

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

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

## October 2017



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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

#### Wednesday

6:30 pm Knowing Scripture

#### 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 Study

What a big anniversary we are celebrating. 500 Years! Wait I thought we just celebrated number 10? Yes... Providence just marked 10 years, but really this October 31 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> year of a significant event that happened in Wittenberg Germany in 1517.

Martin Luther wrote his 95 Theses and posted them on the door of the University Church and started a firestorm in Europe and beyond. While we in the Reformed tradition follow another beacon of that age, namely John Calvin, pride of place goes to brother Martin for his critique of Roman Catholic practice and tradition in his calls for reform. Those calls landed him a church trial and excommunication with the legendary words "here I stand, I can do no other" in the context of stating his views and vowing not to go against his conscience because it was neither safe or right to do so. We don't rest on those glory days. We are a church that is reformed but that is also always reforming. That means that we must always apply the truth of Scripture and faith in the fast changing culture that we live in. May we rise to the challenge of sharing the gospel in fresh and winsome ways to one another and to our neighbors. May we move forward into the coming years "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith."

*Pastor Edward*



From  
the Pastors Desk

### Session Highlights

The October Presbytery Meeting will be held in Decatur, GA. at All Souls Fellowship on October 6th and 7th. Phil and Pat Inglis will accompany Pastor Edward as commissioners.

Will Roberts made a Motion that Providence Church would give \$500 to the "City of Refuge Church"(EPC) in Houston, Texas and a special offering would be taken up on September 24th. Anyone wishing to give to Samaritan's Purse in support of Texas or Florida should give directly to them.

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# Providence Happenings



- Session Highlights continued -

Mission Committee Report - Phil Inglis announced [L@nce and Lis@], missionaries to [mid East], would be coming October 29th to teach Sunday School and L@nce would be preaching at worship. A Potluck/Covered dish luncheon will follow the service.

Each Elder and Deacon reported on their communication with the members of their nurture group. Each Elder and Deacon will be praying for each person in their group every week, seeking the Holy Spirit's leading.

Nominating Committee - Bruce Kingshill announced the committee would begin meeting the week of September 20th. Be in prayer for them.

## 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

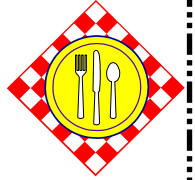
**Music Director & Worship** - Renee Allsbrook

**Youth Director** - Alan Cheney

**Administrative Assistant** - Barb Dresdow

## Missionary Visit & Pot Luck Luncheon

On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, [the L@wrences], missionaries whom we help to support, will be sharing in the Sunday School hour and during worship. They are church planters to unreached populations in the middle east, and they always have such interesting and inspirational stories to share with us. Following worship we will have a covered dish lunch, with time to meet one-on-one with them. Please make plans to attend Sunday School, worship, and bring a dish to share for lunch as we welcome them to our fellowship.



Dear brothers and sisters at Providence Church,

With sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness - thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayerful and financial support of Bible Club!

This must be your prayer for us (Paul, Karen, Linda, Jan & Deni - all the leaders at N. Canton Elementary) and God is answering this - thank you!

“May our LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF and GOD our Father, who loved us and by HIS grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.” 2 Thess. 2:16-17

Our prayer/plea:

“Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the LORD may spread rapidly and be honored (in the children and youth of Haywood county), just as it was with you. And pray that we will be delivered from evil and wicked men, for not everyone has faith.” 2 Thess. 3:1-2

Love, Paul & Karen Zimmerman

## From the Youth Leader

Somewhere along the line I mentioned something that my wife had told me a few years before. She had sat in on a lecture at our alma mater and the professor was giving evidence for what he claimed was the new era following Postmodernism. He called it Pluralism and gave, as its defining trait, the idea that the only "sin", the only way a person could cause harm to a Pluralist society, was to condemn another person's actions as morally wrong provided their actions did not cause harm to another party.

Simply put, "I'm not hurting anyone so you can't tell me I'm wrong."

I brought this up primarily because I expected the same response I gave my wife when she first told me about it. If I remember correctly, I said, "That's dumb." But I was surprised when the first words out of the mouths of the kids in the car with me were, "Yeah, that makes perfect sense." They went on to describe various things that they felt they should be allowed to do because 1) it wasn't hurting anyone else and 2) it wasn't anyone else's business what they did with their time.

I gave it the old college try, explaining how, ultimately, all sin is against God whether it directly affects another person or not, but despite my best efforts and the begrudging agreement of the kids, I don't feel that I really made a difference in changing their minds.

So, as much as I wish it wasn't the case, the story ends there. I haven't had the pleasure of seeing those kids again since then, but I hope that maybe something of what I said stuck with them. Young people are constantly being bombarded by this bogus pluralist philosophy. Young people outside of the faith are especially susceptible without the Word to refute it. It is a very devious idea that speaks to our strongest earthly desires. So while we guard our own hearts against the false philosophies of the world, please remember to pray for the hearts of our youth, as well.

Alan



## Mission News



### September Update from the McKays

This photos serves to remind you what we look like as a family while on a whirlwind visit to the US this summer.

Fall and weather in the 50's is settling in here in Germany.. along with plentiful rain. Many of the refugees are well into their second year living in this new culture. They continue to miss their homelands and the family so many have left



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behind. Tonight we will have a Syrian over for dinner who is missing his young family. In many cases, the process to bring the family to join them can last for years. The Lord has also brought a believing Syrian couple to us with whom we can openly discuss Him... we hope and believe they will be a key part of the future ministry here.

**Prayer/Praise:**

- we have been here for just over a year now
- Sam and Ian are adjusting well back to school
- we just discovered that our German tax bill is higher than expected
- I am just beginning a German course next week

Thank you all for making this possible. Relational doors continue to open and as the refugees learn more German, we are able to share more clearly His love in words to add to the actions. His peace,

*Adger, Sandra, Sam and Ian*

**From George & Cynthia's Letter**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Friends, and Supporters:

Many of you have already been waiting too long to hear from us about how we are doing, or what is happening, or to hear a thank-you for your gift(s) to us. We apologize for the delay but have been trying to hold off while we waited for the final step to be finished that would allow us to return to [our mission] full-time.

You probably know that I started re-raising support in January of 2017 to meet our budget needs in order to return. I contacted literally hundreds and had some success at seeing commitments come in, but not nearly enough to meet the overall budget. At the end of July we were told that we needed to meet our budget by the August 15<sup>th</sup> or we would have to resign.

Maybe we should not be amazed but in the next two weeks we received all the commitments that we needed for our long-term budget and our return and set-up budget!.

Last April or May we had received notice from the school that we would be welcome to return to the school as students. Just to be on the safe side we checked again to make sure they would receive us as students once we arrived. This time both the assistant director and the director of foreign students said they wanted us to come, but because of our age they had to send it up the chain of command to get approval. It has now been up the chain of command for about a month. This is not unusual in [that] system but is making a mess of our plans to be there by now. Please be praying for a favorable and a quick response.

We are going ahead and buying tickets. Even if [they] turn us down to stay as students we would still need to go and get much of our stuff that is still there and ship it home. And if the answer is yes as we are praying and trusting it will be, this will also give us some time to look for a new apartment closer to the school and with more natural light coming in. We are so thankful for all of you. We have had a car or SUV to use since we have been in the U.S., homes to stay in, churches and Sunday school classes to get to know and to come to love, people who have encouraged us and challenged us and loved us.

May Cynthia and I be good stewards of the resources that you have given to us

In Him, *George & Cynthia*

## Mid East Update - Surprise Travel

On September 20th, L@nce had to make a quick 3 day trip to the Middle East. The newest Egyptian worker family of four who arrived to the field in June was being asked to leave their ministry team. L@nce arrived with a prominent Egyptian leader/pastor in hopes of mediating the situation.

Backdrop: There is a growing church in Egypt with many pastors and leaders being trained. Yet, the Egyptian church is only beginning to have a vision for sending out ch planting workers to the world. Those who are answering the call & taking steps of obedience are few, so each one is a gem needing champions and support. This is the reason for our rapid response to the situation.

Upon arriving, we learned the details of the backstory from the Egyptian family and the team leadership. As is always the case, both sides had contributed to the difficulties, but the largest challenge was the role of the team's financial subsidy of the Egyptian family. Unfortunately, the decision to part ways was finalized before we arrived, leaving the Egyptian family without a means of continuing in the new country.

We provided the family two solutions to prayerfully consider; a) return to Egypt or b) stay on with a temporary solution for 4 months to see if additional resources could be found and new ministry partners established. This temporary solution could only provide for their monthly salary without help to furnish their newly rented apartment. We sat on 4 chairs in their empty 2-bedroom apartment, not knowing what to do about basic furniture.

After leaving the family to consider the options, we had additional meetings with the team leadership. They felt so bad about how the situation unfolded and our travel that the leader handed me an envelope with money to help with our travel costs. After trying to refuse, I took the money stating that I would not use it for my expenses, but help the Egyptian family. The next morning we gathered together to hear their decision (they had no news about the funds received). Slowly, they told us that they had decided to remain for the 4 months - with the weight of all of the unknowns apparent through their expressions.

We prayed together, requesting the Lord to go before them, and then L@nce explained how the prior evening, unexpectedly, a certain amount of money was given to him, and within the envelope was the exact amount of money needed to furnish their apartment. We gave them the funds declaring that this was an obvious confirmation from the Lord for their step of faith to continue in their calling.

Not all of their next steps are clear, but their staying and apartment furnishings are known, and in so doing their faith in the Lord Jesus' call is all the more strong! May their proclamation & service to the Syrian refugees be empowered all the more!

These brothers & sisters who are taking up the call to serve the Lord Jesus from the global south (Latin America & Africa) do not come from churches or denominations which have the resources within themselves to support workers. Yet, the Lord Jesus owns "...the cattle on a thousand hills..." (Ps. 50:10). He provides for His people & the expansion of His kingdom!!

### Team Building...

While we are back this year on furlough, we are asking the Lord to help us connect with those who would be interested in financially partnering with us. We will be returning to the capital city when we return with increased living expenses as well as kids' schooling costs. If you would like to partner with us or share our need with others...please let us know. We are specifically looking for those who would support us \$25-50 monthly.

Thank-you for praying for our family and the Mid East region!

L@nce & Lis@

## 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.

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

### Providence Church Summarized Financial Information August 31, 2017

Tithe/Offering collections	138,951
Miscellaneous income	44
Designated giving	<u>2,523</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>141,518</b>
Missions	21,386
Church Operating Expenses	<u>118,894</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>140,283</b>
Increase (Decrease) in cash	1,235
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>238,456</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	<b>239,691</b>
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	17,662
Savings Account	<u>222,029</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239,691</b>

## October Volunteers

### Snacks

Oct 1	Church
Oct 8	Jerry Allsbrook team
Oct 15	Susan Kingshill team
Oct 22	Eleonore Shelton team
Oct 29	Potluck luncheon


### Counting Teams

Oct 1	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
Oct 8	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Oct 15	Curt Sevig Alan Bush
Oct 22	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell
Oct 29	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis

### Set Up/Close/Usher Teams

Oct 1	Luke Allsbrook
Oct 8	Phil Inglis
Oct 15	Bruce Kingshill
Oct 22	Bob Dresdow
Oct 29	Wally Cook/Thom Morgan

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

Anniversary

Birthday