

# Providence Baptist dedicates its new activity center

The Covid situation may have slowed activities at many Estill County churches but most have been able to continue their ministry through the use of Facebook, parking lot services, and other ministries.

Providence Baptist Church at Winston in western Estill County has resorted to services in the parking lot for the past few months but is looking toward the day when they can continue traditional services. Providence's pastor, Bro. Tim Roberts, has used what means at his disposal to continue the church's ministry.

Only a few months back, Providence was breaking ground on a new activity center in the back of the church, and construction has continued in spite of the Covid. Sunday, September 25, 2020 was Providence's old fashion homecoming day, and they were able to move services inside for the event along with a building dedication for the partially finished center.

Boone's Creek Association recently hired a new associational minister, Dr. Mike Miller, who was invited to speak at the dedication.



Providence Baptist Pastor Bro. Tim Roberts, right, welcomes Boone's Creek Baptist Association Missionary, Dr. Mike Miller as the day's guest speaker.



Everyone practiced "social distancing" during Providence Baptist Church's Old Fashion Homecoming Day with families sitting together at tables spaced apart.



The ladies of the church served up the food at Providence Baptist's Homecoming Day.



Lonnie Reynolds with Ethan Allen Reynolds and Tony Flynn cooked hamburgers for Old Fashion Homecoming Day and building dedication at Providence Baptist Church at Winston.



2020 has been the hardest year I have lived through, and I am 75 years old. Not many thrills at that age; then add the cost of just living and the sadness of hearing over 200,000 of our people have died from this virus; it makes life rough. But I have been told growing up in coal country, tomorrow is another day. And those facts stood in front of me this week, like the Dead Sea did Moses.

I have spoken to several people this week, and without any prompting, asked, "aren't you the man who writes for the newspaper?" This is the first time, in writing for this paper for almost a year, that this has happened. Then, on top of everything else came this news, not from anyone born and raised and still living here, but a lifelong friend of mine from Letcher County, that has settled here. Her name is Glenda Fields Elswick, she was born and raised in Jenkins, Kentucky; her dad was the water company manager in Jenkins for many years. I can't count back the many years Glenda and myself have been friends. Glenda is a widow; her husband, Eddie, and myself worked many years together. Eddie left us much too soon and her a widow; much too young. Glenda is from a fine family, and is a fine person. The reason I am writing about her is, she lives here now and has given me the honor to hunt her land. Wow. Wow. I never knew a lifelong friend of mine would move to Estill County, buy land and invite me to hunt. I want to thank her, and I want the people to know, I am still happy that the "Spirit of the Mountains" is alive and well in Estill County; even if it comes from a lady from Letcher County.

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