

Church Newsletter
January 2026



Weekly Services

Bible Study	9:00 AM Sunday
Worship	10:00 AM Sunday
Worship	6:30 PM Sunday
Worship	6:30 PM Wednesday

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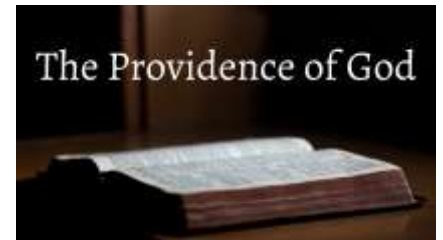
And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

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Big Promises: The Promise of Providence

The oldest Baptist congregation in America, founded in 1638, still meets today in Providence, Rhode Island. Providence was founded by a Puritan theologian named Roger Williams, who, after advocating for the separation of church and state, was exiled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636. The new community he founded was named Providence to recognize God's gracious direction in leading them there.

Providence is not a biblical word but has evolved into an idea that refers to God’s rule over the affairs of His creation. It is akin to the biblical idea of God’s sovereignty—God’s righteous rule over the affairs of men. For example, God “changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings” (Daniel 2:21). And, in Christ, “all things hold together” (Colossians 1:17, NASB). Such an idea motivated Paul to write Romans 8:28, giving us confidence that God uses everything in our life for good.



How many times a day do we say or think, “I’m going to…”? When we say or think in declarative terms, it calls to mind the old joke, “If you want to make God laugh, just tell Him your plans.” That’s an overstatement, of course; God doesn’t laugh at His children, even when He can see the error of our ways. Instead, the saying suggests that we ought to remember a biblical truth: “A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps” (Proverbs 16:9). Whether we remember every time to say it or think it, all our plans should be predicated by, “If the Lord wills.”

That was the apostle James' advice in a parable he wrote to his readers (James 4:13-17). He wrote about people who planned to go to a city, start a business, and make money. James suggested, "Not so fast." It is wiser to submit our plans to God and ask for His blessing and guidance since He has already planned our steps (Psalm 139:13-16).

Because God is good and sovereign, we can trust Him to work out His divine plans and purposes for creation—including for us personally. Today, if you say or think, “I’m going to...,” remember to leave room for God in your planning. We plan, but He directs.

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January Bible Studies

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 7th – The Book of Zechariah

Tuesday, Jan. 13th - Tuesday Morning Bible Study
"Angels: Good and Evil"

“O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me.” Psalm 25:2

January is a good time to make this resolution: ***I am going to begin today to lay these challenges before the Lord and resolve to trust Him to help me meet them.*** We could adjust David's words in Psalm 25 to read, "Let not my challenges triumph over me". Our challenges may not be enemy soldiers coming at us with swords and spears, but they can seem life-threatening, nonetheless. We can also echo David's words, "Let me not be ashamed". What would cause us to be ashamed? Being overcome and consumed by our "



Think about the months ahead – what do you see on the horizon? Bring those matters before the Lord and resolve to trust in him.

Dr. David Jeremiah

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Our first meeting for the new year will be on Sunday, Jan. 25th @ 5:00 pm, before the Sunday Evening Worship service. Let's get off to a great start in January with great attendance. We are focusing on "women of faith" again this year and our focus for January has yet to be announced. All ladies are invited and we hope to see you at our next meeting.

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*You never know when you will be in
the need of prayers!*

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Christie Davies 1/8, Ken Grainer 1/11, Cooper Estes 1/16, Tom Owens, 1/22

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Watching church on a livestream is like watching a fireplace on a screen. You see it but you don't feel the warmth. You need to GO to church and be part of the fellowship.

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All praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Thank you, Chapel family, for showing your sincere love for foreign
missions and being obedient to God in what He directs us to
give. To God be the Glory!