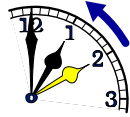


THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



November 2019

**Set clocks back 1 hour
at 2 a.m. November 3rd.**



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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

10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group
and breakfast

Every Other Thursday

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

This month I have begun a series on the 5 Solas of the Reformation. On Reformation Sunday, in honor of the occasion of the 502nd anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 theses on the Wittenberg Church door, I focused on the first: Sola Scriptura. This is the idea that Scripture Alone is the final and definitively inspired authority for our spiritual life and doctrine. The Roman Catholic Church (RCC) had allowed church tradition, dogma, human reason and the experiences of Christians over 1500 years to have essentially equal weight and authority with the Bible. The problem is however, that all those other things (good as they are) which inform our spiritual journey, are not divinely inspired. Humans can and often do make mistakes. The Reformers, people like Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli and John Knox, all focussed on getting us back to a Biblical faith. The other Solas are: Sola Fide (Faith Alone), Sola Gratia (Grace Alone), Solus Christus (Christ Alone) and Soli Deo Gloria (God's Glory Alone). The RCC had allowed doctrinal errors to seep in over time. They maintained that Faith with Works was necessary for salvation. The Reformers affirmed Paul's Spirit inspired words (Eph. 2:8-9), that we are saved by "grace through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is a free gift of God--not because of works lest anyone should boast!". We are Saved by Grace (through faith) alone--but not with a faith that is alone. Meaning that the fruit of a faithful life in Christ will result in good works--but these good works are a natural response of gratitude for the gift, rather than necessary merits for salvation. The RCC had also elevated the status of priests as intercessors and mediators of God's grace. Through elevating the role of priests in the eucharist and confession, the RCC made priests, rather than Christ Alone, the mediators of grace and forgiveness. Again the RCC insisted that apart from them (The Church) there was no forgiveness of sins, from a misconstrued interpretation of Christ's words to Peter in Matthew 16:18-19 that He would "give Peter the keys of the Kingdom and authority to bind and loose on earth and heaven". Finally the Reformers emphasized that everything, including our lives, is uniquely for the Glory of God Alone. The RCC had elevated the status of the Bride of Christ to a position that, if not in theory, then in fact, made the RCC appear to receive the glory. What can we learn from this as modern day Christians? That all that we have and are in Christ is from God. SDG.

Pastor Edward

Providence Happenings



Fall Work Day

The Fall Church Workday will be held this coming Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 - noon. Refreshments will be provided. Jobs include:



- Weeds—Roundup weeds where possible, including in parking lots Also, pull weeds from beds by hand.
- Weed-Eat the lot on the Clyde side of the church
- Open drain at the base of the stairs adjacent to the administration building.
- Remove fallen/broken limbs in Joe Sam Queen's parking lot on the west side of the church.
- Adjust the front doors to the sanctuary and also the doors to the fellowship hall.
- Adjust outside door to the fellowship hall (adjacent to the janitor closet.)
- Clean table tops and chairs in fellowship hall.
- Clean (Carpet Cleaner) Carpets in fellowship hall and sanctuary.
- Touch up paint for windows of Sunday School building.

Please let us (Will Roberts or Bill Allsbrook) know if you have any other suggestions. Hope that you will be able to come.

The Well

Will meet on Monday, November 4th, at 5:00 p.m. In the fellowship hall.

Session Highlights

- 1) Report from elders who were commissioners that attended the last presbytery meeting in Dalton, GA. Palmer Griffin, the current moderator, visited Providence on Oct. 13.
- 2) Continued work on the 2020 budget was the main focus.

Advent Decorations

Susan Kingshill would like to invite everyone to help decorate the church for Advent on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 24th. We will gather in the sanctuary to assemble the Nativity scene, set up the Advent wreath and candles, the christmas tree and other decorations.



Christmas Bell Ringing

This Christmas, our Church will, once again, participate in the annual Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing. We will ring on Tuesday, December 3 at the food/pharmacy entrance to Wal-Mart.(same as in years past). This is a rewarding experience and has only 4 requirements: (1) smile, (2) ring a small bell, (3) say thank you, and (4) say Merry Christmas! We will ring in 1 hour slots beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. This is a great experience and hopefully we will have a large participant turnout. Sign-up sheets will be posted at church in a couple of weeks. Thank you for your consideration.



SEE BILL ALLSBROOK IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Just a note to say
Thanks to all for
your prayers, visits,
support and food.



It has been encouraging to know the
love of my church family. Please
continue to pray as I continue to heal.
To God be the Glory.

Love to all from

Linda Roberts

Yard Sale

After the success of our last yard sale, the Mission Committee is planning another one for the spring to benefit missions. They are now starting to collect items. Contact TJ Anthony or Renee Mitchell with questions.

The Open Door

Providence will **not** cook at the Open Door on Friday, November 1st. However, there is still a need for help with serving and cleaning up from 11 to 2. Let Barb know if you can help.

We are actively seeking commercial renters for our extra space upstairs and/or the admin building. If you hear of anyone looking for space to rent, please give them TJ Anthony's name and phone number (828-230-6501). Thanks



Operation Christmas Child



Every year Providence Church participates in the shoebox ministry of Samaritan's Purse. This ministry reaches children across the globe with the love of Christ and the gospel message. You can pack your own boxes, donate items for others to use, or contribute to shipping costs. Go to their website for a list of recommended items as well as what not to include .

If you'd like to donate items for others to use you can bring them to church by November 10th. Please plan to include \$9 per box for shipping. This year there are three opportunities to join in at our church:

PACK 'N SNACK

Wednesday, November 13 at 11:30 AM. Empty boxes and some items are available to use, but you probably need to bring a few items of your own. Bring a snack to share if you'd like.



COLLECTION AND DEDICATION

Sunday, November 17 Bring your packed boxes to the front of the sanctuary where we will pray for all the children who will be receiving them.



DISTRIBUTION CENTER (CHARLOTTE) VOLUNTEERING

Monday, December 9th, from 1 to 6 pm. We have reserved 10 spaces to help process the shoe boxes that are donated from across the Southeast. If you would like to participate, please contact Renee Mitchell or sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Greetings and thanks from the Presbytery of the Southeast to Providence PC, from Palmer Griffin, Moderator

Good morning- You, I, we are members of a local church within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church a denomination of 650 churches from shore to shore and the Caribbean Islands with over 159,000 members. You worship here in Clyde as Providence Presbyterian Church and I worship in Dalton, GA at ChristChurch Presbyterian with our common connection thru Christ and the EPC.

Today I bring greetings from the Council of the Presbytery of the Southeast and your brothers and sisters from across the Presbytery, a geographic subdivision of the EPC. Our Presbytery is one of the 14 presbyteries in the EPC and geographically stretches from the Georgia/Florida line on the south to the Ohio River in the north and from Lookout Valley, TN on the west to Newland, NC as the eastern most point. We are the home to 36 local churches and one mission church that range in size from 26 to 3,100 members. Currently there are about 10,000 members in individual churches in the Presbytery.

What's the big deal about being in a connected church? What is the "value added" to borrow a term from the business world, to being in a connected church? The Evangelical Presbyterian Church;

- is a network of brothers and sisters of like minds theologically having subscribed to the Holy Scripture, the Westminster Confessions and Essentials of our Faith,

- it brings consistency and order to the operations of the local churches by following the EPC Book of Order as a common set of denominational guidelines,

- it brings support from outside of these walls in the form of prayers and presence of officers and committees of the Presbytery,

- it means representation on our 5 presbytery committees by 45 Teaching and Ruling Elders, including your own elders,

- it multiplies your mission and outreach efforts by joining with other churches in common locations and goals but leaving decisions for mission and outreach to your church Session.

Thank you for this opportunity to bring you greetings and to say thank you for your contribution to our Presbytery operating fund. Providence Presbyterian Church is the 28th church that I have visited during 2019 but #1 in my heart and prayers today!!

A prayer for Providence PC-

Our God and Father- I thank you for Providence Presbyterian Church and raise this church to you as a beacon of hope, encouragement and Your light in this community, in our Presbytery and beyond. May the enthusiasm for generosity, work and service in a connected church continue in the years to come as these brothers, sisters and pastors have served in years past. May You continue to bless the leadership and members of this church as their light shines brighter and influence spreads wider than any of us will know on this side of eternity.

Father, hear us as worship and serve You that our time and efforts will be blessed and will be an

HAYWOOD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

presents

Breakfast with Santa!



\$8 Adults 18 and Older

\$5 Kids 17 and Under

Sausages, Bacon, Eggs, Biscuits
& Gravy, Pancakes, Juice or
Coffee

7:30AM TO 12PM

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 30



PANCAKE BREAKFAST, MEET & GREET, PHOTOS, GAMES

Proceeds will help to provide our "Christmas Love Program" gifts for many Children in our Community for Christmas! Any questions please call our office @ 828-456-4838

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Mission News



From the Luptons October newsletter

Andrés is a ten-year-old who has grown up on three continents as his dad pursued a Ph.D. in theology. His dad and I meet often to learn from each other (mostly me from him) and talk about ways he can serve our people as a theologian. It's a beautiful arrangement and a sweet friendship. But our last meeting was different. "I wanted to let you know that God used your sermon on Psalm 38 a few weeks ago." He went on to tell me that God had been stirring in his son's 10-year-old heart and that my words were exactly what Andrés needed to hear. By the end of the day, Andrés was praying a prayer of repentance and faith with his teary-eyed dad. How beautiful. I don't remember much about my sermon that day, but I'm so thankful that God stirred a child's heart to repentance and faith.



Unlike Andrés, Vivi is not a covenant child of the church. She grew up in Muslim country in southeast Asia and is from a devout Buddhist family. That made baptism a major step. "I'm afraid what my dad will say when he hears that I became a Christian." But God had been working in her heart for a few years. With a beautiful profession of faith, it was time for her to go public.

Thank you for the privilege of allowing us to see God's Acts 2:39 mission at work among the nations and the next generation.



We're raising city kids, so we've recently made a point to try and leave the city for Colombia's beautiful countryside. Here we are camping as a family at 9,000 feet. We learned the hard way how important it is for your sleeping bag to be rated for cold weather.

Gratefully,

Andrew w/Laura Kate, Fox, Evie Jude,

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 2019

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

October 27th Update

Revenue	137,997.11
Expenditures	138,768.92
Cash Increase (decrease)	(771.81)

November Volunteers

Snacks

Nov 3	LuAnn Davis team
Nov 10	Paula Rhodarmer team
Nov 17	Glenda White team
Nov 24	Susan Kingshill team

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Nov 3	Glenda Brouwer
Nov 10	LuAnn Davis
Nov 17	Lisa Rhodarmer
Nov 24	LuAnn Davis

Counters

Nov 3	Bill Allsbrook Wally Cook
Nov 10	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
Nov 17	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Nov 24	LuAnn Davis Bill White




Communion
Jerry Allsbrook

Cleaning
Jeffery Alt

Open/Close/Usher

Nov 3	Bob Dresdow
Nov 10	Phil Inglis
Nov 17	Sam Mitchell
Nov 24	Thom Morgan

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3  10:45 AM Holy Communion  Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour	4 5:00 PM The Well Ariel Morgan	5 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	6 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	7 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group LuAnn Davis	1 11:00 AM Serve at Open Door	2  9:00 AM Church work day
10	11 Veterans Day	12 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Eleonore Shelton	13 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	14 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	15	16
17	18	19 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	20 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	21 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Wally & Toni Cook	22	23
24	25 Renee Mitchell	26 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	27 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 Michael Shelton