

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

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

## June 2018



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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  
6:30 pm Galatians Study

#### **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

Here's the Big News! With a unanimous congregational vote on May 6 we made the decision to purchase the HCA facility. This lovely campus, the history of which goes back to the 1940's as Woodland Baptist Church, is a true gift from God. While we have enjoyed this shared space for worship and fellowship for nearly 10 years already, we want each and everyone to take a step of faith, and together make this church and it's buildings a place where the gospel is preached and where lives are transformed in new and exciting ways. I pray that you will be "all in". Ask yourself, as a simple start on this adventure: "what are two things that I can commit to as a sign of gospel engagement?" What part of your time, your talents, or your treasure would you offer as your distinct way of saying to the Lord and His people that you want to more engaged in what the Father is doing in our community? May the Lord speak to you and may we together heed the call for the sake of the Gospel.

*Pastor Edward*

There will be no Pastor's Circle on June 19<sup>th</sup>



### **Session Highlights**

- The session has begun reading the book, Becoming a Blessed Church, and had discussion as it applies to Providence. We will continue working through a chapter a month.
- A report of the 104th presbytery meeting was made.
- Discussion about proceeding with closing on the church property and development of member teams to help with inside and outside maintenance.

# Providence Happenings



## Vacation Bible School

**Where:** Faith Community Church  
Waynesville

**When:** Monday June 18 - Friday June 23  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

**Who:** Volunteers needed for acting,  
snacks and activities

**What:** Market Place in the Holy Land

**Why:** Because our kids are precious and  
we can share the Gospel

Human Trafficking is a terrible reality in our world and even in our own communities. Come learn more about this important subject at Lake Junaluska Baptist Church on Saturday morning (9-1) on June 9th. A catered lunch is provided. For more information contact Pastor Edward.

## New Bible Study

Our Galatians Bible Study begins Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. If you plan to attend, please contact Toni Cook so that she will have materials ready for you.

Email her at [cook81050@gmail.com](mailto:cook81050@gmail.com) or call (828) 226-1679/



## 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

Vacant

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

### Our Diaconate

Jeffrey Alt - Class of 2018

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Vacant - Class of 2020

**Music Director & Worship** - Renee Allsbrook

**Administrative Assistant** - Barb Dresdow

## Pounding

Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> is our "Pounding" of Boyd Allsbrook to celebrate his graduation from Tuscola HS.



Please plan to stay and celebrate with us after our morning worship service.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafad23ab9-graduation>

Use the above link to see what other folks have already purchased for him. Need a last minute gift idea? 2 rolls of quarters equal 1 pound!!!

ALSO: A reminder to come prepared with a Scripture to write on a canvas laundry bag. Unless it is really short, just the address will do: Book, chapter, verse.



# Mission News



## McKays May Update

While many of you are winding down with school in the US, we are preparing for a break before the stretch run of 6 weeks which will conclude late in July. Sam and Ian are doing well in their school and are ready for summer.



We were privileged to host a marvelous lady from an EPC church in Arizona for a few days recently and to show her a bit of the refugee work here in southern Germany. Humorously, she was able to experience one of our standard mission moments when some Syrians that we were visiting proceeded to bring out a massive meal for us to eat.... less than an hour after we had eaten lunch at home (a fact of which we had already informed them)!! There is little opportunity to say "no" where food is concerned.

One of the many great ways that the Lord continues to bless us is in the way in which He keeps opening doors to relationship(s) with new people. Remember our 'new' country to whose people He recently gave us access? Well, we stopped by on a Sunday afternoon for our first meal with them (now why are you not surprised that there was food involved?!) and there were two new Iranian men with them! We have their contact information and they seem genuinely interested in maintaining contact. The story of one of them is that he owned a clothing/design shop with people working for him. It was going well until he engaged in the shocking behavior of wanting to design comfortable/fashionable clothing for women, a 'crime' for which his shop was closed and which put him in personal danger.

An Afghan family came over for tea a few days ago,... they are the only ref. family since we have been in Germany to come to our apartment without insisting that we visit them first. We are able to work with the parents on their German and are meeting with their teenagers to work on English. It is a wonderful opportunity and they seem to be open to further connection. The teenage daughter looked around and calmly noted a Persian Bible that we had on our windowsill. Pray for open hearts to share more of the love of the Lord, especially in this Ramadan season!

Prayer/Praise:

- Prayer for Jesus to appear to many M.'s during Ramadan!!
- Really grateful for my family!! (Adger speaking)
- Our support deficit of over \$1,000/month
- The right church and personal connections on our US visit

We are privileged to serve the King here Engaging the Displaced. Thank you for your love and support,

*Adger, Sandra, Sam & Ian*

## Goodbye Season Is Upon Us

Perhaps the hardest part of our job is saying so many goodbyes. Every June between 15-20% of our congregation moves away to scatter across the globe. The temptation in serving the globally mobile is to harden our hearts to new people, knowing it's only a matter of time until they leave. That's why we slow down to grieve the transition and reflect on God's impact. Like the impact on Danny's family.



Danny was training to become a Catholic priest until a crisis of faith interrupted his preparation. From that day forward, the young Colombian vowed to never commit to a church again. He was on a quest for answers and didn't believe the church had anything to offer.

After finishing a Ph.D. in philosophy, marrying a North American wife, and having two beautiful, curly-headed daughters, Danny and his family showed up at the United Church of Bogotá. "I'm here because she wanted me to come with her," was how he introduced himself to us.

Two years later, Danny and his family sit in the first row every single Sunday. The family is relocating to the U.S. soon, which meant another goodbye. But this goodbye is one that smells sweetly of God's faithfulness. Danny's wife us gave a tear-soaked hug standing in front of the church they'd grown to love. "You have no idea how important this ministry has been to us," she said. "I never thought we'd be at a church together as a family. I never thought he'd come with us. Thank you."

Now Danny not only leads his family spiritually, but also loves God's Church and is devouring the Bible and Christ-centered theology. He found his answers in Jesus through the church. That mom's tearful thank you wasn't just directed toward us, though. It was directed toward you, too. Your partnership in the gospel makes this ministry to the nations and the next generation possible.

Will you please pray for us and our church as we say dozens of goodbyes like this over the coming weeks? Gratefully, *Andrew w/Laura Kate, Fox, Evie Jude, & Lucy*

### Update on Ge@rge and Cynthi@

We did receive a five-year student visa and a one-year residency permit. It means that we will not need to leave the country each year to renew our visa but they have the option of not giving us another residency permit. We are in our new apartment and we are very pleased with it. The kitchen is small, only allowing one person at a time in there to cook but otherwise, we are very pleased with the rest of the apartment. We do have four bedrooms and two baths so Cynthi@ has a room to teach in and another room in which to store supplies and to do her own paintings in.

I have been meeting with a young man called JJ once a week. We have talked about his background as he is part of a minority tribe in the country we are in. He grew up believing in ancestor and spirit worship and the idea that good people get re-incarnated quickly and bad people spend more time in the "spirit world" as angry spirits. Last week, without our planning it three of us got to share some of the gospel with him and he is definitely interested. Pray for God to open JJ's eyes and to sense the call and the faith to trust in the savior.

Cynthi@'s art classes have gone well. She now has men and women involved in the class. She has spoken of God's glory being shown in so many ways throughout the natural world. This week someone asked her why she draws and paints. She was able to share that she believed that God had created us in His image and that He has put a desire in us to be like Him, a creative God. She paints to give honor to a creative God. Her student said he needed to think about that this week. Cynthi@ has been able to have private time with one lady from the class who is not a believer yet, but is going through a hard time. So far, she has been willing to take the advice of believers here and not make bad decisions for her life and marriage, instead of the advice of the world. We and others have shared with her, but have yet to see her heart open up to the good news. Please pray that she continues to hold on to her good decisions for her marriage.

Thank you for praying for us! Thank you for supporting us financially. We lost a few supporters while we were waiting to get back into our country and to get our visas.

In Him, *Ge@rge and Cynthi@*



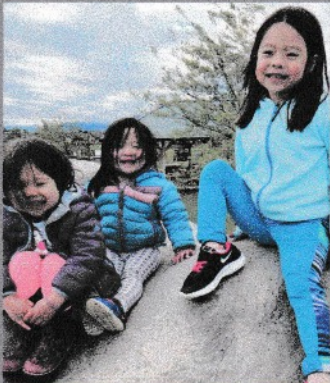
**Above:** Our last Cru Weekly Meeting of the year!

**Right:** The student leaders that we have the privilege of working with!



## Prayer

- Praise God for a great end to the year with Cru at MSU. We finished with a BBQ, and by praying for one another as we scatter all over the nation over the summer!
- Please pray for the students involved with us, that they would remain strong and grow in the Lord this summer, rather than slip back into old ways!
- Please pray for our family as we leave for East Asia this weekend. Please pray for our kiddos that the transition would go well for them!



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## Closing the Year and East Asia!

As we end this school year, we reflect on many things: a great year of ministry, students coming to Christ, students taking great steps of faith, and also still walking through grief in the loss of MeeHee's mom. It has been a year of ups and downs, but we know that the Lord is with us, and that He is at work. We think of students we work with who are graduating (Bennett, Kayla, Emily, Tommy, Luke, Courtney, Nick, Bethany, Larissa, and Annika), and are so thankful for their years of involvement and growth in the Lord. Our prayer and vision for these students is that they will continue to walk passionately with Christ in the marketplace as teachers and engineers, and be the light of Christ wherever Christ sends them. **Would you please pray for them as they make this next transition, that the Lord would protect them, encourage them, and help them love their new neighbors and co-workers well?**



As we end the year, we are transitioning to our summer mission, which is in **East Asia this summer**. We leave for our briefing on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and will return to the states on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have the privilege of taking 7 students (3 of them Bobcats) to spend the next 5 weeks sharing our faith like crazy, and surfacing contacts of interested students who we can pass on to the long term Cru staff and local churches in East Asia. These summers are so formative for our students, as we take steps of faith, get trained in sharing our faith in another culture, and our eyes are opened to the magnitude of God as the God of not only America, but the Nations! Please pray for us that the Lord would protect our team, that He would use us as an encouragement to the long-term workers in East Asia, and that the students we talk to would place their faith in Jesus. Please also pray for our family, as we have never travelled with our daughters over seas! We are excited to see what the Lord will do in and through the summer mission. Thank you for your many prayers and words of encouragement. We pray that your partnership and investment will result in transformed hearts for Christ this summer! **\*\*Due to the sensitive nature of the place we are going this summer, please do not post publicly where we are going this summer...this is mainly to protect the nationals that we will be working with in East Asia.**

## **BAM = Business As Ministry**

Do you reach people who would never step foot into a traditional church building? Sometimes you have to think in non-traditional ways like looking at how we can intentionally use the marketplace to see God's kingdom expanded.



Last week, Courtney participated in a "learning community" to look at how Greater Europe Mission is and could be using BAM (Business as Ministry). Around the table were represented an English school, co-working office spaces, and a pilot. Together we were able to think through some of the foundational pieces for GEM as we see that there's a trend surging of using a BAM method in many missions settings especially as we are trying to bring in more Europeans into GEM to reach Europe. We estimate that BAM will account for 1/6 of the mission within the next 8 years. Just think of the lives that will be transformed!!

While the groups Courtney currently oversees are not BAM but do have some similarities, we partner with BAM groups on a regular basis and want to be encouragers and promoters of these types of ministries.

Also participating were groups looking at anti-human trafficking ministry, use of visual/performing arts in ministry and a group that focuses on discipleship within strategic cities throughout Europe.

### **Summer Plans**

This summer we plan to return to the US for 5 weeks. Part of this will be work related events as well as looking at colleges for Alex and spending some intentional time with both our families. Krista's family will have a family reunion, - first in about 16 years. We live literally all over the world so it's rare to all be in the same place at the same time...but we knew we had to make it happen.

Due to some strange scheduling, we probably will not be able to get around to see everyone we hoped to this summer, but not to worry... we plan on taking a more extended time in the summer/fall of 2019 as we get Alex settled in college and will ensure time with all our churches and supporting families.

### **Leadership Transition Update**

Since April, Courtney has been transitioning to a new leadership role. While still the team leader for eDOT, he is also leading the team leaders for 3 other ministry teams which creates what we affectionately call "Borderless Fields", as each one works throughout Europe and beyond. For Courtney, this means having to step back from some of his responsibilities with eDOT and give them to others. To be honest, this has been tougher than originally anticipated but the eDOT team is doing great stepping into these roles so it's really just me (Courtney) having to "get over it". Please continue to pray for these teams:

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Praise for the completion of our regular Bible study year. In two weeks we will have our party where the women can share what God taught them this year. We hope that this is a special time of reflection on what God has done in the last year.
- Pray for Alex as he prepares for his Junior Year final exams.
- Pray for the details of our time back in the US to come together. It's going to be busy and we need to prioritize some time with our families.
- Our new team members are settling in nicely. Pray for their continued transition.
- Please pray for one of our teams filming a movie in Central Asia. The movie is based on the Beatitudes.

### Want Ads

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

**Volunteers Needed:** Next month, we will take possession of this building and our Deacons are looking for weekly volunteers to clean the church and do yard work. Many hands make light work. We are also looking for volunteers during HCA's moving dates. Please see Jeffery or Will if you can help.



### 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.

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

### Providence Church Summarized Financial Information April 30 2018

<b>Total Income received YTD</b>	<b>\$58,022.63</b>
<b>Total expenses YTD</b>	<b>\$64,987.65</b>
<b>Shortfall YTD</b>	<b>\$6,965.02</b>
<b>Funds in Savings/Checking</b>	<b>\$225,415.15</b>

Keep in mind that on June 29 we close on the building and give \$150,000 to HCA. Our mortgage payment is \$2000/month.

### June Volunteers

#### Snacks

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

#### Sunday School/Children's Church

June 3	Renee Mitchell
June 10	Phil Inglis
June 17	LuAnn Davis
June 24	Glenda Brouwer


#### Counters

June 3	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
June 10	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
June 17	Alan Bush Bill White
June 24	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell

#### Set Up/Close/Usher

June 3:	Luke Allsbrook
June 9:	Will Roberts
June 17:	Sam Mitchell
June 24:	Wally Cook

# June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b>  10:45 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Boyd pounding	<b>4</b> Boyd Allsbrook Skip MacMillan	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 6:30 PM Galatians Adger McKay Wesley Roberts Garrett & Renee Walston	<b>6</b> Wirt & Torpy Skinner	<b>7</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	<b>8</b> Camping trip	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bill & Jerry Allsbrook	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 6:30 PM Galatians Bruce & Susan Kingshill	<b>13</b> Jeffrey & Jennifer Alt	<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> Father's Day	<b>18</b> Joan Parker Susan Kingshill	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Galatians	<b>20</b> Serving at Open Door	<b>21</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Jeziah MacMillan	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Steve & Buffy White
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bill Allsbrook	<b>26</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 6:30 PM Galatians	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Holly Godfrey Adger & Sandra McKay	<b>29</b> Shirley Morrow	<b>30</b> Gaby Lowell