

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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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 105, 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

Wednesday

10:30 - Women's Prayer Group

Thursday

6:30 am - Men's Prayer Group
and breakfast

Every Other Thursday

7:00 pm Men's Group Study
7:00 pm Women's Group Study

September 2019

Labor Day Weekend. For many it spells the end of summer. When I was a kid it was the last hoorah before school started that next Tuesday. Did you know that Congress, exactly 125 years ago this year, passed a law proclaiming the first Monday of September as a holiday in tribute to the American worker? Fitting (and much appreciated) to recognize the blood, sweat and tears that wrought such wealth from this beautiful place we call home. I read on the DOL website "it is appropriate therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership--the American worker." Hmm. Long before our lawmakers thought of honoring the work of our workers, there was another Lawmaker, who rested from His labor on the sabbath and declared that His Creative work was good. He invited humanity into the stewardship and joy of His creation. He engifted us with abilities and aptitudes to join in His creative work with, say, music and architecture, with planting and harvesting. And most importantly He taught us that our labor is not (in the end) that which brings our blessing, but ultimately God is the Giver of ever true blessing. Apart from God, we would idolize our work, even find our identity in it. In Christ, God has enabled us to enter into the New Creation, where our work is part of advancing His Kingdom agenda. In ceasing from our own labors, Christ teaches us that our true worth, our true identity is in our Creator. For we are His workmanship, created for good works which He has laid out in advance for us to walk in. Enjoy your work! For it is an extension of His grace to us. Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it then with all your might! And rest in Him--for He who began a good work in you, will be faithful to complete it in Him.



Session Highlights

- 1) The session completed its study of the book, *Becoming a Blessed Church*. Our church leader covet the prayers of our congregation that we at Providence will truly become a blessed church.
- 2) The prayer time on August 25th was well attended and brought a time of sincere, thoughtful hope for our church. Thanks for all who were able to attend.
- 3) The leadership still continues to seek a party to lease the upper floor of the education building. Our contract with Beverly Hanks Realty ended on August 30 and TJ Anthony is taking over the marketing of the property. If you hear of anyone that might be interested, have them contact TJ.

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Providence Happenings



Session Highlights continued

4) Last month we had a squatter on the church property. You may have noticed the camper that appeared in the side parking lot. Thank to the efforts of our deacon, Will Roberts, the problem was resolved with significant effort. Due to this episode, the deacons are beginning to take a look at things we might do to enhance church security.

5) The session is very pleased that Calvin and Margaret Allsbrook will be joining the church on September 8th.

6) Phil Inglis and Sam Mitchell will be our commissioners to the fall presbytery meeting on Oct. 4-5. Please keep the meeting in your prayers.

NOTE FROM BARB:

As you may know, our daughter-in-law Sarah is facing a double transplant at Duke. Bob and I will be going to Durham as often as needed to encourage, support and care for her and our son Todd. This will mean a change in my ability to do all that I have done both as the church Administrative Assistant, as well as a church member.

I will continue to do as much as possible remotely and when we are home. And please call, text or email me with any prayer requests, questions or concerns.

Toni will be helping me with administrative items when I cannot be here.

Roberta Edwards has taken on the coffee portion of fellowship.

Carole Spink has taken on general care of the kitchen.

Pat Inglis is going to oversee paper products for the kitchen.

Please see our Deacons (Bill and Will) with all things building related.

The schedule of teams (Open/Close, Counting, Snacks, SS/CW, Communion and PP) is posted on the hallway bulletin board and in the kitchen.

Bob and I thank you for all your prayers and encouragement as we come along side Sarah and Todd.

September is Harvest Time- Come hear about God's Harvest

We have TWO wonderful opportunities in September to hear Harvest Reports about what God is doing in the mission fields you, Providence, support abroad.

Sunday Sept 1: Rev. Dr. Steve Woodworth, Associate Coordinator of ITEN (International Theological education Network)



9:50 Steve will give a more personal program on his work with ITEN developing teachers among un-reached peoples.

10:45 Sunday worship service where Steve will bring us the Word of God during his sermon.

12:00 Harvest Celebration with a taco salad/ burrito bar provided.



Sunday Sept. 22:

Courtney and Krista Roe - Greater European Missions/ EPC



9:50 The Roes will share their fascinating work using technology, like film and internet, to reach around the world to millions who otherwise would not be able to access the gospel safely or easily.

11:00 The Roes will give a brief update on their work and their life in Germany during the Sunday worship service.

12:00 Harvest Celebration with Potluck Luncheon- Meat will be provided by the Mission Committee.

Thank you

From Carol Hillard

We are very grateful the test revealed no blood clots in Mike's heart so he could have the procedure to correct his heart rhythm. He is doing well, though he still has some shortness of breath and tires more easily. We will be seeing his cardiologist in two weeks who will, hopefully, allow us to return to Waynesville for the fall.

Thank you so much for your prayers.

Dear Providence Church,

Thank you all very much for contributing to the Partnership Program of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Thank you for the tremendous encouragement and support it is to have people like you behind me as I chip away at my Masters of Divinity degree. Thank you for allowing me several opportunities to preach, and the grace and warmth that Samantha and I feel each time we join for worship with all of you. We look forward to being with you all again soon.

Harrison Northey

The Well

Will NOT meet on Monday, September 2nd, Labor Day

Pastor's Circle

Will NOT meet on Tuesday, September 3rd.

The Open Door

Providence will cook, serve, and clean up at the Open Door on Friday, September 6th. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Phil Inglis.



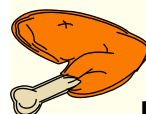
Fiesta! Party!

There will be a taco salad/



burrito bar luncheon provided to the congregation on Sunday, September 1st, following the Sunday worship service. Don't worry about bringing anything but a happy heart. Come join in the festivities and enjoy fellowship with our missionaries the Woodworth family.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON



On Sunday, September 22nd, we will have a



Potluck luncheon. The

meat will be provided by the mission committee, so just bring a side dish. We will have a wonderful time as we "break bread" with our missionaries the Roes, who are home for a bit from Germany. Come spend some personal time with them and your Providence family.





Mission News



Summer Update from Steve Woodworth

Summer is in full-swing here which means the kids are out of school, the Georgia sun is baking us, and the garden is finally bursting with food. For our work with ITEN, summer is also the season of reflecting back over the year and preparing for the one to come. This year the summer season began in May with our annual ITEN leadership retreat where we spent a week pouring over each of our global sites to assess which goals we accomplished and which ones we need to focus on in the coming months. It is a time of prayer for our national partners and it is a time of celebration for the amazing things God has been doing around the world.

One of the outcomes of this retreat was a re-calibration of our roles within ITEN. After five years of service with ITEN, and the addition of new team members, Bruce Anderson and I are now able to focus more intentionally on specific areas of leadership within our growing team. In addition to my ongoing responsibility of assisting Bruce on the Executive Leadership Team, my focused area of specialization will be Strategic Partnerships and Leadership Development. This includes more regular contact with our key partners engaged in Theological Education both here in the States and throughout the world. In addition, I will be spending more individual time serving our national partners through professional and personal development along with supporting and promoting additional educational training opportunities.

Summer also means joining other pastors at our annual EPC General Assembly in addition to meeting with supporting churches, providing pulpit supply for fellow pastors, and speaking at the upcoming EPC Summer Jam. Read on for more information on each.

EPC General Assembly

One of the highlights of the year for our ITEN team is the opportunity to gather with pastors and leaders of our denomination at our annual General Assembly. The week-long conference allows us to meet with supporters, likeminded organizations, and some of our international partners as we share our work with fellow Presbyterians. In addition to regular meetings, I also had the opportunity this year to lead a special luncheon on the topic of "The Local Church & The Great Commission."

This year the EPC World Outreach is offering a unique alternative to traditional summer mission trips for youth. Instead of heading off to places like Haiti, the Bahamas, or Costa Rica, World Outreach has created an opportunity for EPC youth to stay here in the States and spend a week living, serving, and ministering among Muslims in Hamtramck, MI. This year, I'll serve as the evening teacher, bringing students through a study of the cost and rewards of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Prayer Requests

Wisdom, planning, and God's protection for the upcoming trip to Sierra Leone. We are making significant changes to the program this year and expect great things!

An incredible Summer Jam that ignites a passion for missions among our EPC youth

God's grace as we balance a home schedule that includes 2 working parents and 3 busy teenagers

Strength, God's constant presence, and patience for Carrie and our boys while I travel to speak & teach

A growing hunger for intimacy with God for our entire family

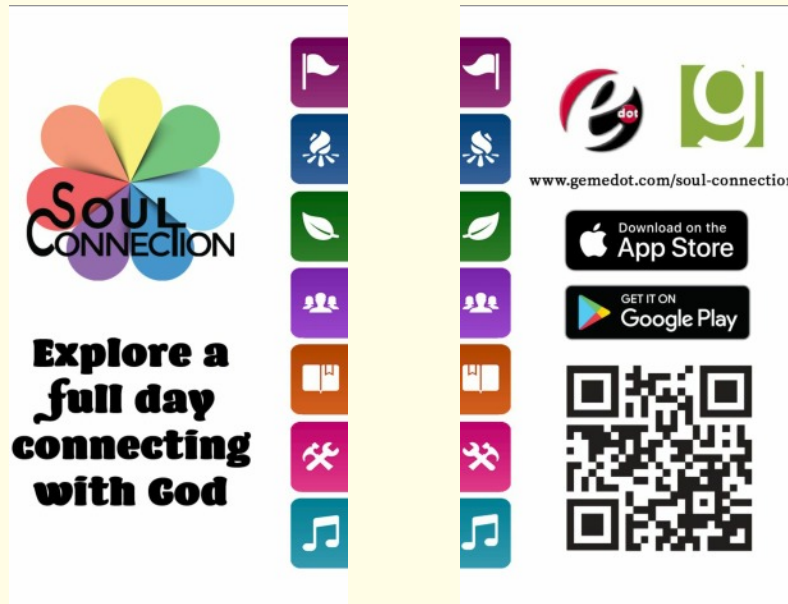
Update from the Roes

Announcing that Soul Connection is available for download!!!



This is an app for those wanting to explore different ways of spending 4-8 hours connecting with God. We've had over 150 downloads in the initial weeks of release and expect to see more as we start getting the word out. Read more about the app and links to download the app FREE on the app stores:

[Soul connection](#)



Oktoberfest

Come to our Oktoberfest Party - October 5th in Huntersville, NC

We'll be throwing an Oktoberfest Party

Drop In 5pm to 9pm

We will do a short presentation at 7:30pm

No RSVP required but helpful - RSVP here

Address:

14312 Baytown Court

Huntersville, NC 28078

Prayer Requests:

Please pray as Alex is adjusting to the US and college life. Please pray specifically for friendships to be formed and that he can find a good church to be a part of.

Pray for Krista and Courtney as they adjust to being "empty nesters" while being in the US and then especially as we return to Germany and go back to "normal" life.

Please pray for momentum to continue in our ministries back in Europe while we're here the US. Pray for good balance as we continue to connect with our teams in Europe, connect with you all here in the US and spend time with family and friends as well.

Want Ads

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

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2019

Wally Cook - Congregational Care

Thom Morgan - Finance

Class of 2020

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow

Phil Inglis

Our Diaconate

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Bill Allsbrook - Class of 2021

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information June 30, 2019

Tithes/Offerings	79,450
Designated income	<u>6,750</u>
Total Revenue	86,200
Missions	10,950
Church Operations	<u>80,205</u>
Total Expenditures	91,195
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(4,994)
Unspent Designated Giving	1,436
Cash in Bank Beginning of Year	<u>64,875</u>
Cash in Bank End of Month	61,317

August 29th Update

Revenue	111,496
Expenditures	117,070
Cash Increase (decrease)	(5,573)

September Volunteers

Snacks

9/1	Paula Rhodarmer team
9/8	Glenda White team
9/15	Susan Kingshill team
9/22	POTLUCK luncheon
9/29	MEN

Sunday School/Children's Worship

9/1	LuAnn Davis
9/8	Renee Mitchell
9/15	Glenda Brouwer
9/22	Lisa Rhodarmer
9/29	Jenny Alt

Counters

9/1	Sam Mitchell
	Pat Inglis
9/8	Thom Morgan
	Bruce Kingshill
9/15	LuAnn Davis
	Bill White
9/22	Wally Cook
	Bob Dresdow
9/29	Bill Allsbrook
	Phil Inglis

Power Point

9/1	Barb Dresdow
9/8	Derek Rhodarmer
9/15	Toni Cook
9/22	Linda Roberts
9/29	Barb Dresdow

Communion

9/1	Linda Roberts
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Cleaning

9/1	Mitchell/Cook
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Open/Close/Usher

9/1	Phil Inglis
9/8	Bob Dresdow
9/15	Sam Mitchell
9/22	Thom Morgan
9/29	Wally Cook

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:45 AM Steve Woodworth preaching	2 Emily Lizarazu Labor Day	3	4 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group Art & Sarah Altman	5 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	6 Cook & serve at Open Door	7
8  10:45 AM Holy Communion	9 Wirt Skinner Chuck & Carole Torpy	10 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Samuel Edwards	11 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group Sarah Altman	12 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	13 Lisa Kirby	14
15 Jason Edwards	16	17 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	18 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	19 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Clara Alt	20	21
22 10:00 AM The Roes speaking 12:00 PM Pot luck luncheon	23	24 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	25 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group Bonnie Indgin	26 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	27 Loren Alt	28 Sam & Renee Mitchell
29	30					