

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 & Children's Church

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 Study

February 2018

The stock market in the United States has seen an historic rise over the past year and recently broke the 26,000 mark. If you have money in mutual funds or dabble in the market, then this is great news for your investments. Laissez les bons temps roulez, as they say in New Orleans. But let's take stock of our lives (pun intended) and consider what Jesus has to say about worldly wealth. He says one time in a nut shell "get it and use it for the kingdom" (Luke 16). Another time in Luke 12 Jesus, speaking of a man who was building his own kingdom said "you fool, this very night your life is required of you and then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" As we build wealth--as we build an inheritance for our families, let's remember that the wealth of the world is fleeting, but the treasure that we store up in Christ's Kingdom is the true and lasting kind. Which kingdom are you investing in?

Pastor Edward



Session Highlights for January 2018

Welcome of new session members Sarah Altman and Sam Mitchell

Upcoming Presbytery meeting at Community Evangelistic Church in Knoxville on February 2-3

The Finance Committee gave a presentation outlining the projected income and expenditures for 2018

Work was continued on the required annual review of the church roll

It was recommended and approved to celebrate communion on the first Sunday of month in 2018

As always prayers for our congregation and individuals in need were made

Providence Happenings



New drapes in the sanctuary were designed by Pat Inglis and fabricated by Rita Sevig.

Soup and Trivia

Join us on Saturday, February 10th for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite soup or chili - we will provide the drinks and desserts. Following our meal we will begin a friendly competition of Trivia - 3 rounds. Arrive at 4 pm to set up our meal and we will bless the meal promptly at 4:30 pm.

If you are not comfortable about driving after dark, please contact Barb at (providencechurchassistant@gmail.com) so that we can arrange a ride for you - we don't want you to be left out of the fun.



Scene from Trivia Night 2016

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A SHEPHERD?

Everyone at Providence has been placed under the care of one of the elders/deacons for communication, fellowship, guidance, friendship, prayer and praise. We have created a refrigerator magnet for each family with the name of your Elder and Deacon plus phone numbers. These will be distributed February 4th.

Instead of dinners for 8 we are going to have fellowship groups with our shepherd calling us together for the first meeting. At that meeting the group can decide how they would like to proceed from there for monthly meetings.

This is the first time that all of us at the church have been included in a group. This is a wonderful time to get together and learn more about your church family. You should be hearing from your shepherd before the end of February to arrange a "get together." Do plan to attend and participate in a group that you will get to know much better by spending some time together.

Painting Party

Sarah and Art Altman have been working with their son to open Fractals, a Coffee Shop & Café in West Asheville. They have passed inspections and can now put up the drywall and trim. Whew!!

To finish the work and open the doors for business they need your help.

They are having a painting party Saturday, February 3 at 10 am. The coffee shop is located at 547 Haywood Road, West Asheville. If you can come and join the fun, please let Sarah know (srhaltman@yahoo.com or 828-421-1886) so that we can have enough rollers, brushes and food. They hope to see you there.



Mission News



Dearest Providence Church,

Lisa and I send our sincerest love and thanks for your faithful support of our mission calling with EPC World Outreach. Your support has made it possible for us to FIND and SEND more EPC workers to go to places with few or no believers!

Truly, you are a vital part of sending "beautiful feet" that bring the "good news" of Jesus Christ to people who have yet to hear!
Romans 10:15

We hope to see you all soon. With our love, *Shawn & Lisa*



Dear Providence Church Family,

Oh, how thankful we are to continue to receive your support for the Bible Club @ North Canton Elem. We not only are grateful for your financial donations each month but also are overjoyed that you continue to partner with us through prayer and by demonstrating love and generosity to the children.

The Christmas party was a success as we celebrated the birth of Christ - each child received a special gift bag and we were able to make votive lights and had a special Christmas carol time with Tommy Queen on guitar! This year, God has placed some especially needy kids in the club, so your financial support also helped to provide them with a happy Christmas.

A highlight of last semester was teaching 40 children about Peter and the Apostles and how they suffered for Christ's sake. The children were able to connect those lessons with the example of Andrew Brunson, who suffers today in prison because of the NAME. They are learning to pray and trust God too, as he languishes in jail in Turkey. They will see God answer!

Rev. 5:8 says that the 24 elders fall down before the LAMB of GOD and each is holding a harp and a golden bowl which is FULL of the prayers of the saints. The kids learned that their prayers are being added to the golden bowls until they are overflowing before the throne of CHRIST. Praise God with us for the privilege of teaching the children the WORD of GOD!

Love of Jesus,

Karen and Paul Zimmerman

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2018

Luke Allsbrook - Discipleship & Christian Education

Bob Dresdow - Discipleship & Christian Education

Class of 2019

Wally Cook - Congregational Care

Thom Morgan - Finance

Class of 2020

Sarah Altman

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

Our Diaconate

Jeffrey Alt - Class of 2018

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Art Altman - Class of 2020

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Youth Director - Alan Cheney

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

From the Lizarazu Family - Serving at Camp Kewina.

Christmas 2017

The rainy season is slow in getting started this year but we will take even the few rain showers we have gotten so far even if it means turning the inside of our house into a huge clothes line.

We have two full weeks of camp coming up. And with a family of 7, that means a lot of washing to get done so we can be away for most of the holiday camps.

In Bolivia, our camp runs all year around with rentals to various churches, schools and organizations. However, we have 6 special camps each year. Three in June, during our winter break, and three in December and January when we are on our summer break. This year our summer is super full with other special camps as well. Just last week there was the camp for the jail kids (Kids who go to jail because their parents are in jail and they have nowhere else to go.) Then, we will have our Kids camp, kids from 6-12. After Kids camp is a special weekend camp for street kids and drug addicts. Then right after that, we have youth camp with kids ages 13-18. Then we have the holidays. From Christmas to New Year's our staff has a break, but the camp does not. A camp of children in a low income project will spend their new year at camp. Shortly after that, we will have our Adventure camp. And to end the season, this year there will be a first time ever camp for Down Syndrome kids. Exciting huh!



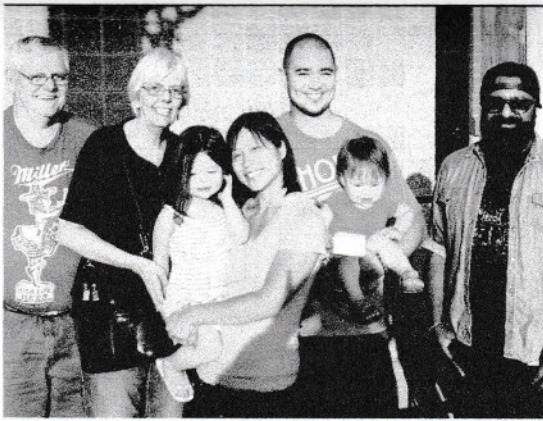
Eric and I and the kids do what we can, but it is Grover and our staff of volunteers that run the show. The planning for this season began about 4 months ago. Grover and the other volunteers are in charge of these meetings. And, Eric and I work behind the scenes, getting the camp in tip top shape for all the upcoming camps. Camp is so busy that sometimes we can't even cut the grass for fear of interfering in their Bible Studies or Chapel times. This week, it seems the zip line cables have some sort of trouble. We will head out with the campers on Monday to make sure it can be up and running again as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, we are packing the house up for our home assignment. Trying to say goodbye to our friends and animals; pass most of our responsibilities off to other willing friends as well as get all documents and taxes paid for before we head to Alaska in January.

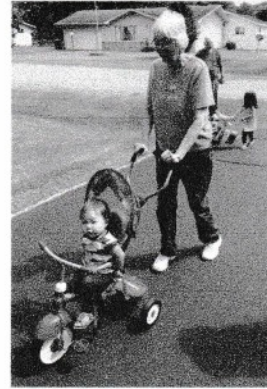
Our main goal in Alaska is to meet with new churches who will be willing to add us on as their support based missionaries. Camp could use some financial support as well in the form of scholarships and building funds. Our second goal is to help our kids reconnect with some of their cousins in the USA.

We do hope that you have a great time this Christmas serving and loving others. God is Good! His Son is the Prince of Peace. May you have PEACE this year over the Holiday's delivered straight from the Prince of Peace.

The Lizarazu Family in Bolivia



Left: MeeHee's Family.

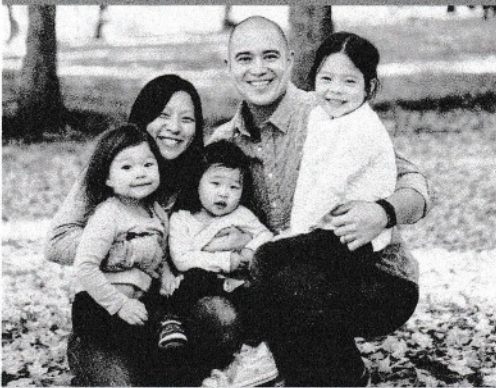


Right: MeeHee's mom, Kathy, loved spending time with our girls!

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Prayer

- Please pray for strength and comfort for MeeHee, her dad (Dave) and brother (Biju).
- Please pray for the beginning of this new school year, that in our weakness, we would serve in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray for our student leaders that they would be encouraged to lead boldly in their faith in this new semester.
- Please pray for our upcoming men's and women's retreats in Mid-February. Historically, these retreats prove to be places of great breakthrough in students' lives.



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A Time of Mourning

We loaded up our kids for the drive to Wisconsin to see MeeHee's family in December and spend an early Christmas with them before coming back for our annual Cru Winter Conference in Portland. While there, it became clear to us that MeeHee's mom was not doing well with her health and there was significant decline. Right when we were about to leave to come back home, the doctors told us that Kathy (her mom) only had 1-2 weeks left, so we stayed there to help take care of her and spend her last days with her.

Kathy Zimmerman passed away on December 29th in Wausau, Wisconsin. We are in a pretty significant time of grief and mourning...I'm not sure what can ever prepare you for loss like that. We are thankful that we had the freedom to stay with her and invest the Christmas season with her and Dave (MeeHee's dad). It has been during this season that we have honestly felt deflated at times. It has been comforting to have friends and mentors around us who have walked through grief to give us godly counsel. We know that many of you have been praying for us, and we don't know how we would be able to walk through this season without your prayers. We are so grateful for your support and encouragement.

Over these last couple weeks, Cru granted us 2 weeks of bereavement leave. We have been reading through a book called "Walking with God through Pain and Suffering" by Timothy Keller, as well as a book called "The Emotionally Healthy Leader" by Peter Scazzero.

The most comforting thought through all of this is knowing that we serve a God who is not distant, but one who willingly entered our pain and suffering in a broken world, and took our suffering and brokenness upon Himself. We are thankful that we do not serve a God who is cold and indifferent, but one who *"was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down"* (Isaiah 53:3-4a). We have found comfort reading Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Romans 8, and 2 Corinthians 1 knowing that it is Christ who comforts and grieves with us. I think this will be a season of mourning for our family, and we are thankful to be surrounded by the family of God to support and encourage us. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Love, Matt & Lisa MeeHee.

****Starting now, please update our mailing address to:**

**4149 Clydesdale Ct.
Bozeman, MT 59718**

Hole in My Heart Ministries



What's the ministry plan for 2018? (edited. For complete newsletter and blogs, please visit Laurie's website at <http://himhministries.com/>)

The year 2017 was an incredible year for HIMH. Because of the love of God, we watched lives change one-on-one, in small groups, in front of crowds of thousands, and at our first conference.



Because of the oneness of God, he guided us toward gathering churches, organizations, and individuals who want to lean into grace, truth, and love when it comes to sexuality.

Because of the grace of God moving in the hearts of investors, we were able to move into a beautiful and energizing new office building.

Because of the wisdom of God, we were advised to separate our professional counseling from the ministry to Matt's own counseling practice to protect the ministry. He will still volunteer with the ministry as a speaker, podcaster, and sometimes-writer, but his primary job will be developing his counseling practice. This will keep the ministry safe from potential litigation in such a contentious conversation, and help HIMH to focus its mission.

The mission of HIMH is to equip Jesus-followers with a gospel-centered approach to sexuality.

We will still journey alongside people one-on-one, and we will use support you give us to scholarship people to receive the help they need through a counselor like Matt (we have had several requests this week for such help), but we will primarily teach people how to care well within their community.

We want to equip the church with a gospel-centered approach to sexuality (our "mission") so that the Church becomes a safe place that cultivates wholeness and holiness for people wrestling with issues related to sexuality (our "vision"). We want to work ourselves out of a job because the Church is being the Church. The way we do this is via the heart.

The role I see HIMH playing is utilizing my story as an example of "the least of these" to encourage the Church to come forward with their own places of pain and shame, and view their brothers or sisters through the lens of their own need for Jesus. All fall short, all are loved.

This is the overarching goal of 2018: We want to take the constant refining the Lord is doing in our own hearts and pass it along to others so that we equip the church (Eph. 4:12). How we will do that is in through speaking to colleges and to churches, building national and local partnerships, hosting another conference, podcasting, publishing my book (we hope!), leading workshops using my book's resources to teach how to look at our hearts and care for the heart of our brother, mentoring, blogging, and praying for those we minister to. That last one is the most important.

Thank you so much for making it happen alongside us. We could not do any of this without your support.

Laurie—for the Team

Want Ads

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

Free - about 100 cookbooks. For more information contact Glenda White, 235-1897 or glendarwhite@outlook.com

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 December 31, 2017

Tithe/Offering collections	195,434
Miscellaneous income	66
Designated giving	<u>1,863</u>
Total Revenue	197,363
Missions	28,800
Church Operating Expenses	<u>174,889</u>
Total Expenditures	203,689
Increase (Decrease) in cash	(6,326)
Carryover of Benevolence Funds	200
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>238,456</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	232,330
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	20,279
Savings Account	<u>212,051</u>
Total	232,330

February Volunteers

Snacks

Feb 4	Glenda White team
Feb 11	Church
Feb 18	Paula Rhodarmer team
Feb 25	LuAnn Davis team

Sunday School/Children's Church

Feb 4	LuAnn Davis
Feb 11	Glenda Brouwer
Feb 18	Renee Mitchell
Feb 25	Renee Mitchell


Counting Teams

Feb 4	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell
Feb 11	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis
Feb 18	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
Feb 25	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill

Set Up/Close/Usher

Feb 4	Luke Allsbrook
Feb 11	Bob Dresdow
Feb 18	Sam Mitchell
Feb 25	Wally Cook

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4  10:45 AM Holy Communion Curt Sevig	5 Eden MacMillan	6 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	7	1 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Renee Allsbrook	2	3
					Presbytery Meeting	
11	12	13 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	14 Valentine's Day	15 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	16	17
18	19	20 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	21 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	22 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	23	24 Sidney & Bonnie Indgin
25	26	27 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Julia Lizarazu	28			