



Rev. Keith Jackson, Moderator

Greetings,

On behalf of the Providence Regular Missionary Baptist Association, and the Ohio History Connection, we cordially invite you to join us for a very special and historic occasion, the dedication of an Ohio Historical Marker honoring the Providence Regular Missionary Baptist Association, originally founded as the Providence Anti-Slavery Baptist Association at (Berlin Crossroads), Wellston, Ohio.

The marker will commemorate the courageous faith, leadership, and commitment to freedom demonstrated by the men and women who organized the Providence Anti-Slavery Baptist Association in 1834. Their work represents an important chapter in the history of the African American community, the Baptist faith, and the struggle against slavery in Southeast Ohio.

Ohio Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony
Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11 a.m.
African American Baptist Cemetery (Little Salem)
North side of Salem Road (Township Road 176) Wellston, Ohio

This dedication is more than the unveiling of a historical marker. It is an opportunity to remember and honor those who came before us, people of faith who stood courageously for freedom, dignity, and justice during a time when doing so required great conviction and sacrifice.

We welcome our state and county officials, local leaders, historians, educators, descendants, and community organizations whose presence will help us appropriately commemorate this significant occasion.

Following the ceremony, we invite everyone to join us for a reception and fellowship at:

The Father's House Church
6771 Berlin Cross Road (St. Rt. 327), Wellston, Ohio

Thank you for your support of preserving and sharing African American history in Southeast Ohio. We look forward to celebrating this historic occasion with you.

(Due to the limited parking availability at the cemetery, we are asking that you please park at the Father's House Church and be shuttled to the cemetery for the ceremony.)

With gratitude,

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