

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

7:30 pm Men's Group Study
7:30 pm Women's Group

October 2016

On October 31 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 theses on the church door of the Catholic Chapel in Wittenberg. (That's 499 years ago!) In it, this born again priest raised theological concerns with practices and dogma of the Roman Catholic Church (RCC), that he believed were inconsistent with the gospel. One example of many included the idea that someone could give the church money and the priest would assure them that their loved one would get out of purgatory (a place the RCC Hierarchy said souls of the dead went to be purified and before entering heaven). Luther, in that moment of disputing the authority of the RCC, ignited a movement we now call the Reformation. Luther called believers to the 5 Solas (Latin for only) By Scripture alone. By Faith alone. By Grace alone. By Christ alone. And Glory alone to God.

As the world celebrates halloween, or All Souls Hallowed Eve, we Evangelical Protestants recall a moment in history that God used to transform the world. The world needs God's truth in Christ as much now as back then--and maybe even more. May we go into the highways and bi-ways of our life with the one and only calling to declare the praises of Him Who called us out of darkness--into His glorious light. Soli Deo Gloria.

Pastor Edward



Session Highlights

- 1) Nominating Committee Report – Bob Dresdow reported that the committee has met several times to prayerfully discern 3 candidates for ruling elder and 3 candidates for deacon/deaconess. Pastor Edward would like to train all nominees for 4 weeks prior to election. The committee will try to have identified the 6 candidates by October 15th.
- 2) Transfer of membership – Art and Sarah Altman would like to transfer their membership from Grace EPC in Franklin NC to Providence. Based on a meeting with Phil Inglis and Pastor Edward to discuss their faith journeys, they were heartily recommended for membership.
- 3) Supply Preacher for Sunday, November 13th – Pastor Edward requested that he be excused from preaching on this Sunday to attend a family wedding in Canada. According to Bruce Kingshill, we still have funds in the budget to cover a supply preacher. The session approved this by common consent and asked Pastor Edward to secure the supply preacher that will be needed.
- 4) Presbytery of the Southeast Meeting @ Christ Presbyterian Church in Dalton, GA – A motion was made by LuAnn Davis to elect Phil Inglis, Pat Inglis, and Edward Brouwer as commissioners for the next POSE meeting on October 2nd & 3rd. After a second by Luke Allsbrook, the motion was passed unanimously.
- 5) Steps & railing for stage in Sanctuary – A suggestion was presented to

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Providence Happenings



build better stairs and a new railing for the stage in the Sanctuary. Barb Dresdow will talk to HCA headmaster about this and obtain an estimate.

6) Budget planning for 2017 – Pastor Edward will work with Treasurer, Bruce Kingshill to prepare a draft of the church budget for 2017. He will try to have the proposed budget ready for the session meeting in November.

7) Congregational Meeting scheduled – Phil Inglis made a motion to schedule a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 20th after the worship service. After a second by Luke Allbrook, the motion passed unanimously. This meeting will include voting for the new ruling elders & deacons/deaconesses, and reviewing the proposed budget & call of the pastor. A meeting of the church corporation will also be held.

8) Advent event calendar – The session approved the following events for the Christmas season:

Decoration of the church – Sunday, 11/20

Christmas Eve Service – Saturday, 12/24 at 5:00 pm

Christmas Service – Sunday, 12/25 at 10:45 am

New Address

Providence Church has a new mailing address:

Providence Church
P.O. Box 65
Clyde, NC 28721

Please use this address for all correspondence

Note from the Glads

*Providence Church, you are missed! You are also being prayed for as we read e-mails about you. We are well and very occupied with many activities. We love singing in the church choir. Glenn zooms about in his golf cart to exercise in the pool, sing in a men's chorus, and volunteer working in the library. Laura enjoys women's chorus and exercise classes. We cannot thank you enough for the help we received in preparation for our departure from Waynesville. Thank you, also, for the love and many kindnesses shown to us during our time with you. You are a very special group of people. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.
Glenn and Laura Glad*



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



It is THAT time of the year again, when we have the opportunity to reach out worldwide with the love of Christ! Our goal this year is to collect 100 shoe boxes. They will be dedicated on Sunday, November 13th, so please be sure and bring them, or arrange for someone to do it for you, on that date.

We will NOT be having a packing party this year, so we shall each be packing our boxes individually, filling them with toys, clothing, items of personal hygiene, school supplies, tools and more! PLEASE be aware that NO chocolate is allowed, nor are fruit roll ups, fruit snacks or drink mixes such as Kool Aid. No candy or toothpaste will be allowed in 2017, due to import taxes, and all we pack this year MUST have an expiration date at least as far out as mid-May 2017.

All tools are allowed EXCEPT pocket knives and saws, and very appreciated by the older boys! Water pistols that do not have a “war look” are also fine, as are scissors.

For those of you who are “crafty” and able to make hats, bracelets, scarves and other items, we would LOVE to have you do so and beginning this month we shall have a box next to the missions table for you to put your items to be shared. I found I had bought more colored pencils than needed and have already shared those. Pinterest has some great ideas for fun and easy things to make, such as a tic tac toe game with felt and buttons.

If you would like to know to what country your boxes travel, pay the \$7.00 shipping fee on line, and you will receive an email letting you know. If you would like to assist those who may be a bit challenged by this shipping cost, or, if it is just easier for you, we shall have a box near the food line for donations of any amount. It ALL helps!

Most important of all is to pray for the person(s) who will receive your boxes. Just knowing that someone cares can be life altering. Plant a seed! Remember, what goes in is fun and helpful, but what comes out is Eternal!

If you would like help with packing a box, or have further questions contact Bonnie Indgin at 456-7919.



Mission News



eDOT Update

Community Bible Study with Refugee Group

September 14 is the date! K and her leadership are pulling together all the details to pull off another year of ministry through our Bible Study class here in our corner of Germany. We have about 70 ladies that attend a morning group and hope to have 10-12 men and women in an evening group in our home. This year we are studying the book of John and we've intentionally invited some non-believers to study with us. Pray that their hearts would be open and that we would in no way become obstacles to the work Jesus wants to do here.



Another really exciting recent development is that one of our morning discussion groups will be comprised of Syrian refugee women. When we returned in July, K inquired of our local leaders and they didn't think that it could happen. Then just last week, a lady who has been working with them over the last year, and who speaks fluent Arabic from her previous posting, stepped up, said she would translate and said she thinks they would come. We hope to have 6-10. They are non-believers, secular, cultural Muslims, hungry for fellowship and a greater connection to the community ... and they are willing to come to a Bible Study in a German church.

I have no idea what God could do here... but an open door stands before us, we honestly feel the Lord has orchestrated this and we feel compelled to step through the door. Our greatest prayer is that they would know the love of Jesus through us. Pray against spiritual attack and that our cultural challenges would be minimized and that the power of the Good News would unite us.

Prayer Requests:

- For the refugee women at the Bible Study. The Bible Study also needs a childcare worker and one more German discussion group leader. Pray that we will find those people quickly so that we can all start together.
- For a friend for A this year. We've written in the past that his best friend moved away this summer. There are plenty of new kids to choose from... just getting your introvert to do more than grunt toward someone is a challenge.
- For continued unity of hearts and spirit on the eDOT team. We love our co-workers and whether we're working on projects together or beside each other we want to continue to share the compelling vision of what God has brought us here for. In particular some of our families are praying for increased financial partnerships.

Mid East Update - Jack and Jill

Summary of Events - Passport Renewal

Two visits to the embassy have occurred with the latest one having occurred yesterday:

Visit #1: For 8 hours Jack was questioned about his current situation, and other ministry workers back in his home country, while his lawyer waited for him outside. They requested more technical paperwork for the passport renewal.

Visit #2 (yesterday): Jack took all requested paperwork, and answered more questions for 5 hours while his lawyer waited. In the end, as normal, they took his passport, provided him a receipt and told him to return in 15 days. It seems as if the renewal might move forward.

We are hopeful in faith, yet cautious! With that said, below is how next steps seem to be shaping up for when the passport renewal happens.

Next Steps...Big Choices

Jack & Jill cannot stay in their currently location because they cannot financially sustain themselves. So the next decision is where to next?

Canada

Unfortunately, the contact who submitted the paperwork for immigration to Canada is unreachable. This does not look like a viable option at this point.

Brazil

Since the last update, we submitted an application to the refugee relocation program in Brazil. They accepted J&J's application, and will be ready to receive them as soon as January 2017.

This is a unique program which will provides refugees living accommodations, employment, Portuguese language lessons, and facilitates all legal paperwork submissions through local churches. Formal living and employment subsidy is supplied for 1 year, and then for an additional 2 years a case worker is assigned to follow-up on their situation. Throughout the entire time pastoral and congregational support is provided to the families.

At this point, J&J are positive about this option for the future. We are continually asking the Lord Jesus to guide and provide all details to come together.

Prayer Points

In 15 days, Jack's passport will be renewed
The Holy Spirit's clear guidance to J&J about the next step forward
The completion of many more small, but important, logistical arrangements for any move in the future (visas, plane tickets, kids' preparation...etc.)

Thank you for your continual prayers and support for J&J!

Touch of Love

This week I was reminded of a story an Arab Muslim woman told me who had come to faith in Jesus here in the Middle East. As a young girl, she would walk to school along a busy street. One morning, an Orthodox priest passed by her and place his hands on her head as he passed by and said in Arabic, "God loves you!" She felt an overwhelming sense of love that day as this priest passed by. Later as a young adult, she was consumed with a need to know what it meant to be loved by God which was a concept never taught to her in her Islamic teachings. She downloaded an Arabic scripture from the internet and began to read Psalm 139,

I can never escape from your Spirit!
I can never get away from your presence!
If I go up to heaven, you are there;
If I go down to the grave, you are there.
If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
Even there your hand will guide me,
and your strength will support me.

She remembered the touch of the priest, recalled the words he spoke, and knew she needed to know that God who loved her.

We are amazed how God is in pursuit of people to know His love and how our kindness speaks more than we never know.

Your friends,

*L*nce and L*sa*

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

Vacant - Missions

Class of 2018

Luke Allsbrook - Discipleship/Christian Education

Bob Dresdow - Worship

Music Director

Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant

Barb Dresdow

Want Ads

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

WANTED: an inexpensive used cannister vacuum cleaner, a used cheap push lawnmower, and a good used weed eater.

Pastor Edward, 550-4615 or edwardwilliambrouwer@gmail.com

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information July, 2016

Tithe/Offering collections	97,225
Miscellaneous income	289
Designated giving	<u>3,998</u>
Total Revenue	101,512
HCA Renovation Expense	0
Missions	22,045
Church Operating Expenses	<u>100,119</u>
Total Expenditures	122,164
Revenue over (under) expenditures	(20,652)
Prior year bills paid	(2,373)
Bill yet to be paid	0
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(23,025)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>271,535</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	248,510
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	6,553
Savings Account	<u>241,957</u>
Total	248,510

October Volunteers

Snacks

Oct 2	Susan Kingshill team
Oct 7	Eleonore Shelton team
Oct 14	Church's day
Oct 21	Glenda White team
Oct 28	Men's day


Nursery

Oct 2	Rhonda Lear Susan Kingshill
Oct 7	T J Anthony Ann-Michael Winstead
Oct 14	Renee Mitchell Charlotte Allsbrook
Oct 21	Jenny Alt Wally Cook
Oct 28	Rhonda Lear Susan Kingshill

Set Up/Usher Teams

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

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2  10:45 AM Holy Communion	3 Jeffrey Alt Savannah Bush	4 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Rhonda Lear	5	6 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Alia Lawrence	7 Edward & Glenda Brouwer	8 1 Natalie Lawrence
9	10 Columbus Day (Observed)	11 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Luke Allsbrook	12	13 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	14 Kristin Cook Benjamin Davis	15 Dennis & Cindy Harper
16	17 Ezekiel MacMillan Will & Christina Roberts	18 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Jacque Morgan	19 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door Rachel Brouwer	20 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	21 Courtney MacMillan	22
23	24	25 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	26	27 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Taylor Cook	28	29
30 Michael Shelton	31					