

THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation
Located on the Haywood Christian Academy senior campus - 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde*



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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 the right.

From Clyde: 19/23 to exit 106, 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

Nursery Available

Tuesday

12:00 pm - Pastor's Circle

Thursday

6:30 am - Men's Prayer Group and breakfast

3:30 pm - Women's Prayer Group

Every Other Thursday

7:00 pm Men's Group Study

7:00 pm Women's Group

May 2017

We live in exciting times! We are celebrating 10 years of God's goodness to us this year at Providence. And we are eager to discern what God has for us in the next decade. One piece of that is the recent decision of Haywood Christian Academy to consolidate its 2 campuses--which means they will be leaving our present location. Then came a formal invitation by HCA to join them in building something new and exciting together! This has led to an intense time of prayer and discernment for our leadership including the formation of a strategic vision and planning team. We invite you to pray into this process asking the Father "Lord, what do you have for us?" We have an option to stay at our current location and purchase the facility. Another option is to vision together with HCA in a new place. If you have any insights, ideas or questions please contact your shepherding elder or me. Be assured that we desire to move together as a body, full of anticipation for what Knowing, Growing and Going in the gospel looks like in the coming 10 years.

Pastor Edward



Session Notes

Phil and Pat Inglis, and Wally Cook were elected as commissioners to attend the presbytery meeting in May at Cedar Springs Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN. Pat Inglis will submit the 2016 Minutes for review at presbytery.

Our session acknowledged with appreciation the continued and growing excellence of the work of our staff.

Vision Casting - In light of the invitation of HCA to join them in partnership in a new location, we have been asking the question of "what is the vision of Providence Church?" A group of people gathered to discuss this recently and give suggestions to our elders to consider. This committee comprised of Jenny A., Jordan C., Skip M. Luke A., Will R. and Edward B., considered the strengths (and potential growth areas) of our church as we are now and what we long for in the next 10 years of our life together. We want to be a gospel preaching, Christ centered church that reaches out into the community with the hope of the gospel. We are a caring fellowship that seeks to disciple and encourage faith. We are intergenerational and want to do the work required to attract more young families. Can this be done best by staying on our present campus or by moving with HCA? These are questions that require commitment, discernment and prayer. We spent time committing our hearts to God in service, expectant that the Father has good things in store for us as a church.

The next meeting of the Session will be on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm.

Providence Happenings



July 4th Baseball and Fireworks

Mark your calendars, wear your RED WHITE & BLUE, and reserve your seat for the Asheville Tourists Baseball Game and Fireworks. July 4th of course, tickets are \$11.00 each and we have reserved extra for your friends and family. For more details and to reserve your seat, call TJ Anthony at 230-6501 or

Teresa.anthony@hotmail.com



Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Pat Inglis - Clerk of Session

Class of 2017

Phil Inglis - Missions

Bruce Kingshill - Finance

Class of 2018

Luke Allsbrook - Discipleship & Christian Education

Bob Dresdow - Discipleship & Christian Education

Class of 2019

Wally Cook - Congregational Care

Thom Morgan - Finance

Our Diaconate

Will Roberts - Class of 2017

Jeffrey Alt - Class of 2018

Rick Boen - Class of 2019

Music Director & Worship

Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant

Barb Dresdow

SHEPHERD GROUPS 2017

Thom Morgan/Rick Boen

Allsbrook, Bill & Jerry
Morrow, Shirley
Spink, Carole & Malcolm
Brouwer, Edward & Glenda
White, Bill & Glenda
Jenny Bryant

Luke Allsbrook/Rick Boen

Cheney, Alan & Jordan
MacMillan, Skip & Courtney
Shelton, Mike & Eleonore
Heise, Harry & Ingrid

Bob Dresdow/Jeffrey Alt

Hargrove, Robbie
Altman, Art & Sarah
Johns, Bryant and Kathleen
Rakes, Linda

Phil Inglis/Jeffrey Alt

Fawcett, Mary Ellen
Harper, Dennis & Cindy
Indgin, Sidney and Bonnie
Roberts, Linda
Roberts, Wesley
Forrestal, Brian & Kathy

Wally Cook/Will Roberts

Bush, Alan & Diana
Lear, Mike & Rhonda
Rhodarmer, Paula
Skinner, Wirt & Torpy
Cook, Taylor & Kristin

Bruce Kingshill/Will Roberts

Anthony, TJ
Mitchell, Sam & Renee
Lowell, Gaby
Torpy, Chuck & Carole
Garris, Dale & Kathy, Madison

Rev. Edward Brouwer

Allsbrook, Luke & Renee
Dresdow, Bob & Barb
Inglis, Phil & Pat
Kingshill, Bruce & Susan
Morgan, Thom & Jacque
Cook, Wally & Toni
Boen, Rick & Kay
Alt, Jeffrey & Jenny
Roberts, Will & Christina

30 days of Prayer for Muslims

The Missions Committee would like to encourage the congregation to join in 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World. As most of you know, the EPC is focused on carrying the gospel to un-reached Muslim populations. Here is your opportunity to join together in prayer for those who need so desperately to hear the good news. A limited number of prayer guides will be available at the back of the sanctuary May 21st. The guide covers the dates of May 27th through June 25th, the holy month of Ramadan for Muslims. Children's guides are also available.



Mission News



Middle East Easter

Today, we wanted to send our Easter blessings as we remember our Savior! We were thankful to celebrate with a room full of international workers committed to serving the Lord in unreached parts of the Middle East. It is our hope we continue to deeply embrace the wonderful freedom we have been given by our Savior. We all live in places where so many have no idea what it looks like to live free...so we pray for the joy of our salvation to overflow today where ever God has us. May we live like we are truly free!

Also, we will soon be back this summer in the US based in Wilmington, NC. After 16 years on the field, it was time to keep developing our skills to serve more effectively overseas in the years ahead...

Lance is continuing his Doctorate of Ministry studies through Gordon-Conwell. He will be working on his studies as well as continuing his Area leadership role in the Middle East with lots of SKYPE calls and a few trips back.

Lisa is completing her Family Nurse Practitioner degree and doing her clinical rotations in local health settings. It's a little intimidating to be back into the US healthcare sector again after so long!

Natalie (5th grade) has been accepted into a special program to help with kids with learning differences (ie dyslexia). We are so grateful the Lord opened the door for her to attend this focused school to get a year of meaningful input.

Makayla (8th grade) and Alia (4th grade) will continue to have a chance to develop as a supportive Christian school has welcomed them back for the next school year.

We look forward to reconnecting with you if possible over the year to come face-to-face.

Rejoicing in Him for making us free!

Lance & Lisa

April McKays Update

While winter is still holding on here to a measure (with some snow this past week and some in the forecast for next week), we are enjoying the relationships and opportunities that the Lord has provided for us here in Germany. We had the privilege of taking one young friend with us to church...he was fascinated and very positive about the experience.



A couple of our Syrian friends have lately shared the challenges they face of trying to learn German and integrate...while their hearts are filled with concern for their families who remain behind, one of which is in a particular hotspot, Raqqa! Another of them is here alone, hoping his wife and child can join him...we see the pain in his eyes as we playfully interact with Samuel and Ian as a family. Many of the Afghanis we know are facing an uncertain future, as the government here has determined that it is safe to begin returning some of them to Afghanistan...yet their conversations with family and friends indicate otherwise, as violence remains the norm,...often left unreported by Western media.

Prayer/Praise:

- Our house in SC closed yesterday!
- need to prioritize our time for optimal fruitfulness
- our Syrian friend to grow in his interest in the Lord

We thank you all for your love and support in Engaging the Displace among refugees in Germany. His peace prevail,

The McKays

Update on the P@llets

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Attached is our latest update. As most of you know, we are hoping to be able to return [overseas] soon. I am in the process of raising more support so that we can be fully funded and grow Cynthi@'s art classes by having the support for supplies, having a larger apartment so that she can grow her classes from 5 students to 10 students and so that we can feed them when they want to stay for a meal with us. We will also possibly have to travel to Hong Kong every three months for some follow-up MRI's for at least one year.

We have also put our health care deductible costs and our co-pays on our credit card as well as using most of the money from our emergency funds. This has either hit or is very close to the \$8,000 maximum per year already. We had our credit card clear at the end of 2016 but that has changed rapidly with the new year and the continuing cost of treatment including Chemo and MRI's.

We are thankful to so many who have already and continue to support us in various ways with places to live, a car, grocery money, and health care costs.

In spite of the costs and the aches and pains, and especially not being [overseas], God has greatly used this time. I have learned how to go to bed earlier, wake up earlier and have 2-3 hours of "quiet time" to read and meditate and pray. This time has become very valuable to me.

In Him, *Ge@rge & Cynthi@*

"Jack & Jill" Monthly Progress

Thank you for being patient in regards to J&J's situation. Due to the security precautions which we have in place, there is a 2 week time period between our interactions with J&J. I talked to Jack last night, and I want to report about what happened on Sunday, April 16th, and how we are moving forward.

In general, J&J are enduring the intense oversight of Jack's family as part of the original agreement (i.e. many questions, required times with them and at the Mosque...etc.). As a part of this, J&J are trying to undertake all of the family's requirements so that the open court case against Jack will be withdrawn.

On April 16th, both J&J were called into the "internal security" for interviews. During the meeting, both were separated, questioned about their relationship with the foreign "mission@ry" community, the house church network, specific mission@ries, and told that a "security clearance" required for jobs in Jordan would not be given to them. Basically, the authorities want them to suffer for not cooperating.

On the bright side, the family's passports are with them currently. At this point, we are investigating a means of how to use the purchased tickets to Brazil in the future. At this point, the greatest priority is having the court case closed. Closing this might open some better possibilities.

Employment

Jack has attempted to secure work, but the lack of a "security clearance" has stopped these efforts. Jill is still looking and has not received an offer so as to test whether she can get a "security clearance" or not. We are hoping an opportunity will open up for her to try soon.

Prayer Points

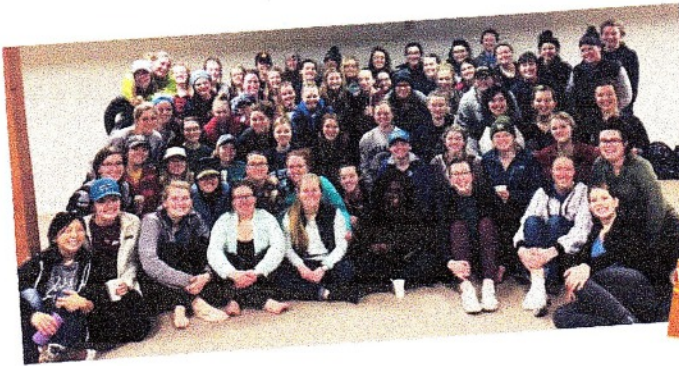
Jack's family's willingness to close the court case.

A work opportunity for Jill.

Protection of their daughters spiritual and emotional being.

Practical and viable plans for the future.

Blessings, *L@nce & Lis@*



Above: Our Women's and Men's Retreats!

Prayer

- Please praise God for Him breaking through at our Men's and Women's Retreats.
- Praise God for the students who indicated decisions for Christ in LA. Please pray that they would stay connected to the local body there, and they would grow in their new faith!
- Please pray for our student-led outreach this week (April 10-13). There will be boards on campus asking questions about God's love and students there to answer questions and hand out bibles to talk with others about the love of Christ as one big concerted effort!



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Fight the Good Fight of Faith

It truly has been a whirlwind of activity these past couple months in the best way possible. In February we had our men's and women's retreats where we were hoping for weekends of worship and deepened fellowship...and we got way more than we hoped for. At both retreats, our eyes were opened to the reality of spiritual warfare happening in our midst. Historically, at these retreats, the Lord paves the way for students to start walking in the light with the Lord and with fellow brothers and sisters in open confession of sin. This year was no different...however, we left these retreats feeling both sobered by how much the enemy has been seemingly taking ground in our movement (i.e. strongholds of sin, disunity, not being very evangelistic), yet excited and hopeful for the ways the Lord took ground by setting captives free from sin and preparing us for battle. We left these retreats keenly aware of the spiritual battle we are fighting and are reminded of Paul's words in Ephesians 6:10-20 (armor of God) and his encouraging words to Timothy to "wage the good warfare" (1 Tim 1:18-19) and "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7). Because of all this, we are finishing out the rest of the year with a series entitled "Fight the Good Fight," where we are covering topics to prepare us for the spiritual battles we will face the rest of our lives: daily engagement in God's Word, personal and corporate prayer, surrendering to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, confession of all known sin, victory over sin through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and living a life of faith. Would you please pray that the Lord prepares our students well for this summer? That we wouldn't just "survive" spiritually, but that we would take ground and Thrive in our walks with the Lord!

This past Spring Break, Matt got to help lead a trip of 24 students to Big Break LA again similar to last year. The whole point of this trip is to help train our students in evangelism and to give lift to the local Cru movement at CSU-Long Beach, and a couple other community colleges down there. As last year was a great success in training our students, this year was no different. Many students who came with us had never openly shared their faith with someone else, so it was definitely a step of faith! Over the course of the week our group (there 84 students total at BB LA), got to see 712 Spiritual Conversations, 245 Gospel Conversations, and 20 students indicated decisions for Christ! We also got to connect the students we met with the local Cru staff and join their weekly meeting. What a joy to take part in the Kingdom of God advancing!



Want Ads

Items you wish to buy, sell, trade, or give away may be submitted to Bill White or Barb Dresdow.

Food Assistance

Providence Church continues to collect non-perishable food items for Haywood Christian Ministries. Remember to purchase an extra item when you are shopping, and place it in the box outside the sanctuary door on Sundays.

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information March 31, 2017

Tithe/Offering collections	69,082
Miscellaneous income	16
Designated giving	<u>1,010</u>
Total Revenue	70,108
Missions	7,050
Church Operating Expenses	<u>44,342</u>
Total Expenditures	51,392
Revenue over (under) expenditures	18,716
Prior year bills paid	0
Bill yet to be paid	0
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	18,716
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>238,456</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	257,172
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	35,171
Savings Account	<u>222,001</u>
Total	257,172

May Volunteers

Snacks

May 7	Glenda White team
May 14	Church
May 21	Jerry Allsbrook team
May 28	Susan Kingshill team

Nursery

May 7	Courtney MacMillan Eden MacMillan
May 14	Glenda Brouwer Sarah Altman
May 21	Renee Mitchell Charlotte Allsbrook
May 28	Susan Kingshill LuAnn Davis


Counting Teams

May 7	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis
May 14	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
May 21	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
May 28	Luke Allsbrook LuAnn Davis

Set Up/Close/Usher

May 7	Luke Allsbrook team
May 14	Phil Inglis team
May 21	Bruce Kingshill team
May 28	Bob Dresdow team

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		2 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	3	4 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	5 Paula Rhodarmer	6
7  10:45 AM Holy Communion Allison June Kirby	8	9 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 7:00 PM Session	10	11 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	17 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door Chuck Torpy	18 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Pat Inglis	19	20
21	22 Tyler Davis	23 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Steve White	24	25 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	26 Makayla Lawrence	27
28 Charlotte Allsbrook	29 Memorial Day (Observed)	30 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	31			