

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 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

September 2016

One of the specific privileges reserved for the congregation in our Presbyterian form of government is the choice of our leaders. In Reformed tradition there are several ordained offices, including Pastor, Elder and Deacon. In small churches the leadership may choose to only have a Teaching Elder (pastor) and Ruling Elders, as has been the case for Providence since our inception.

Our elders have been doing the work of governing the local church, congregational care, as well as the work typically done by deacons--namely sympathy, benevolence and service. Recently the elders decided to expand leadership to include ordained deacons. So as we consider changing from a unicameral to a bicameral system what exactly is the difference between the offices?

Elders on the one hand, give leadership to the congregation by their governance. They are to be spiritually mature, with gifts of discernment, ministering to and praying for God's people, promoting evangelism and outreach, and exercising church discipline.

Deacons on the other hand, as men and women of faith with strong gifts of compassion and service, are focused on understanding and assessing the needs of those who are struggling, including financial burdens, providing assistance, including benevolence, as needed. They organize service projects, touching the lives of those in and outside of the community of faith as the hands and feet of Christ. And when needed, they deal with the stewardship of facilities.

The ministry of elder and deacon are complementary and born out of the historical needs described in Acts 6 and 7. Having six elders and three deacons at Providence will enable a lighter load for everyone--with the added bonus of developing leadership gifts in the body. Each may serve up to a 3-year term with a renewable 3-year term to follow. After serving two terms of any length, the officer is required to take no less than a year off from the Session (all elder body) or the Diaconate (all deacon body).

Our Nominating Committee, elected by the congregation at our last congregational meeting, is now in the process of discerning the new classes of elders and deacons. Any member of our congregation has the opportunity to put forward names of capable individuals, both men and women, who fulfill the qualifications of officers as laid out in Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Timothy 3:1-13. Our Nominating Committee is comprised of the following people: Bob Dresdow (chair) LuAnn Davis, Bill Allsbrook, Bill White and Paula

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Providence Happenings



Rhodarmer. If you think someone would be a great fit for elder or deacon, please ask that person first if they are willing to serve, and then if so, contact someone on the committee to suggest they consider that individual. The Committee will prayerfully consider each potential officer and by November will come up with a ballot for our vote at the congregational meeting.

Providence is looking for 3 slots for elders:

- * replacing Curt Sevig who recently stepped down, (new elder: 1 year term)
- * LuAnn Davis who completes her 3-year term of service this year, (new elder: 3 year term)
- * Bruce Kingshill who completed the unfinished term of Jim Spencer, (new elder: 3 year term)

3 slots for Deacons:

1 year term, 2 year term, and 3 year term.

The idea is to stagger when the deacons would finish their terms so that we always have experienced deacons going forward.

Pastor Edward

Session Highlights

- Changing church PO box from Hazelwood to Clyde – By common consent, the session agreed to move the PO box to Clyde. Assistant Barb Dresdow and Sam Mitchell (who opened the Hazelwood PO box) will make the switch. A suggestion was also made to have two signers on the new PO box account.
- Appreciation of Julian Bacon – The session recognized the good work that Julian did as our Summer Intern and commended him to service at the First Baptist Church in Weddington, NC as a Youth Pastor.
- Diaconate – Pastor Edward proposed that the session consider having deacons for the first time in the history of Providence Church. He believes that a diaconate of 3 deacons could share the duties that the elders are now shouldering. Deacons would be responsible for compassionate care (visitation), stewardship of the church building, and service projects in the community. Pastor Edward would closely mentor these new deacons to develop them as new church leaders.
- Supply Preacher for Sunday, September 4th
MOTION: Bruce Kingshill made a motion that Robert Hunt will be asked to preach on Sunday, September 4th while Pastor Edward is away performing a wedding ceremony. Also, the celebration of communion scheduled for that Sunday would be postponed until the next Sunday, September 11th. After a second by Phil Inglis, the motion passed unanimously.
- POSE Meeting @ Christ Presbyterian Church in Dalton, GA – Session members were encouraged to attend the next presbytery meeting on September 30th -October 1st in Dalton, GA. Commissioners will be elected at the September session meeting.
- Death of Sunny Madison – The session acknowledged with sadness the passing of Sunny Madison on June 30th, 2016. He was a charter member of Providence Church and leaves behind his wife of 23 years, Pat.
- Laura & Glenn Glad Moved to Florida – A reception was held for Laura and Glenn on Sunday, July 31st, to bid them goodbye and wish them God's continued blessings in their lives as they move to Penney Farms, Florida. They will be greatly missed!
- Resignation of Curt Sevig– Curt Sevig will be stepping down as ruling elder effective immediately. He and Rita are hoping to move closer to family in 2017 and will be away much of the time. The session acknowledges the faithful service of Curt as ruling elder, and the many ways that his wife Rita has blessed our little fellowship. They will be greatly missed too!



Mission News



Bolivian Update

Dear Providence,

You all know that 7 weeks ago we came with some Bolivian children to the USA for a training trip. We are now about to head home back to Bolivia. (Wednesday August 10th.) It has been an amazing trip. God has smiled at us and given us health, safety, cars, homes, showers, and a lot of adventure. We had these kids at camp, in the woods, on the Beach, chasing snakes in a creek, swimming in rivers, fishing, chopping wood, pulling weeds, cleaning closets, helping at VBS, singing at services, leading Sunday School and much much more. Folks loaned us cars, homes, organized activities for us, fed us, entertained us and helped some with their homework. We could not have asked for a better trip.

**Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 20th,
at 1:30 p.m.**

Our hope is that these kids will take all that they learned, process it, and grow into it, so that one day they may apply it.

Remember to pray for them. When they get back they will be overwhelmed with their homework load. They will be faced with no water at their homes and many other transition struggles.

Two (happy) tired leaders, Eric and Emily Lizarazu [See photos on later page]

Adger McKay August Update

One feels a wide range of emotions writing these updates, particularly in the type of season we are in... and have been a part of for over a decade. This one is unique because after holding on to what we understood to be the promise of the Lord in faith,...**we are released to the field effective at the start of September!!!!** We received a phone call yesterday from a church that the Lord moved to join our mission in such a way that by 4:30 pm we were officially released to make the move to Europe. It is yet another miracle in the journey and we are so grateful. Special thanks to all of you individuals and churches who have joined us in Engaging the Displaced among refugees in Germany.

While we have obtained our release, it does not mean that our support-raising is completed. We still need around \$2,500/month for 2017 and beyond. The great news is that churches that have wanted to join us now have time to follow their budgetary decision-making processes. Sandra, the boys and I want to thank those of you who responded to our appeal earlier this month... this is amazing! We still need to sell the house and cars and many other tasks. Please pray that we will be able to complete all the tasks, including good-byes... in the allotted time. There is a chance that Sandra and the boys will need to go in three weeks to get them settled into school, which begins September 12th, and I will remain behind to finish support-raising and sell the house, etc.,.... The Lord has this all under His control.

We are looking forward to being able to focus on refugee ministry and establishing relationships that bring life. We are immensely thankful for all that the Lord has done and will do in this mission.

His peace prevail, *the McKays*

Jack & Jill Prayer Update

Summary of Events - Passport Renewal

The following is the sequence of events which have played out for Jack in his attempt to renew his passport:

- Jack hired a lawyer to go in his place. The embassy stated needed to see Jack, and required the

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lawyer to give the exact address of his place of residence. The lawyer did not provide the location & told the embassy that he would be representing Jack physically.

From our perspective, these interactions display malicious intentions of the embassy. Obviously, Jack will not be entering the embassy.

Next Steps...Big Choices

There are two big choices for Jack at this point in time.

- Hope for a passport renewal! The lawyer is positive that they will renew in the end since legally they must. We don't share this optimistic view at this point. But it is an option.
- Jack Travels! Jack could travel to another location and apply for asylum before his passport expires. Below are two options which we are weighing.

Canada

For those who are following Jack's situation, you know that paperwork was submitted to the Canadian government on his behalf in June. Unfortunately, since then, we have not been able to communicate with the source who submitted this paperwork. We are not sure of the status, and the source does not know of the current developments. While this is a hope, it is unlikely that the process will be completed in 2.5 months. We continue to try to connect with the person.

Brazil

On way of an organization, Middle East Concern, which specializes in religious and political persecution cases in the Middle East, we discovered that there is a denomination in Brazil who purposely helps to relocate refugees. The Brazilian procedures are less demanding than other countries, and the denomination provides initial housing, employment, language learning and pastoral care within the first 2 years.

Pioneers has personnel in Brazil that I have contacted, and they report that this denomination has a good reputation and experience. As well, the same group has a representative in Amman. Hopefully, I can meet him this coming week.

Logistical Challenges

There are major challenges that Jack faces with these decisions. Here are the priority challenges to be resolved:

- Jack must renew his current living residency ASAP so as to have a backup in case he has to stay in his current location.
- Any travel decision must be made quickly since he only has less than 6 months on his passport. Many airlines and countries won't let you travel if you under the 6 month mark. There are ways to get around this, but it needs extra effort.

From this little bit of information, you see the complex nature of such a situation. From decision-making to logistical details, much prayer is needed.

Please be in prayer about these details. I can't know for sure when decisions will be made, nor do we know how the pieces will come together, so I will keep you informed as things develop.

If you have ideas send them our way. It might take us a while to respond, but please know we will receive them and read your ideas.

Blessings, L*nce & L*sa



Providence Church VBS
Be a disciple



Mission Trip 2016 - Providence Church
Waynesville, NC



Biltmore House



Car Time - Either sing or sleep



Volunteering at the
Homeless shelter



Pickin' in the
Park



Wood splitting at
Camp Bethel



Chapel at Camp Bethel - Let
your words be a blessing



Adventure to Catalooche Park



It won't rain...



Watching for Elk,
Turkey and Snakes

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

FREE - Scan design suede loveseat, well used
 - Scan design teak rocker with cushion pattern
 - Frame for round ottoman
 - Antique cabinet with old fashion record player
FOR SALE - Antique roll top trunk
 - Antique drop leaf table, walnut

September Volunteers

Snacks

Sept 4	Glenda White team
Sept 11	Barb Dresdow team
Sept 18	Paula Rhodarmer team
Sept 25	Jerry Allsbrook team

Nursery

Sept 4	Rhonda Lear Susan Kingshill
Sept 11	T J Anthony Ann-Michael Winstead
Sept 18	Renee Mitchell Charlotte Allsbrook
Sept 25	Jenny Alt Wally Cook

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
Breakdown of Cash:	
Checking Account	6,553
Savings Account	<u>241,957</u>
Total	248,510

Set Up/Usher Teams

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

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

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Lucy Anne Cole Miriam Rose Cole	2 Rick Boen Emily Lizarazu	3
4 Art & Sarah Altman Larry & Millie Hershenson	5 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Ann-Michael Winstead Labor Day	6 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	7	8 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	9 Wirt Skinner Chuck & Carole Torpy	10
11 10:45 AM Holy Communion Sarah Altman	12 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Eileen Bartlett	13 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group Lisa Kirby	14	15 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	16	17
18	19 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Clara Alt	20 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 1:30 PM Mission Committee 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group Bill Sterrett	21 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	22 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	23	24
25 Bonnie Indgin	26 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study	27 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	28 Sam & Renee Mitchell Jason Smith	29 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Alan & Diana Bush	30	