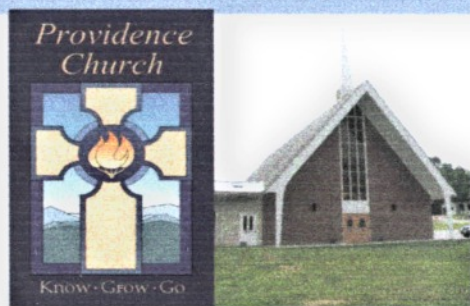


# THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation*

*Located on the Haywood Christian Academy senior campus - 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde*



Contact us:

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(828) 550-4615

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## **Directions to Providence (On HCA campus) 1400 Old Clyde Road**

From Waynesville: 19/23 to exit 105, right on Hospital Drive for 0.1 miles, right on Jones Cove Road to end (0.3 miles), right on Old Clyde Road for 0.1 miles, church is on right.

From Clyde: 19/23 to exit 105, right on Jones Cove Road, then as above.

## **Worship and Church Activities**

### **Sunday**

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am - Morning Worship with Nursery and Children's Church

### **Monday**

4:45 Ladies' Bible Study

### **Tuesday**

12:00 pm - Pastor's Circle

4:00 pm - Ladies Group Prayer

### **Thursday**

6:30 am - Men's Group Prayer

## **February 2016**

We have much to be thankful for as we have looked back over the past year and are already saying goodbye to January! God has graciously added to our fellowship 12 new members and quite a few new faces. We finished the year in a good financial place and note this with gratitude to God. Thank you to each and everyone of you who gave sacrificially so that we could together proclaim the gospel in our valley.



Our family enjoyed a wonderful week of vacation after Christmas and thank the church for the lovely expressions of warmth and kindness throughout Advent. Its been a solid first year of joyful challenges as I have grown in learning to lead our congregation as Senior Pastor and learning weekly how to preach. Thank you for your grace and patience.

I think this may have been a first: we cancelled the January 17 Service due to inclement weather. As elders we agreed it would be best to advise people to remain at home. I trust you all stayed warm and safe and enjoyed rich family time. Sadly that same weekend we learned that our dear sister Jane Ladner had lost her battle with cancer.

The memorial service was a tender time of celebrating the life of Jane and remembering the hope we have in Christ. We all will miss Jane greatly and keep her family in our prayers. May 2016 be a year of expectation and gospel transformation, whatever the Lord brings into our lives.



### **Session Highlights**

- 1) Imani Melele Children's Choir – The results from the congregational survey were review and discussed. Two thirds of the respondents did not support hosting this children's choir this summer. A motion was made by Luke Allsbrook that it is with sincere regrets that Providence Church will not be able to host the choir in July of 2016. After a second by Bob Dresdow, the motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Revised Elder Care (Shepherd) Groups – Pastor Edward reviewed the new distribution of members into these groups. It was decided that inactive members would not be included in the new Elder Care Groups. All elders were encouraged to contact their "sheep" on a regular basis.
- 3) Church Security Review – Phil Inglis recommended the following procedures to better secure the church:
  - a) The opening/closing elder should remain in the back of the Sanctuary during the service to handle any emergency situations that arise.
  - b) The back door leading to the parking lot from the Fellowship Hall should be locked during the worship service.
  - c) Emergency procedures for fire, medical problems, intruders, etc. will be further developed and practiced.

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# Providence Happenings



d) Every active elder should know the church address and have a cell phone available for 911 calls. The physical address of Providence Church is: 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde, NC 28731.

4) Ministry Focus for Active Elders – Each elder will be in charge of the following ministries of the church in 2016:

Discipleship & Christian Education - Luke Allbrook

Worship Committee – Bob Dresdow

Finance Committee – Bruce Kingshill

Congregational Care – Phil Inglis

Missions Committee - Curt Sevig

Clerk of Session – LuAnn Davis

5) Ad hoc Committee on Partnership with HCA – Session members discussed the need to expand and develop the partnership with Haywood Christian Academy. Bruce Kingshill will be the liaison between Providence and HCA. Three members from the church will also serve on the committee.

6) Luke Allbrook made a motion to invite Alan Cheney to fill the position of youth and family director at \$13.00/hour for 8 hours each week. This is to start immediately with a 90-day trial period. Since this recommendation came from the Discipleship & Christian Education Committee, no second is needed. The motion passed unanimously.

## Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, **Pastor**

### Our Session

#### Class of 2016

LuAnn Davis - Clerk

Bruce Kingshill - Finance

#### Class of 2017

Phil Inglis - Congregational Care

Curt Sevig - Missions

#### Class of 2018

Luke Allbrook - Discipleship/Christian Education

Bob Dresdow - Worship

### Music Director

Renee Allbrook

### Administrative Assistant

Barb Dresdow

## Family Fun Night

A soup and sandwich supper and trivia competition - fun for all ages- Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 pm. RSVP to Susan Kingshill, and let her know if you will bring soup, chili, or a plate of sandwiches. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

*Thank You for all the prayers, meals, cards, visits, and calls during my recent hospitalizations and surgeries. It is very comforting to have such a wonderful church family. God bless you. Glenda White*

## GROW - Bible Studies and Prayer Groups

- New Members Class: Sundays 9:45 am for 9 weeks. See Pastor Brouwer.
- Adult Sunday School 9:45 am: Contact Paula Rhodarmer 828-273-3469.
- Pastor's Circle: Tuesdays, 12 noon in the Home Trust Bank conference room in Clyde to discuss the coming Sunday's sermon. Bring your Bible and a bag lunch. Contact Pastor Brouwer, 828-550-4615.
- Study on Prayer: 6 week study on prayer starts Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30 pm. Contact Bob Dresdow, 770-883-3936.
- Men's Group Prayer: Thursdays 6:30 am. Contact Sam Mitchell, 828-627-6006.
- Men's Group Study: Every other Thursday, 7:30 pm at Allbrook home. Contact Luke Allbrook, 828-400-0387.
- Ladies' Group Prayer: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Contact Renee Mitchell, 828-627-6006 or Linda Roberts, 828-506-3101.
- Ladies' Bible Study: Mondays, 4:45 pm at the





# Mission News



## McKays January Update

This photo is more evidence that the boys are growing and my wife is as lovely as ever. We wish you all a marvelous 2016 and many blessings in the Lord, peace in the storms and an awareness of His presence always. We are grateful to have survived another year and continue to see the hand of our Father in our lives.



Sandra and I are in the midst of a rush of preparations that will determine whether or not we are received as World Outreach missionaries. We have filled out online applications, arranged for people and organizations to give recommendations and will be facing some tests on culture/language, the Bible (for Sandra) and some evaluations... (for those of you who really know me, you might want to pray really hard about the psychological evaluation for me... I am not sure if puns are viewed as psychosis?! : ) This will be followed by some interviews, hopefully to be completed by the end of March.

If you are tracking the news, you see the deep need for the love of the Lord in the refugee community...coupled with deep political divides about how to respond. We are opting to minister from the perspective of His kingdom, trusting the Holy Spirit to bring about change as only He can, from the inside out!! We covet your prayers as we continue the support-raising process and need to branch out geographically in that regard...for which we need connections.

We are blessed by you and your interest in our lives and calling, thank you for your love and generosity, *Adger, Sandra and bottomless pits*

For now, contributions are still processed through the kindness of Plumtree Presbyterian Church, PO Box 65, Plumtree, NC 28664 (Please note that this address may change soon pending our acceptance by World Outreach/WO.)

## Sinclair January Update

### **Family Update**

We were blessed to have our whole family together for the Christmas holiday. Tim is a private client banker for Chase Bank in Tucson, Arizona. He attends a church plant in that city and is actively involved in ministry. Celeste lives only a few minutes away from us in Uganda. She teaches middle and high school math and science at Heritage International School in Kampala.



### **New City Church News**

For more than two years, Bruce led the pastoral team at New City Church. The goal was to see one of the three Ugandan men on that team ordained and installed as our new pastor. That dream became a reality as Pastor Rodgers was installed in November.

We look forward to his having a long and fruitful ministry. Rodgers also serves as the Uganda director of the African Center for Apologetics Research ([www.acfar.org](http://www.acfar.org)). The other members of the pastoral team are also heavily involved in ministry. Daniel looks forward to launching a church plant in an area south of town known as Seguku. Eric serves as registrar at Westminster Theological Seminary in Uganda.

### **New Ministry Focus**

The biggest change for us on the field in recent months happened in October. Bruce stepped down as leader of the MTW Kampala team in order to form a new team, the East Africa Ministerial Training Team. This new team concentrates on establishing churches and equipping leaders in Uganda and the surrounding nations using both traditional and non-traditional approaches. The change has allowed us to focus on the areas that are of greatest interest to us while leaving to others such important ministries as community development and business coaching. Please pray that God will bless and "establish the work of our hands."

### *Looking Ahead*

2016 looks to be another busy year with many exciting opportunities. Bruce teaches a seminary module in late January. The regular semester begins in February. Pam is scheduled to teach Advanced Reading, Women in Ministry, and Speech and Communication. Bruce's class lineup at WCIU includes Genesis and Exodus - Deuteronomy. At ABU he will have the Gospel of John class with the first year students along with two post-graduate courses: Genesis and John. We also anticipate the launch of a new church plant in the next few months. We very much appreciate your remembering us in your prayers.

### *Praise the Lord ...*

- For bringing Pastor Rodgers to New City Church!
- For strategically placing us where we can take advantage of numerous ministry opportunities. Pam is particularly excited about mentoring women on the campus of African Bible University. Eunice is a promising candidate.
- For sharpening our ministry focus so that we are no longer sidetracked with various administrative concerns.
- For providing for all our physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual needs, so that we may serve Him in Uganda.

### *Pray ...*

- That the God of Grace and Power would make us fruitful in our upcoming ministry commitments such as...
  - Bruce's master's module at Westminster Theological Seminary in Uganda later this month.
  - The upcoming semester classes at African Bible University and Westminster Christian Institute Uganda.
  - Mentoring of church planters. Pray especially that God would calm the political situation in Burundi in order to facilitate the expansion of His Kingdom in that small nation.
  - Our ongoing ministry at New City Church, including Bruce's consulting work with the leaders.
- That the only wise God would guide us as we make decisions regarding ministry priorities, including which invitations to accept.
- That Jehovah Jireh will provide a new meeting place for the growing needs of New City Community Church.
- That the Lord of the Harvest will send out more laborers into His Harvest field and that He will provide scholarships for the training of these workers.
- That the Lord who sanctifies by the truth of His Word will change our lives and the lives of those to whom we minister.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement!

*Bruce and Pam Sinclair*

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### **Update from George & Cynthia**

On January 12th I had a seizure that lasted 3-5 minutes. We had a friend come over who used to be an EMT and he took my blood pressure, which was fine and checked my heart rate which was normal. We contacted a doctor in the states who recommended that I get a cat scan.

I got a cat scan and was told that there was a shadow on the scan but they needed a MRI to further determine what it was. We were scheduled to leave for Thailand for our area conference the following Tuesday, so we scheduled an appointment with a neurologist at the Bangkok Hospital. The doctor had a MRI done on Friday the 22nd. The doctor determined that it is most likely a pocket of infection that had formed in my brain just behind the sinuses. I had had a sinus infection 2 weeks prior to the seizure.

For now, I am being told I will be in the Bangkok hospital for two weeks while they administer IV antibiotics. After 5-7 days of being on IV antibiotics they will do another cat scan to make sure the infection is shrinking.

I am having no pain and no more episodes of seizures. Cynthia is staying in hospital room with me and people from the conference are visiting regularly. Thanks for lifting us up to Father.

God is good and God is great! *George and Cynthia*

## Matt and Laurie - January 2016 Update



**Beginning to see the fruit** - To see men and women who first came to us a few months ago with shoulders slumped, discouragement written on their faces now walk out our doors with a smile and skip in their step is a jump-up-and-down praise worthy moment.

I'm going to fill you in on what's going on with us that makes us so excited!

- We now have about 18 weekly clients who meet either at our home office, at Beacon of Hope in Holland, MI, or via Skype because they live too far to meet. (We meet these last sort of men and women through the blog or through podcasting we have done.)
- Most of these clients do not pay anything or pay what they can. Because our target audience is those in the margin, these men and women often do not have the money needed to pay. We depend on supporters like you to make up the difference. (Thank you! For December, we picked up our loss from the two months before.)
- We are still meeting with pastors, teaching some church staff, teaching youth groups, building partnerships with a local Christian university, beginning to partner with our local church, Madison Square, and working on writing and blogging projects.
- We average about 2-3 speaking/teaching times per month (some very small, some larger). We usually receive compensation for these speaking engagements, but also know the need to "get out name out there" with people to develop trust and rapport.
- We officially have our 501(c)3 status with the state and federal government! It came in just in time, so all donations we received for 2015 (and after) are tax-deductible.
- I, Laurie, am still writing for and podcasting with Our Daily Bread's Off the Page team. It is a delight to have conversations with other Millennials through this outlet, and it feels very worthwhile to reach out to many in my generation who are so lost.
- We met with a Christian, local businessman a couple weeks ago, and we talked about how we can partner with him to reach more people. This connection seems like an absolute answer to prayer. (He has been working for years on reaching out to SSA Christians and non-Christians to see how we, as believers, can do a better job of reaching out.) His influence on Christian leaders in the area could be very helpful, and his excitement about what we're doing is encouraging.
- I, Laurie, am going to the same training in January that Matt attended at Ashland Seminary this summer. I have been utilizing the tools he learned, but I will officially have my certificate in Formational Prayer after attending. I can't wait.
- The greatest thrill for both of us is to do tag-team counseling/mentorship. God has gifted us similarly in many ways, but very differently in others. (I am a discerner/feeler/sensor, and he is a wise/cognitive/patient leader.) Allowing God to use our unique giftedness in ministry is a joy and act of worship.

As always, thank you for your prayer and financial support. It is an honor to do what we do, and without you, we couldn't do it!

Thank you. God bless you! Happy 2016! *Laurie (for Matt and me)*

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## Mideast Update

Yesterday, we were able to visit in the home of an Arab family who has been a long-time friend of Lisa. Their 19 year old son hasn't been able to pass his challenging high school exit exams, and unable to find work without a passing mark for the last year. He is discouraged and disillusioned without hope for his future. Our friend asked us to help her son. ***Pray for us to constantly be able to give a message of hope!***

Recently, we had a Syrian refugee family come to the health clinic where Lisa works. The wife had tuberculosis and then a stroke after delivering her 7th child. The unprepared father was caring for all the children on his own while his wife was in the ICU 5 hours away. The newborn was losing weight and had sunken eyes and was only being fed a bottle 2-3 times a day by the oldest 10 year old daughter. We were able to give teaching about proper feeding amounts, provide formula and pray for this family. Thankfully--the newborn (now 3 months) is thriving. ***Pray for us as we minister to people to lovingly demonstrate the love of Christ!***

This last year, we knew we would need to transition to home schooling. The Lord provided 4 different sets of short-term teachers to come and work with our kids this year in 2-3 month increments. Again in faith, we are asking our Father to provide a teacher for our three daughters as we need help for the Fall 2016. He has been so faithful to us so far...we know He isn't going to stop. ***Pray for the Lord to provide a teacher(s) to enable our girls to learn well! Lance & Lisa***

## Want Ads

Items you wish to buy, sell, or trade may be submitted to Bill White or Barb Dresdow. They must be received by the 25th day of the month before the issue in which they are to appear, and will appear in that issue only. They may be re-submitted each month.

## Super Bowl 50 on the BIG SCREEN!!

NFL Super Bowl Sunday, February 7

Pregame coverage starting at 4:30

Kickoff 6:30 PM

Admission: FREE



## Providence Church

### Summarized Financial Information

December 31, 2015

Tithe/Offering collections	186,246
Miscellaneous income	1,540
Designated giving	<u>41,502</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>229,288</b>
HCA Renovation Expense	45,000
Missions	44,389
Church Operating Expenses	<u>155,359</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>244,748</b>
Revenue over (under) expenditures	(15,460)
Prior year bills paid	(2,940)
Bill yet to be paid	2,373
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(16,027)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>287,562</u>
<b>Cash-in-Bank-End of Month</b>	<b>271,535</b>
<b>Breakdown of Cash:</b>	
Checking Account	29,621
Building Fund CD/Savings	<u>241,914</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>271,535</b>

## February Volunteers

### Snacks

Feb 7	Glenda White team
Feb 14	Barb Dresdow team
Feb 21	Renee Mitchell team
Feb 28	Jerry Allsbrook team


### Nursery

Feb 7	Renee Mitchell Charlotte Allsbrook
Feb 14	Jenny Alt Wally Cook
Feb 21	Rhonda Lear Susan Kingshill
Feb 28	T J Anthony Ann Winstead

### Set Up/Usher Teams

Week 1	Curt Sevig team
Week 2	Phil Inglis team
Week 3	Bruce Kingshill team
Week 4	Bob Dresdow team
Week 5	Luke Allsbrook team

## February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Renee Allsbrook 4:45 pm Ladies' Bible Study	2 12 pm Pastor's Circle 4:00 pm Ladies' Prayer Group	3 6:30 pm Prayer Study	4 Curt Sevig 6:30 am Men's Prayer Group	5 Eden McMillan	6
7 	8 4:45 pm Ladies' Bible Study	9 12 pm Pastor's Circle 4:00 pm Ladies' Prayer Group	10 Sherry Alvarez 6:30 pm Prayer Study	11 Samantha McGlone 6:30 am Men's Prayer Group	12	13 6:00 pm Movie Night
14	15 4:45 pm Ladies' Bible Study	16 12 pm Pastor's Circle 4:00 pm Ladies' Prayer Group	17 1:15 am Serve at Open Door 6:30 pm Prayer Study	18 6:30 am Men's Prayer Group	19	20 6 pm Family Fun Night
21	22 4:45 pm Ladies' Bible Study	23 12 pm Pastor's Circle 4:00 pm Ladies' Prayer Group	24 Sidney & Bonnie Indgin 6:30 pm Prayer Study	25 6:30 am Men's Prayer Group	26	27 Julia Lizarazu
28 Nathan Cole	29 4:45 pm Ladies' Bible Study					