

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 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

What is the legacy that you want to leave behind? This past week was marked by the tragic passing of Kobe Bryant and 8 others who perished in a helicopter crash. This sad news was followed hard by the call concerning Bonnie Indgin, our beloved sister who was taken from this life by the ravages of cancer. Kobe was a national cultural treasure, an exceptional, nearly one of a kind athlete. Bonnie was a treasure too, precious and loved by our congregation and one who we will miss. When a nation or a family experiences loss, we are shocked and dislocated in and by our grief. Bonnie's legacy was of a much loved family and a heart for the gospel story to the nations. And as believers we have the sure hope and quiet confidence that our short sojourn here will be culminated in a welcoming homecoming into the embrace of our Savior. What ever you do, do it with passion, with no regrets, Kobe once said. The writer of Ecclesiastes put it another way: whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all thy might. Jesus put it this way: by this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove that you are my disciples. Everyone of us is called and enabled by the Spirit to bear fruit for God--it's the legacy we are called to and which we will leave behind. May our loss spur us on to a compelling and joyful vision of ever greater Kingdom building work. Soli Deo Gloria.

Pastor Edward



January Session Highlights

- 1) Session members will be attending the winter Presbytery of the Southeast meeting At Brainard Presbyterian Church on January 31st.
- 2) The session began the annual review of the church rolls which will be completed by the February meeting.
- 3) Our new elders for 2020, Luke Allsbrook and Bruce Kingshill will be installed Sunday morning Feb. 2nd.

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Providence Happenings



- Session Highlights continued -

4) New Shepherd Groups have been developed for the year. Your elder should be contacting you soon.

5) Standing committees for the church have been setup and elders assigned as either chairmen or liaisons.

Finance- Bruce Kingshill

Missions- Phil Inglis

Youth and Family- Bob Dresdow

Building and Grounds- Sam Mitchell

Congregational Care- Luke Allsbrook

6) February meeting is set for February 11th, There will be no stated meeting in March

The Well

Will meet on Monday, February 3rd, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Dear Providence Family,

Thank you so much for the kind Christmas gift! I was so touched by your generosity. It continues to be a joy to serve God through music at Providence. I look out from the piano bench and am always so grateful for your enthusiastic singing and joyful hearts as we worship together each week. And most recently I am especially grateful to our small-but-mighty Providence choir, who worked so hard and blessed us every week in December.

Renee

YARD SALE NEWS!!

April 17 & 18, 8 am-3 pm

We're so excited to be planning our 2nd Yard Sale for Missions!!

Please bring goods in as soon as possible and either carry upstairs and leave in the foyer or leave in the fellowship hall and we will get it taken up. Let us know if you need help getting larger items TO the church.

For clothing we are partnering with PocketSaver Consignment on South Main St. Monthly we will receive 50% of sales. They are already collecting spring items so Please drop off like new clothing (men's, ladies, & kids) on Monday or Friday's from 10:30-4 pm. Please make sure they are clean, without stains or damage, and folded nicely to be hangar ready. You can drop off up to 20 pieces at a time. Any items that don't sell will be donated to local charities. Belts, scarves, shoes and purses can be brought to the church for now. If you have winter things perhaps you can hold onto them until late summer.

Thanks in advance for all your donations and hard work. If you're able to help sort/display/ price items please join us on Tuesdays or Wednesday's before or after Pastors Circle and Women's Prayer.

Paula will be heading up the children's bible craft area. We need someone to man the coffee & donut (NO Bake Sale) area both days as well as cashiers, and room "monitors" so be thinking about what job you're willing to tackle. Thanks again and call me with any questions, complaints, suggestions, etc.

In Christ, TJ Anthony 230-6501

The Open Door

Providence cooks, serves, and cleans up at the Open Door Friday, February 7th. Anyone who wants to help cook should arrive around 9:30, servers at 11:00. Please come to bless and be blessed.



Mission News



Lizarazu update

I have been reading some really neat prayers and here is one I want to bless you with.

Forgive me Lord, for these Thy gifts, were taken quite for granted. My harvest could have been so full, if seeds of faith I'd planted.

Instead, I spent time "wishing" for the things that I had lost. When all the while you held for me, more blessings at no cost.

You waited oh so patiently, for me to just "let go", so there'd be room within my heart, to feel your blessings flow.

I never thought I'd say it Lord, but "thank you" for the thorn. It brought me to my knees in prayer, where Hope and Faith were born.

By Barbara D. MacAdam

It was a wonderful year down here in Bolivia (except the month long civil war) and we could not have done it without you. We ended the year on a good note but quite tired and with a busy, busy sort of stress. It was with your help and the Grace of God that Eric made it over the mountain so many times without being in a serious accident. The cars have been working fine and there has been food on the table (even during the unrest – some folks and orphanages on the other side of the mountain ran out of food and water). In spite of the fact that peace has returned and we LOVE our new intern president. There is still a sense of terror in the air. Everyone seems to be on hold for the next big event. This fear looms in the air and everyone is holding their breaths ready for the next wave of road blocks and violence to hit. In a similar way, there seems to be some unease at camp too. A lack of peace among the staff and workers. It is not easy to put our finger on what is the cause of this dis-unity, but it lingers in the air and we ask for your prayers for camp as well as Bolivia. Eric and I wish to be agents of peace while here.

Speaking of peace. I caused such a ruckus the other day in the Nursery. Eric and I had a visitor come to church with us. Our visitor had a new born and a 3 year old. I took the 3 year old to her class to help her pass the time. The class was full of babies and their moms. I go in and I choose a stool to sit on so that I could be with the little girl until she felt comfortable in her new environment. Then all of the sudden two children started to scream, diving behind their mom's and turning their stools over and knocking their moms off. The moms all smiled quietly to themselves and smothered their chuckles. When the children continued to escalate. The moms quietly took their kids out. One, after another most of them left. Fortunately for me, I knew the old wives tales...I'll share it with you. It goes like this: If you don't behave, the old white witch will come and take you away. She will never return you to me or daddy or your house. She will take you away forever. (Stretch the story any way you wish...). Yep, I was the old white witch... and I just about cleaned out the nursery that Sunday. OUCH!!!

During 2020, we need your prayers for continued perseverance as well as productivity. Pray: That the Lord will shine through us so that every person we meet (even the taxi drivers) will feel God's presence. And that the Lord will take us by the hand because we cannot do it by ourselves.

Another funny story about a supporter who was down on a work team: This fellow got a bit of Montezuma's revenge when he was here. It is very common to get a sick stomach while visiting Bolivia. Anyway --When the Alaska team was here, this fellow, was not feeling very good. I made a pot of soup and left it on the stove so that he could have something lite to eat after he took his nap. The rest of us, ate and were sitting around visiting when he woke up. He grabbed a bowl and went to the pot of soup. He ladled up a big scoop and stood staring at it for a bit – not quite sure if he was willing to eat the soup. He stood transfixed, staring at the strange contents of the goopy mixture. That's when I looked up and yelled. NO! NOT THAT POT. THAT IS THE DOG FOOD SOUP. Don't worry, he didn't hesitate to go for the chicken noodle soup in the other pot.



We are putting the roof on the bathhouse this next week (rain permitting) as well as hosting children's camp. Lydia and Julia will volunteer at children's camp this year with the team of volunteers while Eric works on finishing the roof and other projects. Later this month Eric hopes to finish the First Aid Courses and take a group of campers on an Adventure Camp.

The widow's project is fully funded this year and we are super excited about that. The ladies are on a break until the rains slow down. They all have to walk to the church and it isn't good if they get all wet. I will keep you guys posted on all this as time rolls on.

Our plans are to continue working at camp, patching the roof, cutting grass, clearing forests. We have some monster trees that need cutting and we just had one of those monsters fall in a rain storm. It is going to be a big clean up. Camp continues to see about 6,000 to 7,000 campers a year. It is a busy place! And, there is never an end to all the jobs that arise.

Our kids are well. Benji is doing well in his courses at the community college in Alabama. Lydia graduated from high school and will spend 9 months in a tech school here in Bolivia. She will learn to cut and style hair, paint nails and work as a massage therapist. We will see what she will decide to do after these classes. She does have a scholarship to UAA, but wants to stay with us for a bit longer. Ellie has braces and may get glasses. She is finishing up 10th grade in her home-school materials. Julia is such a little lady and Andrew is growing up so fast. Andrew was recently baptized and super excited about it too.

It is good to call you friends because you have been so faithful to this project and directly to us. Thank you.

This is our ending prayer:

Dear God: Enlighten what is dark in us. Strengthen what is weak in us. Mend what is broken in us. Bind what is bruised in us. Heal what is sick in us. And lastly, Revive what peace and love has died in us.

Sending our Love, *Eric and Emily Lizarazu*

From the McKays Newsletter

Happy 2020,

We pray that the Lord would indeed grant His people perfect vision in 2020. The work here continues to provide many opportunities to learn to adjust as the refugee situation and climate keeps undergoing changes. As wars continue to rage in many of their homelands, the reality of being away from family and homeland continues to play a major role for our friends from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran (we had some good interactions/discussions following the recent strife involving the US and Iran... most want the regime to fall).



In mid-December we visited one remote refugee multi-family home bringing gifts for the kids (although one older lady stared so longingly at the gifts that she got one too!) and sharing some Christmas songs and some worship songs in Arabic, Farsi, and German. The songs were printed out in these languages so that that they could see what they were singing. This led to some good discussions. Not surprisingly, the M.'s particularly liked singing the part of a song in Arabic that declares that God is great! What a delight to share the joy of Christmas and its true meaning there in a challenging atmosphere.

Praise/Prayer:

- join us in the call for souls to come to know Jesus and grow in Him
- We all still need local godly 'heart' friends
- Excited to see what the Lord is going to do here this year, harvest is ripe!
- We are really thankful to be here!

Joyful to be among the Displaced, *The McKays*

Want Ads

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

Please remember that 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) so she can show them around and give them all the details.. Thanks.

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2020

Sam Mitchell - Clerk, Building & Grounds

Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow - Youth & Family

Phil Inglis - Missions

Class of 2022

Luke Allsbrook - Congregational Care

Bruce Kingshill - Finance

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Nursery: Mandy Mills

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information January , 2020

Tithes/Offering collections	10,778
Budgeted Expenditures	(15,888)
Excess expenditures over collections	(5,108)
<u>Cash Balance</u>	
Checking Account	17,500
Savings Account	75,000

February Volunteers

Snacks

Feb 2	LuAnn Davis team
Feb 9	Paula Rhodarmer team
Feb 16	Glenda White team
Feb 23	Susan Kingshill team

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Feb 2	Glenda Brouwer
Feb 9	Renee Mitchell
Feb 16	LuAnn Davis
Feb 23	Lisa rhodarmer

Counters

Feb 2	Pat Inglis Phil Inglis
Feb 9	Luke Allsbrook Sam Mitchell
Feb 16	Bill Allsbrook Bill White
Feb 23	LuAnn Davis Bob Dresdow

Communion

Carole Spink


Open/Close/Usher

Feb 2	Phil Inglis
Feb 9	Bob Dresdow
Feb 16	Sam Mitchell
Feb 23	Luke Allsbrook

Cleaning

Feb 2	Mitchells/Ragers
Feb 9	Edward/Jason
Feb 16	Edward/Jeffrey
Feb 23	Linda/TJ

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2  10:45 AM Holy Communion	3 5:00 PM The Well	4 12:00 PM Pastor's circle <i>Jason & Roberta Edwards</i>	5 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	6 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	7 Cook & serve at Open Door	1 Renee Allsbrook
9	10	11 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 7:00 PM Session	12 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	13 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	14 Valentine's Day	8
16	17	18 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	19 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	20 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	21	22
23	24	25 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	26 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	27 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group <i>Julia Lizarazu</i>	28	29