Shepard and Rev. Dino A. LaBeaux was elected as the fifth Pastor of Providence Baptist Church, and under his leadership the church grew and prospered.

In 1992, we found ourselves again in need of a Pastor and Rev. Mack. T. Johnson was appointed as Minister-in-Charge and the church family came together to support the upkeep of the church, making repairs, and renovations. In 1993, Rev. Mack T. Johnson was elected as the sixth Pastor of Providence Baptist Church and many souls were added to church as we continued to grow. In 1997, Providence Baptist Church celebrated our 50th Year Church Anniversary. Theme, "Wisdom From The Past, Enlightenment For The Future." Proverbs 9:10 - 11. Under the leadership of Pastor Johnson seven new deacons were added, Deacon Don Robinson, Deacon Kirby Hamilton, Deacon Robert Johnson, Deacon John Turner Jr., Deacon Maurice O'Keith, Deacon Charles Mitchell, Deacon Kamal Anderson.

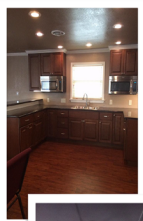
In 2004, we found ourselves in need of a Pastor once again. After searching for almost two years, God answered our prayers. On November 25, 2005, the Providence members came together and Pastor Albert Leon Cobbs, Jr., was elected Pastor.

On February 10, 2006, Pastor A. L. Cobbs, Jr., was installed as the seventh Pastor of Providence Baptist Church. Under his leadership, we experienced a strong growth in Sunday school, weekly Bible class and church attendance; as well as an increase in membership and finances. A church logo, mission and vision Statement was developed. As our membership grew, so did the need for strong Christian ministries that would help support the needs of the Providence family and develop a sense of community. With this concept in mind, numerous ministries were added.

In 2007 the restrooms were updated and new flooring was installed throughout the halls and the ladies lounge. AV equipment was purchased and installed as well as the AV ministry established, and data base system purchased and installed. Three deacons were ordained by Pastor A. L. Cobbs, Jr.; Deacon Archie Barnes, Deacon Jackson Taylor, and Deacon Ronald Elliott.

In 2008 a new sprinkler system was installed, the fellowship hall was updated and the front and restroom doors were replaced. On March 27, 2009 Minister Shamar Lewis was licensed by Pastor A. L. Cobbs, Jr., to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ

On June 1, 2009, Pastor Cobbs found the need to restore and brighten the sanctuary and with the support of the church body, renovation of the sanctuary began and was completed on June 8, 2009. The sanctuary pews were restored as well as new choir stand and balcony seating was completed on July 15, 2009. On August 24, 2009, work began on our front lobby as well as safety glass installed in the balcony and was completed on August 29, 2009. "Look How Far We've Come."



On September 12, 2009, the building at 320 South 12th Street was placed on the market for sale. Seeing the need for more space, on September 27, 2009, it was voted on by the church body, to look into the purchase of this property. On October 18, 2009 the church body voted to make an all cash offer of \$140,000.00 for the building on the behalf of Pastor Cobbs, Trustees, Deacons, and the entire Providence Baptist Church membership. Sister Carolyn Cobbs of Better Homes Realty was signed on as our realtor, and Deacon Robert Brooks was voted on and given the power to represent the church. On October 17, 2010 (364 days later) the offer was accepted and the building purchased. On October 25, 2011, (372 days later) the self funded loan to ourselves was paid in full.

On February 23, 2012, four new deacons were ordained by Pastor A. L. Cobbs, Jr.; Deacon Willie Gooden, Deacon Andrew King, Deacon Ken McReynolds, and Deacon Ian Talley. On March 17, 2012, Minister Leon Scoggins was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On November 25, 2012 at 11:00am Minister Douglas Keeton preached his first sermon, and on December 2, 2012, was licensed by Pastor A.L. Cobbs, Jr., to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Reverend Fred Brown and Reverend Samuel Green and Reverend Dwight Mitchell was ordained and elevated to the office of elder.

On November 15, 2013, The Providence Baptist Church Family Life Center was completed, dedicated, and new theater seating was added to the sanctuary choir stand and balcony.

On November 1, 2013, The PBCLive Mobile App and television broadcast on Comcast Channel 26, KTSV was launched. On November 21, 2014 at 11:00 am, the PBCLive Internet streaming broadcast was launched.



On November 21, 2013, Mission Possible was founded and began feeding the community and those in need. In June 2015 the Mission Possible food truck was added and through the hand of God, 29,520 meals have been served.

In October 2015 the fellowship hall was updated with new seating, tables, hand-washing station, electrical, paint, and flooring.

On May 24, 2016, Minister Shamar Lewis was ordained by Pastor A. L. Cobbs, Jr as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On February 12, 2017, Minister Sheila Morris was ordained by Pastor A. L. Cobbs, Jr., as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and AV system updated, and camera system upgraded. On May 28, 2017, Deacon Candidate Chikala Warden was ordained by Pastor A. L. Cobbs, Jr., to the office of Deacon.

On September 10, 2017, the sanctuary lighting was updated and eleven new chandeliers were purchased and installed.

On June 10, 2018, the PBC Family Life Center donor plaques were installed in the Family Life Center. On November 11, 2018, Minister Berny Dorton was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On February 10, 2019 at 11:00am a new pulpit, tithe box, and communion table was installed in the sanctuary, and a new cornerstone dedicated to the Family Life Center.

March 2020 the Providence Baptist Church and the entire world was affected by a world wide pandemic called the Corona Virus or Covid 19. As the year ended, the United States surpassed 20 million infections from this pandemic, and more than 346,000 deaths. Globally, cases rose to 83,832,334 and 1,824,590 deaths.



Because of the rise in COVID Cases and CDC restriction, the Providence Church was forced to discontinue all in person worship, but the church services continued virtually, utilizing Facebook Live, Youtube, Instagram, Box Cast, PBCLive App and our Web site. The Providence membership not only survived but learned to thrive during the pandemic, by the aid and support of the entire membership

Cases in some parts of the country began surging again in the weeks after Thanksgiving 2020. The Transportation Security Administration said that they screened the most passengers, (1.3 million) on the Sunday before Christmas, the most since March 15.

While vaccines began to roll out in the last month of the 2020, distribution challenges became evident and the United States fell short of its goal of providing an initial dose to 20 million people by December 31, 2019. During this pandemic the Providence Church and churches around the United States was forbidden to have in person worship as California enter into a Covid Tier monitoring system. The Contra Costa County remained in the restricted Red Tier forbidding its to have person worship no singing, masks, hand washing, and six feet distancing.

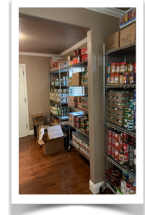
February 23, 2020 Minister Jordan S. Caldwell was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ by Pastor A.L. Cobbs, Jr.

From March 1, 2020 to May 2022 the Providence Church mourned the loss of fifteen of our faithful church members which due to Covid restriction we were not able to have traditional home going celebrations: Deacon Johnny Turner; Sister Henrielee Edwards; Mother Leonetta Phillips; Mother Gloria B. Jones; Sister Kathrine Westley; Sister Shirley Monroe; Brother Joe Walker; Mother Alberta Miller; Sister Mother Arrie Lee Johnson; Sister Renola Jordon; Mother Yvonne Cunningham; Brother Wallace Chaney; Sister Gladys Kilgore; Sister Walda Jefferson; Mother Callie Clark.

*Gone
but not
forgotten*

December 5, 2021 Brother Kenny Wayne Silmon was ordained to the office of Deacon by Pastor A.L. Cobbs, Jr.

The Providence Baptist Church Mission Possible in partnership with the Contra Costa Food Bank, and Brother's Of International Faith, under the leadership of Sister Leshia Gwyn and staff, was been able to help provide food for the community, PBC members and seniors during the covid pandemic. From March to present and over 20,000 pounds of food served.



To stay connected during this pandemic, we've tried our best to meet the known needs of our church family and community. History will record in the archives of the Providence Church during Covid, our Drive Through Church Cook outs, Drive through School Supplies and Backpacks, Drive Through Communion, Drive Through Harvest fest and Haunted Parking Lot, Drive Through Toy For Tots Christmas children's

giveaways, Drive Through, National Frontline Workers Cupcake Appreciation, and Virtual Annual Celebrations.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 we were able to resume our in person worship adhering to the CDC's requirements of temper checks, social distancing, special sanitation vocal shield, face masks and building sanitizing.

March 3, 2023 Seven New Steel Doors were replaces, along with sixteen new exterior light.

We thank God for where He has brought us and understand that if we are faithful to Him, He will continue to be faithful to us as we become the most covenant Christian community the world has ever seen. Thank God, "We've Survived It. "

Thank You

On the behalf of Lady Carolyn and Bishop A.L.Cobbs, Jr.,
the Church Anniversary Committee, and the entire Providence
Church family, we would like to thank Evangelist Char Smith
for a powerful Word, Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr. for your direction,
spiritual coveting and awesome Word.

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

77th Year Church Anniversary Committee
Sister Denise Knox, Sister Maxine Henagan,
& Sister Dawn Murray

