

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation  
Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde*



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### **Directions to Providence 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**

10:00 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

## **January 2019**

New year and new beginnings. We have much to be grateful for as we look back and look forward. Last year we celebrated 10 years of God's faithfulness to us as a fellowship of Evangelical Presbyterians.

Then in 2018 we got news that Haywood Christian Academy was moving to a new location and after conversations we accepted the joyful challenge and privilege of having our own church facility. I have been full of wonder to see how all of our people have stepped up to make our campus beautiful inside and out. In the coming year we will discern how the Father would have us leverage our buildings for ministry in our community. Our longing is to connect people to Jesus for gospel transformation. Let us join hands and hearts as we endeavor to have an outsized impact for Christ in our valley.

By grace

*Pastor Edward*



### **Session Highlights**

There was no Session meeting in December.



### **The Well**

Are you hungry and thirsty for healing prayer? For yourself, for our church and for our nation? Come to The Well...meeting the first Monday of every month. Join us on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

# Providence Happenings



## Garage Sale

### Too much "Stuff" in your house?

Move it for Missions!!! We are planning to have a church wide yard sale to benefit local and foreign missions in the spring of 2019. We are now collecting smaller/ medium size items in the old "art" room, the first door on the right of the classroom area of Providence Church. If you have larger items such as couches, elephants or treadmills just let us know and we will make arrangements for them. More details to come in the future.



## Congregational Meeting

We will hold our annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon following our morning worship service. During this meeting we will hold, as required, a meeting of the corporation. Then during the congregational meeting, we will vote on new Elders and Deacons. Bob Dresdow and Phil Inglis will be presented for 3 year terms as Elders (Class of 2021). Bill Allsbrook will be presented for a 3 year term as Deacon (Class of 2021). The Congregational members of the Nominating Committee for next year will be Pat Inglis and Bill White.

We will also view the budget as prepared and approved by our Session. The terms of call for Pastor Edward will be presented and voted upon by members of the congregation. You must be a member of Providence Church to vote. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

## 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

**The Open Door** in 2017 served 28,488 meals; gave away nearly 70,000 pounds of food; helped 43 people find shelter; paid over \$19,060 in utility assistance to help 254 individuals stay in their homes; spent \$7,906 in medical assistance and nearly \$5,000 in discretionary assistance to help folks with gas, obtaining birth certificates, and purchasing materials to start new jobs; helped 100 families with emergency housing; provided year-round laundry services to 628 individuals; allowed folks to take 781 showers; and provided thrift store assistance to 326 individuals, including children in need of school clothing.



# Mission News



## Update From The McKay's December Newsletter

We wanted to thank you all for helping us to be a light in the darkness among the refugees in Germany. We truly appreciate all your prayers and support.

In early October we had the privilege of hosting Stephen and Belinda Kelley from ETC for a week. During that time Stephen also met with our Syrian couple and some M friends. Its great to see them engage in their own language.

In November Adger joined Stephen Kelley at the ETC training center in Spain, to support and encourage the BMB's in their training. It is such a joy to meet with these amazing people and learn and worship together.



We continue to live life with the ones that God has placed in our path. One evening we had a Syrian friend over for a meal and a chat about life and God. We were able to give him an Arabic Bible as he is still seeking to understand more about Christianity, etc. So many see it as 'just another religion' and we always come back to the relationship aspect with Jesus. Pray that his heart will be stirred.

Sandra continues to meet with some of the ladies, among them one from Afghanistan. She came over for tea at our apartment for the first time while her kids were at school. Sometimes getting away from the daily grind is a relief to them. She has not seen her husband -who is still in Afghanistan- in 3 years. For some reason the German Embassy has not given him a second interview and she is desperate to have him here. Pray that the authorities will move on this issue. She is the mother of 5 children and has severe Diabetes.

### Prayer/Praise:

- meeting with Iranians, seeking to form a discipleship group/fellowship with the help of our Christian Farsi friend
- starting our 3rd full year in Germany!
- thankful for family and friends
- major tax issue/burden to be resolved (see below for specifics)

### About that huge tax problem...

A few weeks ago we were shocked to receive a very large tax bill for our 2017 German taxes. Our professional tax advisor sent us a payment amount that was over 4x larger than what he had previously estimated. Adger had been pressing him for the last 10 months out of concern that this could happen...and he assured us in February that the tax estimates were accurate. If you want to help out with this, please consider giving through Plumtree Presbyterian Church or you can designate this through World Outreach. Unfortunately, due to our advisor's grossly low pre-payment estimates for 2018 (which we have already paid in full) we will encounter a similar problem again next year, as well.

We are wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

*The McKay's in Germany*

## Update from the Luptons

"Andrew, I need to talk to you about a boy on the street..."

I leaned in as I listened to Katherine, a young university professor, tell me about her encounter with a boy on the street. Katherine and I had begun meeting a few months earlier. From our first meeting it felt like God was after her heart. I told her as much, but the boy on the street brought urgency to our conversations about the gospel.



The Venezuelan refugee crisis is acutely felt. It's impossible to ignore the one million Venezuelans who have moved to Colombia, many in the most desperate conditions. Katherine was out one evening when she ran into a Venezuelan boy begging for her leftovers. She kept walking. But the thought of the boy followed her home. It bothered her for days until she landed in my office.

"Why was my heart so cold toward that little boy? Is this what a Christian would call a sin?" For the first time she felt the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. We talked about how experiences like this, our sin and shame, show our need for a Savior. We read through Ephesians 2. We talked about the work of Jesus to pay for our sins and give us his righteousness, salvation by grace through faith. "Do you believe this now, Katherine?" "Yes, I now believe this."

I'm thankful for that boy on the street. I'm thankful God continues to rescue his people. And we're thankful for you. Your faithful prayers and generosity allow us to have a front row seat to watch God reach the nations and the next generation.

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

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## From the Roes Newsletter

We've seen a lot of projects see movement [this past year]:

- like eDOT's C2C Story (heavy usage as well as more languages added - Spanish is next)
- the Soul Connection app is just coming out of its design phase and about to enter development (this an app to help people experientially explore how they connect with God in different ways)
- an online component of GEM's Discipleship Multiplication Training is getting traction and we hope to make parts of it public by the end of 2019
- GSM's "The Kingdom" film (a feature film retelling of the Prodigal son story in modern day Kosovo) continues to get put into new languages. We heard about it being used in a French prison ministry and a group wants to use it for broadcast on Satellite TV in the Middle East.
- GSM's "The Traveler" film (a story based on the Beatitudes filmed in Central Asia spoken in a local dialect) was filmed and is currently being edited and is highly anticipated by those working there.
- The Design Group continues to be in demand helping European ministries use their space for greatest impact. With projects from Ireland to Greece, from ministry centers to Christian bookstores to homes being used for Christian counseling (Courtney got to be there for a site visit to that last one).
- SC has been able to advance "The Josephine Project" (a retelling of the Old Testament Joseph story in context of the Syrian refugee experience) through social media campaigns and the prose draft of the story has been drawn up.



Alex just celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. My how fast they grow up. He was also accepted to two colleges: Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina and King University in Tennessee. Now to complete his senior year and make the transition to the US this summer.

### Want Ads

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

**Looking for** a lawn mower. Call Edward 550-4615.

**EBay guru needed:** If you have the time, computer talent, and call/desire to help with missions, we need someone that likes to work with EBay to post/sell items that may bring a better price there than at a yard sale. If interested contact Renee Mitchell or any of the mission committee.

### 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 October 31, 2018

Tithes/Offering collections	138,107
Miscellaneous income	<u>662</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>138,859</b>
Missions	24,815
Purchase of HCA	151,760
Church Operating Expenses	<u>140,856</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>317,431</b>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(178,572)
Designated Givings	50
Cash in Bank Beginning of Year	<u>232,330</u>
<b>Cash in Bank End of Month</b>	<b>53,808</b>
<b>Breakdown of Cash</b>	
Checking Account	53,808
Savings Account	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,808</b>

**Update as of 12/30** (will not have final figures for nearly a week, to see if anything comes postmarked 12/31)

\$179,669	revenue
\$195,273	expenditures
\$15,604	(shortage)

### January Volunteers

#### Snacks

Jan 6	Paula Rhodarmer team
Jan 13	Glenda White team 1
Jan 20	Susan Kingshill team
Jan 27	Glenda White team 2

#### Sunday School/Children's Church

Jan 6	Phil Inglis
Jan 13	Glenda Brouwer
Jan 20	Renee Mitchell
Jan 27	LuAnn Davis



#### Counters

Jan 6	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Jan 13	Phil Inglis Bill White
Jan 20	Sam Mitchell Wally Cook
Jan 27	Bill Allsbrook Luke Allsbrook

#### Open/Close/Usher

Jan 6	Luke Allsbrook
Jan 13	Bob Dresdow
Jan 20	Sam Mitchell
Jan 27	Wally Cook

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2	3 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Carole Torpy	4 Michael Lear Sandra McKay	5
6  10:45 AM Holy Communion	7 5:00 PM The Well Mary Ellen Fawcett	8 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Bob Dresdow	9	10 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	11	12 Malcolm Spink
13 12:00 PM Congregational Meeting	14 Diana Bush	15 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	16 11:15 AM Serve at Open Door	17 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	18 Edward Brouwer	19 Margaret Allsbrook Matt Kirby
20	21	22 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	23	24 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	25	26
27	28	29 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	30	31 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Cook & serve at Open Door		