

# 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

#### **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

## **September 2017 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue**

*"Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD".* So declared Joel the ancient prophet. Providence is being called to a fast by our leadership, as we celebrate our 10th Anniversary September 30th. But wait. Isn't this supposed to be a party--a time to celebrate? Why fast? We fast because we want to seek God in a special way. We enter into a time of great thanksgiving but also a time of discernment. This celebration is not just about looking back but also looking forward. What does the Father have for us? Remembering and anticipating. Fasts in the Bible usually involved going without something, most often food (Jesus in the wilderness), sometimes drink (meat or wine in Daniel 1) but always with a reverence and prayerful heart to God. In Acts 13 we read of the elders fasting and praying, seeking Holy Spirit guidance, in anticipation of commissioning missionaries for a special work. That is our elder's heart's cry--Lord what is the special work you are calling us to, as we move forward into another decade of ministry? Will our hearts be ready to receive the challenge when we hear it?

And so we call our congregation to an assembly on September 30th. And in anticipation we ask that you consider a 24 hour fast. Do pray first and ask if you are called to this. Then you might consider forgoing a few meals the day before (and the morning of) and spend the time you would have otherwise used in preparing and eating to be watchful in prayer and intentional in conversation with the Lord. Some of you (because of age or medical reasons) may not be able to do that. Perhaps you might forgo something else. Some may feel called to forgo talk radio, TV, social media or another form of entertainment. Whatever the Lord lays on your heart, we are seeking unity, in a spirit of humility and anticipation. Come and share with a joyful heart at the Wells Center Saturday September 30th beginning at 9:30 am as we pray and worship and share stories and testimonies of Christ's faithfulness and promise.

*Pastor Edward*



### **Session Highlights**

**The Pastor's Report** – Pastor Edward reported on the well attended Sunday evening prayer meeting July 16. A decision was made to hold a

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# Providence Happenings



## - Session Highlights continued -

congregational prayer meeting once a quarter in the sanctuary.

Additionally, Providence is hosting some of the missionaries it supports. Bruce and Pam Sinclair are in town and he will preach on August 20th. Pam and Bruce will also lead the SS that morning. Lance and Lisa Lawrence are coming Sunday October 29. He will preach and together they will lead Sunday School.

**Diaconate Report** – Weeds around the sign have been cleaned up. The old sign needs to be set up on the hill by the bypass. Game items purchased for youth and children will be set out weekly for use. The echo in the fellowship hall needs to be addressed with sound dampeners. A decision has been tabled until we find out more about Kingdom Partnership.

**Kingdom Partnership** – Thom Morgan met with Board Chair of HCA and conveyed our continued interest in a conversation with HCA about facilities.

**10-year anniversary** – The session thanks the Anniversary committee for their work and broadly accepts the idea of worship/prayer as a theme for the celebration September 30th and sends the report back for further refinement.

**Nursery** – Luke Allsbrook reported on the new designated area for the nursery. The session should consider hiring a part time nursery worker. Nursery would be up to age 2 and children's church could be up to age 6. In conjunction, we will develop a job description and start a search for nursery worker. The work involves 3 hours per Sunday for a total annual budget of \$2,340.00. Bruce, Luke and Barb are asked to conduct the search.

**New Bible Study** – Bob Dresdow presented a study he would like to lead by R. C. Sproul's entitled Knowing Scripture. This study will use the facility once a week on Wednesday nights into the fall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

## Dinner for Eight

September is the time to sign up for our next round of Dinner for 8. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with other members of our church family for food and fellowship and a time to get know each other better.

Do you know in our congregation:

Who is a published author?

Who is an actress?

Who is an accomplished musician?

Who is a professional artist?

Who used to play in a band?

Who loves to play tennis?

Who is an avid gardener?

Who loves deer hunting?

Who used to be or is a doctor or a teacher?

So much to learn about the people you worship with!

If you would be interested in participating, please sign up by September 10th. We all have busy schedules so don't let that stop you from participating. Groups will meet approximately every 4-6 weeks.

We will need someone who will be willing to serve as the First Host – someone to organize the first gathering. Each time you meet, the group decides when to meet next and who will be the next host. The host chooses where to meet and what to eat (with everyone bringing part of the meal) or do: your home, a park, a restaurant, it could take place anywhere - be creative! You can plan for any time of day that works for your group. You can plan an activity: movie, play, game night, concert – whatever works for your group.

Don't expect that everyone in your group will be able to attend every time - just invite another couple or person you would like to know better to fill in. Don't fail to sign up because you know you can't come to all the meals,

just come when you can. We hope that you will decide to be part of this great opportunity for fellowship. Contact

Glenda White [glendarwhite@outlook.com](mailto:glendarwhite@outlook.com), 828-235-1897, or speak with me at church.

**Congratulations to Alan and Diana Bush on their 50th anniversary on September 29th**

**Providence Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
celebrating our 10th Anniversary  
in a time of prayer, worship, reflection and sharing a meal together.  
Saturday, September 30, 2017  
9:30 am—2:30 pm  
Wells Event Center  
33 Wells Events Way  
Waynesville, NC

R.S.V.P required by September 15th [providencechurchassistant@gmail.com](mailto:providencechurchassistant@gmail.com)  
Childcare available for children under 12, advance notice required

**We are planning** to create a slideshow of photos so if you have any that you would like to share, please submit them to Toni Cook by September 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Toni at [cook81050@gmail.com](mailto:cook81050@gmail.com) or 828-226-1679.

## Looking Back to the Beginning



To Whom It May Concern:

September 28, 2007

The board of Montreat Presbyterian Church recently approved a decision regarding our support for:

Providence Presbyterian Church

The Session of Montreat Presbyterian Church agrees to accept the Providence EPC Group as a mission of Montreat Presbyterian Church.

The Session further agrees to approve \$3,000 for the balance of 2007 toward Pastoral salary of Rev Josh Cole, as needed.

Finally, the Session instructs Montreat Presbyterian Church Stated Clerk Alex Miller to authorize Church Administrator Edward Brouwer and Executive Minister Bill Solomon to meet with Providence Treasurer Bruce Kingshill to plan and implement financial arrangements and procedures with the new Mission Church.

The Montreat Presbyterian Church has a longstanding tradition of over 100 years in the Swannanoa Valley. We are a fiscally sound congregation and we bank with Asheville Savings Bank here in Black Mountain. If you would like to contact the bank officer to verify our account status please contact Gay Harris in the Black Mountain branch.

Sincerely

Edward Brouwer  
Administrator

Rev. Bill Solomon  
Executive Pastor



## Pastor Josh Cole's message from the first newsletter - December 2007

Providence -- "the protective care of God." Derived from the Latin *providere* meaning "foresee or attend to."

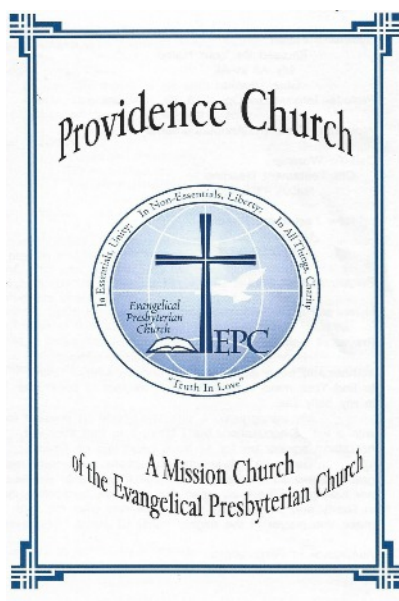
Providence -- found in the fifth chapter of *The Westminster Confession* (the confession of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church). This chapter begins by stating "God, who created everything, also upholds everything. He directs, regulates, and governs every creature, action, and thing, from the greatest to the least, by his completely wise and holy providence."

Providence -- a word not found directly in Scripture, but whose meaning is found throughout. In Matthew 10:29-31, Jesus teaches, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs on your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." In Acts 17, when Paul is preaching in Athens on the Areopagus (Mar's Hill), he says, "The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not lie in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything." Proverbs 15:3 states, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good."

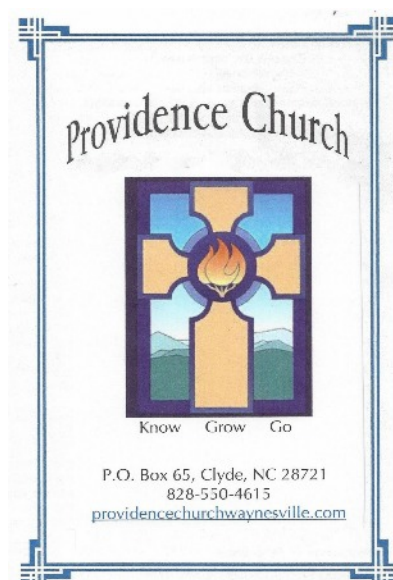
Providence -- a word that gives comfort. A word that gives assurance. A word that gives confidence. A word that points to the majesty, wisdom, glory, and goodness of our Heavenly Father. A word that shows nothing happens by chance or fate. A word that shows that we are in His hands and no other. He even knows how many hairs are on our head (or how many have fallen off).

Providence -- the name of this new community of faith. The name of this new body of Christ. The name of this new adventure of the Holy Spirit. The name that shows how and why this church is here. The name that shows that we can go forth with the gospel in joy and confidence knowing that the Father is with us, guiding our steps along the way.

Providence -- the same chapter in *The Westminster Confession* ends with these words, "Just as the providence of God in general extends to every creature, so, in a very special way it takes care of his church and orders all things for its good." Glory to God alone!



**Bulletin covers  
2007 and 2017**



January, 2008



Our First Session: Sam Mitchell, Bill Allsbrook, LuAnn Davis, Alan Bush, Phil Inglis, & Pastor Josh Cole



First musicians - Lorraine Conard, Kent Roberts, Renee Allsbrook



Celebration Cake - we're official, no longer a mission church of Montreat Presbyterian



Who gets to eat the flame?

### Providence Church Mission (April 2008)

"Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses to Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

#### The mission of Providence Church is to:

- Grow as disciples of Jesus Christ
- Proclaim His Good News in Haywood County and Around the World

#### Providence Church is dedicated to:

- Glorifying the Father in all that we do. (Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 10:31)
- Serving Jesus Christ, in whose name alone is salvation. (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)
- Relying upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit who transforms and equips for ministry (2 Corinthians 3:18, 1 Corinthians 12:11)
- Placing our lives under the authority of the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Prayer in all things (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Building a community that reflects the love of Jesus (Ephesians 2:19)

### CHURCH MOTTO: KNOW, GROW, GO

Know God through Worship service

Grow in faith and knowledge of God through small groups

Go serve Jesus Christ in ministry.



# Mission News



## Update from the Roes

### Hackathon

Can computer programmers serve on short term mission teams... you bet they can! When we were teens and young adults, we went on plenty of mission trips doing kids ministry, street evangelism, construction or teaching English. This summer we had a team of five technologically gifted people putting some serious hours, (and plenty of caffeine) into creating and accelerating two of our major smart phone app efforts.



One app was updating our Turkish Bible Concordance App, Kutsal Kitap'ın Fihristi, that you've heard us talking about before. It was originally created three years ago but the technology had changed so much that the utilization of it was becoming limited. We've heard amazing stories of impact with this App as Turkish speakers seek to understand the content of the Bible and perhaps are looking at God's word for the first time so we really wanted to get this updated.

In addition the team created a new app called "Soul Connection". This app falls in the spiritual formation category and helps people explore different experiences as we look for the unique ways that God created us to enjoy him. For example, have you ever built a Cairn in an act of worship? Have you met with God as you've read to the elderly? How can you draw closer to God through looking at promises of the Old Testament fulfilled in the New Testament? This app will be used for Christians to grow in their faith and connect in greater ways to God.

3 two day sprints, divided by a day to be out and interact with the community and our little corner of the world helped these "hackers" glimpse a vision for how their technical skills could greatly impact the Kingdom of God.

### Annual Conference & 25 Years of Marriage

25 Years! Do you have something that shows up on your calendar on the same day every year? A birthday or anniversary perhaps? Every year our entire mission gets together for prayer, teaching, encouragement and greater equipping and vision sharing for what God has called us to do. And every year, that week always happens to fall on our wedding anniversary. This year we got to check a new country off the list as we explored the coast of Slovenia. It was also the celebration of 25 years of wedded bliss (yeah, we feel old now :)). We had some friends join us on our anniversary as well. Most of our team was able to be there as well as the Rick, Peggy and Anna who just joined our team August 1st.

### Interns

If you ask Krista what she enjoyed most about this summer it was our two interns. Amy and Victoria, one from California, the other from Minnesota. Probably as different as different could be but hey, Girls in Technology! So cool. Something just clicked with the three of us. They loved coming over for home cooked meals and Krista enjoyed showing them the sites on a few day trips. Like a lot of missionaries we have people passing through, but these two young ladies with their wide eyes and taste for adventure and willingness to go and serve wherever God could use them, made a big impression. Both are headed for long term missions, I'm sure.

### Prayer Requests:

- Alex starting his Junior year in High School. In particular we continue to pray for good friends for him.
- As our new families settle and learn language and culture pray for increased unity, communication and oneness on the team.
- Pray for creativity and wisdom as Krista seeks to expand her Bible Study further into the community. The dream is that we could have a few different groups start here in town and that Krista could move into more of an overseeing/mentoring role.



## Mid East Update - August 2017

We are getting settled into Wilmington, NC for the coming year. The girls start school this next week and L@nce flies to our Regional Conference for those serving in North Africa and the Middle East.

IPray for L@nce to be an encouragement to field workers and wisdom in helping guide conversations about opening new areas and teams

IPray for our girls starting school next week and the adjustments they make to friends, academics and American culture

### Answered Prayer

This month Lis@ will begin her Nurse Practitioner clinical rotation. The closest available location was 1.5 hours away in Jacksonville, NC for 10 weeks of her rotations. We prayed and a family friend called a church in Jacksonville. An older lady answered the phone and said she has just prayed that morning for the Lord to use her to help people serving overseas. She offered her house for Lis@ to stay 3 nights a week so she doesn't have to commute! Isn't God good!

### Update on Jack and Jill

Over 8 years ago, our friends "Jack and Jill" chose to follow after Jesus. It has been a very narrow road with incredible difficulty and persecution. We praise the Lord his family lifted the government case against him as a "backslider". However, this week, Jack's security clearance was not awarded for him to gain employment.

Soon, he will attempt to travel to a nearby country to test if authorities will allow him to leave the country. Jack and Jill prayerfully hope to still redeem the tickets purchased to travel to S. America with a church willing to help them.

IPray for the stress on their marriage, unemployment, and anxiety.

IPray our compassionate Father helps them day-by-day as they are taking up their cross to follow after Him



### Who serves the servant?

More people to serve than hours in the day, cross-cultural living, raising support, language barriers, spiritual warfare, foreign bureaucracy, homesickness, and danger, missionaries are up against a lot as they share the good news of Jesus among the nations. How do they keep going? Who serves the servant and how? A little over six years ago we were wondering the same thing. It's the question that drew us to our MTW Next (formerly GYFM) team, a team of servants for the servants.



Though much has changed since we landed in Bogotá, the summer lull in our local ministry opens the door for us to serve the servants. We've spent a large part of the last four months doing just that. Last newsletter we told you how April took us to Greece where missionaries serving in Europe gathered to rest and refocus. June kicked off with our first ever Latin America High School MK Retreat hosted here in Bogotá. And July landed us in Andrew's hometown to minister to MKs from all over the world at Reconnect Conference and Summer Conference.

Unless you're an investing guru, you probably don't fill your portfolio with individual stocks. You buy mutual funds to diversify. When we began this journey six years ago with you, we cast a vision that your investment would reach beyond the next generation in Bogotá to the nations. It has. In the past four months, we've served servants from France, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Italy, Bulgaria, England, Ukraine, Colombia, Belgium, Greece, Scotland, Romania, Ireland, Honduras, Uruguay, Cherokee, Puerto Rico, Japan, China, and Costa Rica. Next week, two of our interns head to Mexico for MTW's country retreat to serve the servants. We're so proud of them.

We talk a lot about our local ministry and the way your investment here is paying off, but so is your broader, diversified kingdom investment.

One more question: Who serves the servant's servants? You do! None of this would be possible without you. We can't thank you enough for your prayers, faithful financial support, calls, emails, and notes. We love being your hands and feet for the nations and the next generation.

Con Cariño, *Andrew w/Laura Kate, Fox, Evie Jude, & Lucy.*

## August Update from the Kirbys



### Summer of Equipping

Ten years ago this summer, we (Matt & MeeHee) met while joining staff with Cru and taking seminary classes in Fort Collins, CO. This summer, we had the privilege of continuing our theological development through Cru's Institute of Biblical Studies in Fort Collins. We had the joys of being college students all over again...complete with the late nights of homework and reading! It was truly a joy to get such great training and development in how to better interpret scripture, teach scripture, and view the richness of the Old Testament with renewed excitement. Already we can tell that the classes we took are shaping our personal devotional lives, how we plan bible studies and how we will deliver messages at our Cru weekly meetings. These classes are required for Cru staff, but we didn't view them as obligatory...rather, we wish that we would have taken them sooner! We are thankful to serve in an organization that cares for our theological development, and look forward to taking more classes in the future!

Not only were we equipped this summer, but also many other Bobcats were equipped in evangelism and discipleship on summer mission. This summer, over 30 students were sent to East Asia, Alaska, Australia, and Lake Tahoe to grow as followers of Jesus, get valuable training in how to share the gospel clearly and effectively, and learn how to teach others how to follow Jesus in discipleship. We also have 4 other Bobcats being sent out for STINT (short term international) this year and 1 Bobcat (Emily) heading out to be International Campus Staff to East Asia this Fall. It gives us great joy to know that the Lord is raising up Bobcats to not only be sent out a lights to the workplace, but also across the world for the sake of Christ.

One of the highlights of our summer was partaking in Cru's National Staff Conference where 5,000+ staff from around the nation and world gathered in late July for incredible worship, teaching, and vision from Cru leadership and partners of Cru. We left feeling humbled by the reminders of all people being made in the image of God, and the importance of leveraging our lives toward taking the gospel to the ends of the earth and to the marginalized.

As we start a new year at MSU, please pray for our staff team, as we are leading our staff through planning and prayer for this new year. Please pray for the incoming freshmen class. Please pray that God continues to redeem Bobcats for His Kingdom this fall!

Alli and KK got to be wedding girls in a couple weddings this summer!

Juliana (or Juji as we call her) is growing more and more!

### Prayer

Praise pray for the 2,000+ freshmen coming to MSU this fall that they would hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Please pray for our Cru students coming back from the summer, that they would be poised and ready to be the light of Christ at MSU.

Please pray that the Lord would continually help meet our financial needs. As our family is growing, so are our financial needs! We are so thankful for your partnership with us in the gospel, and praise God for your financial support!

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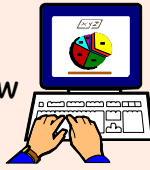
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## Want Ads

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

**Need someone** willing to assist in running Power Point during worship services. Please contact Barb Dresdow if you can help, or for more information.



**Providence Church** is looking for a nursery worker to hire for Sunday Mornings, 9:30-12:30. We want this person to be a believer and part of a Church (perhaps one that has an evening service she/he could attend). Ideally, the candidate would already be vetted by a church nursery or church preschool. We have already contacted 1st Baptist and 1st Methodist preschools. If any of you know someone you think might be interested or could help us find someone, it would be helpful. Contact Bruce Kingshill or Luke Allsbrook.

## Providence Church Summarized Financial Information July 31, 2017

Tithe/Offering collections	115,355
Miscellaneous income	39
Designated giving	<u>1,423</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>115,817</b>
Missions	20,230
Church Operating Expenses	<u>102,989</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>123,228</b>
Increase (Decrease) in cash	(6,411)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>238,456</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	<b>232,045</b>
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	10,022
Savings Account	<u>222,023</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>232,045</b>

## September Volunteers

### Snacks

Sept 3	Susan Kingshill team
Sept 10	Eleonore Shelton team
Sept 17	Glenda White team
Sept 24	Paula Rhodarmer team

### Nursery

Sept 3	Glenda Brouwer Charlotte Allsbrook
Sept 10	Susan Kingshill LuAnn Davis
Sept 17	Paula Rhodarmer Bob Dresdow
Sept 24	Jenny Alt Need a volunteer


### Counting Teams

Sept 3	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Sept 10	Alan Bush Curt Sevig
Sept 17	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell
Sept 24	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis

### Set Up/Close/Usher Teams

Sept 3	Luke Allsbrook
Sept 10	Phil Inglis
Sept 17	Bob Dresdow
Sept 24	Bruce Kingshill

# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b>  10:45 AM Holy Communion	<b>4</b> Art & Sarah Altman <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Ann-Michael Winstead	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Knowing Scripture	<b>7</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Rick Boen Emily Lizarazu
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Sarah Altman	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Knowing Scripture Lisa Kirby	<b>14</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Clara Alt	<b>20</b> <b>11:15 AM Serving at Open Door</b> 6:30 PM Knowing Scripture	<b>21</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bonnie Indgin	<b>26</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Knowing Scripture Loren Alt	<b>28</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Sam & Renee Mitchell	<b>29</b> Alan & Diana Bush	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Church 10th anniversary celebration
					<b>Birthday</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>