

# Enduring Legacy

CELEBRATING

156 YEARS!

## UNSHAKEABLE FOUNDATION

5891 Nolensville Pike Nashville, TN 37211

Rev. H. Bruce Maxwell, Pastor

July 28 • 10:30am

Sunday School @ 9am





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## *A Snap Shot of* **LPMBC's History**

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One hundred fifty-six years ago in the summer of 1868; five years after the Emancipation Proclamation and three years following the Civil War, the Reverend Larry A. Thompson, an itinerant preacher appeared suddenly and organized the Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Thompson realized that to sustain the togetherness of members and the increased growth of the membership, a more permanent "place of worship" was needed. Six months from the time of Reverend Thompson's arrival, the first edifice of Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church (described as a small box church) was built. Reverend Thompson served the congregation for approximately eighteen months and moved to the Indian Territory to further spread the word of God.

Before his departure, he named the community and church Lake Providence "because of a stream of water that flowed through the area." He believed it was the divine providence of God that led him into this community. Several months following Reverend Thompson's departure, another minister by the name of Reverend Manuel Stepped into the breach to hold the congregation together for a brief period and later resigned. Church records indicate that he was succeeded by numerous probationary ministers.

On November 6, 1931 in a special call meeting Reverend Dr. Samuel Henry Simpson was elected Pastor of the Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church. He served this church diligently for forty- four years until ill health prevailed. During his pastorate, he made significant strides for Lake Providence, and will always be remembered in the hearts of those that knew him.

Following the passing of Reverend Simpson, Lake Providence called her own son, the Reverend H. Bruce Maxwell to assume the responsibilities as Pastor. He was installed and licensed to preach on November 14, 1976. With Pastor Maxwell leading the way, our church family has been blessed with an upsurge of growth. On November 13, 1988, a groundbreaking ceremony was held and the construction of the past edifice began. On October 22, 1989, Pastor Maxwell along with 600 congregants marched into the 4506 Nolensville Road location. As God continued to bless, the mortgage was retired and a Mortgage Burning Service was held on July 23, 1995 to commemorate satisfaction of that debt.

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## Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church

Space challenges continued to confront the congregation. Although we had only occupied the 4506 location for a brief period, the phenomenal growth that occurred since occupancy limited the church's ability to adequately serve the membership and community. An exhaustive study of expanding the past facility occurred. Despite this effort, it became quite clear that challenges associated with this site would not be feasible the church family was polled to determine their preference and voted overwhelmingly to relocate. Empowered with this charge, the difficult task of locating suitable property to erect a worship facility began. As the members of our church family continued to pray like the saints of old, thirty-six acres of land located approximately two miles south of the 4506 location were presented to the congregation as the future home of the Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church.

On May 25, 2001, the official groundbreaking service was held and construction of our new edifice began. On Sunday, February 9, 2003 services of dedication were held for our new "house of worship." The ultimate completion of this endeavor was held on Sunday, July 27, 2003 with the laying of the cornerstone. Although a portion of the vision has been realized, Pastor Maxwell still believes there is substantial work that remains.

Enhancement of current ministries and the establishment of new services/facilities to better serve the congregation and community is a priority. The possibility of adding a Family Life Center which would include a gymnasium is included in the long range plan. The board also continues to explore the feasibility of developing a school.

On April 21, 2011, the 4506 location was sold to Debre Keranio Medhanialem Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. While it saddened us to finalize this transaction, we were overjoyed at the enhanced ministry opportunities that these liquid funds present. Psalm 127: 1 {NKJV} reminds us, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it." The historic Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church is the "House of the Lord."

As we conclude our glimpse into the past, let us not forget the men and women who worked tirelessly to make sure that the foundation of Lake Providence was not only materially sound, but spiritually strong as well. It is through their efforts, contributions and the foundation they laid that we have "come this far by faith."







## *About Our Pastor*

### Pastor H. Bruce Maxwell

It is evident that God had a special place for H. Bruce Maxwell, the fourth child of the late Reverend Henry C. Maxwell, Sr., and Flora Jordan-Maxwell. He received his elementary and secondary education in the Davidson County Public Schools, and furthered his academic pursuits at the Emmanuel Bible College and Seminary, obtaining both the Bachelor and Master of Theology degrees.

Never having been one to be satisfied with the ordinary, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age, and was baptized into the Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church. He served diligently under the tutelage of Reverend Dr. Samuel H. Simpson as an Associate Minister. Following the passing of Reverend Simpson, he was overwhelmingly endorsed as pastor.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Reverend Maxwell's ministry began at Lake Providence in the spring of 1974. He delivered his first sermon on June 30th, and shortly thereafter, he was licensed to preach the "Word of God." In the forty-eight years since he was called to lead the people of Lake Providence, Pastor Maxwell has assumed the mantle of both preacher and teacher. He has endeavored to foster an understanding that God's people cannot exist in a vacuum; there must be communion between pastor, people and the Holy Spirit. Under his leadership, Lake Providence has accomplished much and experienced tremendous growth numerically, spiritually, and financially, but the best is yet to come!

Pastor Maxwell has a passion for preaching, and believes in equipping the saints with the armor they need to live full spiritual lives. Presently, and in addition to his duties as pastor of the historic Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church, he has served in various capacities at Southern Hills Medical Center, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, and Belmont University.

Pastor Maxwell is the proud husband of Mrs. Evon Maxwell; father to daughters, Michelle, Courtney, and PaPa to McKensey, Morgan, and Trey.

It was God who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for the works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up.  
Ephesians 4: 11, 12

# About the Speaker

Pastor Mark T. Mackey, Sr.



*"Preaching a Message of Faith, Hope,  
and Love Through Jesus Christ"*



Pastor Mark T. Mackey Sr. M.Div., is the Senior Pastor and Founder of Redeemed Christian Center, Located at 1347 Campbell Street in Jackson TN.

He is a son of LPMBC family where he served as an Associate Minister and Youth Leader and was given the best training available under the tutelage of Pastor H. Bruce Maxwell. Mark has been in the preaching ministry for 18 years and has been Pastoring for 12 of those years.

Pastor Mackey graduated in 2024 with a Master of Divinity degree from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix Arizona. God has shown himself powerful and mighty in the life of Pastor Mackey and the Redeemed Christian Center family. Pastor Mackey truly loves God and wouldn't take anything for his Christian Journey. He shares his life with his Wife of 21 years (Katresha) and his two Children Mark Jr (13) and Kayla (19). Pastor Mackey considers LPMBC home and thanks God for ALL that he has done in his life.

For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in dry wasteland. ~Isaiah 43:19

# Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church

Theme: Enduring Legacy, Unshakable Foundation (Psalm 18:2)

## Order of Worship

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship.....Rev. Grover Whittington

Morning Hymn.....Congregation

Scripture.....Rev. Harmon E. Stockdale, Jr.

Prayer.....Deacon Ben Dobbs

Music Ministry.....Choir

Welcome & Occasion.....Jackie Beard

Announcements.....Pastor H. Bruce Maxwell

### Special Recognition

Offertory Appeal.....Rev. Maurice Harris

Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Taylor Stokes

Music Ministry.....Choir

Homecoming Message.....Pastor Mark T. Mackey, Sr.

### *Invitation to Salvation, Discipleship, and Service*

*“No one can come to Me unless the father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day”*

*John 6:44*

Music Ministry.....Choir

Blessing of the Food/Benediction.....Pastor H. Bruce Maxwell

*Please join us for lunch in the fellowship hall...*

# *We'll Understand It Better By and By*

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**Stanza 1:**

We are often tossed and driven on the restless sea of time,  
Sombre skies and howling tempests off' succeed a bright sunshine.  
In that land of perfect day, when the midst have rolled away,  
We will understand it better by and by.

**Chorus:**

By and By, when the morning comes  
When the saints of God are gathered home,  
We'll tell the story how we've overcome,  
For we'll understand it better by and by.

**Stanza 2:**

We are often destitute of the thing that life demands,  
Want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands.  
We are trusting in the Lord, and according to His word,  
We will understand it better by and by.

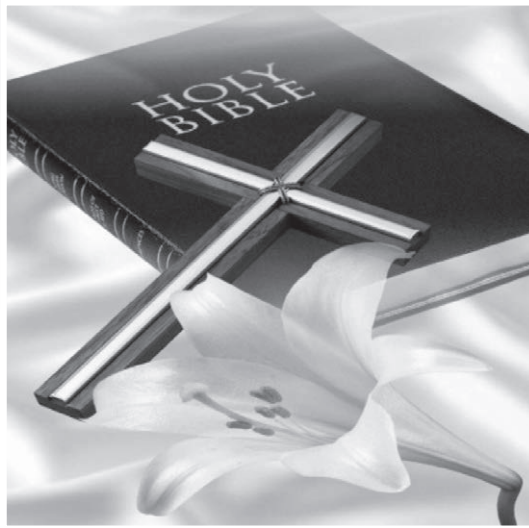
**Stanza 3:**

Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand,  
All the ways that God would lead us to that blessed promise land.  
But He guides us with His eye and we'll follow till we die,  
For we'll understand it better by and by.

**Stanza 4:**

Temptations hidden snares often take us unaware,  
And our hearts are made to bleed for many a thoughtless word or deed.  
And we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,  
But we'll understand it better by and by.

*In Memory  
of  
Our Great Cloud of Witnesses  
that have gone on to Glory!*



**Since 1868-2024**

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us,  
and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself,

~Hebrews 12:1-3



# Thank You

As our 156th Anniversary commences, we pause today to pay homage and to acknowledge the remarkable sacrificial contribution that a select group of individuals have made to the growth and prosperity of our Church family. These are our pioneers; members who have stayed the course...anchored our teachings to a strong biblical foundation, and supported our pastors all while providing strategic leadership that has kept our church family focused on the mark of the high calling...members with the longevity of at least (50) plus years of continuous service at Lake Providence.

Our pioneers have led by example. Their lives have demonstrated that ordinary people can do the EXTRA ordinary! The common thread of these outstanding men and women of Lake Providence is their love for God and obedience to God's word. In return, God has responded to their love in very powerful and meaningful ways, which can be seen through the joy that lights their faces and through the lives of so many people they have touched and welcomed to the Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church. For (50) plus years, these pioneers have held high the name of Jesus and have worked untiringly and unselfishly to make Lake Providence a place of hope for the least, the less, and the lost.

In addition to celebrating the incredible legacy of service that our Pioneers have rendered at Lake Providence, we would also like to acknowledge those members within our congregation who have given (25) plus years of continuous Christian service and sacrifice in growing the church. Their roles in the growth and development of Lake Providence are also worthy of praise and commendation. They, too, have stood the test of time and have worked collaboratively with our Pioneers to make our church the flagship of God's fleet in this community. These very special and deserving individuals continue to demonstrate through their service, leadership, and commitment, that God always has the right people for the right time to always do the right things for His people, and for the building of His kingdom.

We salute you today and thank you for what you have done for Lake Providence. Your many years of service underscored by your strong leadership have made a difference in the lives of so many of God's people. Thank you for keeping us Bible-Based, Christ-Centered, Holy Spirit-Led and Mission Bound. May God bless you abundantly!

“Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green.”

Psalm 92:14

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## **UNSHAKEABLE FOUNDATION**

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to everyone for your prayers and support in making our **156th Church Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration** a memorable and joyful occasion.

### **Our personal thanks are extended to**

Pastor Mark T. Mackey, Sr. and

The Redeemed Christian Center, Jackson, Tennessee

The Larry A. Thompson Ministry

LPMBC Ushers and Greeters

LPMBC Music Ministry & Media Ministry

LPMBC Deacons and Trustees

LPMBC Office Staff and Facility Staff

Caterer: Chicken Real

All Lake Providence Volunteers, Members, and Friends

### **Psalm 18:2 NKJV**

*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

