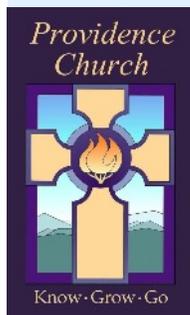


THE PROVIDENCE POST

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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

June 2020

Pentecost. The 50th Day. This was one of the 3 major feasts of Israel--celebrated exactly 7 weeks after Passover. It was also known as the Feast of the First Fruits, when the people of Israel would bring portions of their early crops as an offering to the Lord. Kind of an initial tithe coming in Spring, with the hope-filled anticipation of a bumper crop harvest in the Summer and Autumn. In Christian theology and experience this prefigured the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon "all flesh" (predicted by the prophets Joel and Isaiah) and a promise for a continual harvest of souls through the advancement of the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit--until the final harvest and second coming of the King. That first Pentecost happened exactly 50 days after Jesus' death and resurrection, about which Jesus explained "I must return to heaven, so that I can send the Comforter". The Holy Spirit's coming is the indwelling of Christ within every believer's heart. This outpouring of the Spirit 2000+ years ago was the promise of a continual harvest of souls until the return of Christ. Every time anyone comes to faith they experience the indwelling of the Spirit. But let us not stop with one experience. This Spirit desires earnestly to make fresh and compelling our faith, each and every day of our lives. First fruit that promises daily grace upon grace to know Him and love Him more and more each day of our lives. I pray you experience that and long for that.

Pastor Edward



From
the Pastors Desk

Letter from Session

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Providence,

We hope everyone is holding up well during these stressful times. We on the session have been praying for you and are thankful that our God is sovereign in all that happens with our flock. **If you have needs please contact us and we will attempt to do what we can to help.** We know everyone is tired of the restrictions and isolation but for the sake of others please adhere to safe activities.

The session met [May 11th] to begin the process of reestablishing some degree of normalcy to our fellowship, looking into safe plans for the future. Below are listed some of

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the guidelines we have proposed. Obviously, they are dependent on what happens with Covid in the future and are open for alteration.

After much discussion, and review of the CDC and NC executive orders, the following recommendations were made for Providence Church. Due to the older age of our congregation, some recommendations may be more stringent than state issued mandates.

- 1) Sunday morning worship services will continue to be held on Zoom for the Sundays of May 17, 24, and 31.
 - 2) At the discretion of the pastor, individuals may be allowed to attend Sunday worship in the sanctuary. The number of attendees would be limited to a maximum of 6, there by having no more than 10 to include Rev. Brouwer and the worship team. There would be strict social distancing. This is being done to allow those without the necessary technology to attend worship. We would all like to attend in person, but for now let's be patient and allow everyone the opportunity to worship on Sundays.
 - 3) Barring changes in the community infection rates, we will hold our first in-house worship service on June 7th. It will be stressed that Social Distancing and Reduced Transmission Guidelines set out by the state be adhered to stringently. There will be no fellowship gathering afterwards. Please respect the personal space of others to keep our family healthy. As there will be no child care, please be tolerant of their presence during worship.
 - 4) Sunday school classes and nursery will be on hold until further notice.
 - 5) Our next observance of Holy Communion is tentatively scheduled for the Sunday of July 5th.
 - 6) Quarterly evening prayer meetings of the congregation are on hold until further notice.
 - 7) It is strongly recommended that small group gatherings should follow the prescribed Phase guidelines of the state with utmost vigilance in social distancing and reduced transmission. The use of Zoom or other electronic media or outdoor meetings if possible is recommended. No meetings should be held inside the building until after June 7th.
 - 8) The Yard Sale will continue under the direction of TJ Anthony following state guidelines prescribed for places of worship which currently limit the number of people gathering to 10. Use of masks will be required. She will keep the congregation apprised of the logistics of the sale through the mission committee. The session, mission committee, and the director of the yard sale will be working together to make sure that Providence Church is adhering to State standards as well as keeping our congregation safe.
 - 9) The continued Healthy Relationships workshop series is on hold until further notice.
 - 10) Activity with the Open Door ministry is on hold pending decisions on their part.
 - 11) The Created for a Purpose camp held jointly with the Vine has been cancelled for this year.
- These time frames are dependent upon the changes in local infection rates, State and Federal mandates and may be altered if necessary, to protect the congregation.

The session wishes you health, safety for yourselves and those you love and peace in Christ our Lord.

Your Session

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Providence Happenings



Helpful links

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/>

<https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/NC-3-PHASE-PLAN.pdf>

Open Door

We have received a request from the Open Door asking if we can cook the meal on Friday June 5th.



All we have to do is cook and put it in takeout boxes and the Salvation Army will pick up and deliver to their place. Help is needed from 9-12 only, and it will just be us in the kitchen/dining hall. TJ will oversee and needs 4-5 people to assist. Please reply to her if you are able to help on that day.

828-230-6501 or
teresa.anthony@hotmail.com

Yard Sale Update

Hi folks. I just want to say thank you again to everyone who has donated, hauled, priced and staged merchandise for the Yard Sale. We have continued to sell online and to family and friends in small groups. We would love to see your family and friends schedule a time to do a little Corona-free shopping. Just as a heads up my plan, once we can throw open our doors, I am planning to be there 6 DAYS STRAIGHT to get the treasures sold and I am praying you all take pity on me and come keep me company. Thanks again, stay safe, and hope to see you soon.

TJ. 230-6501

Worship Resumes June 7th

Barring changes in the community infection rates, we will hold our first in-house worship service on June 7th at 9:45 a.m. Social Distancing and Reduced Transmission Guidelines set out by the state will be adhered to stringently. Please respect the personal space of others to keep our family healthy and as there will be no nursery or Children's Worship, please be patient with our little ones during worship. There will be no fellowship gathering afterwards. The service will also be available on Zoom for those who do not feel comfortable with public gatherings at this time.

Luke Allsbrook, Elder in charge of Congregational Care, would be pleased to hear from anyone in the congregation who has an idea for a church event or activity. He would like to help facilitate scheduling, announcements, funding, etc.



Mission News



Update from the Luptons

Since March 8th I've felt a bit more like producer than pastor as we've been serving our community online through our YouTube Channel (youtube.com/c/UnitedChurchofBogota). While I preach from my living room during our strict lockdown, it's tempting to wonder, "Is anyone really listening? Is our service just background noise while parents manage children who haven't been outside in eight weeks? Is God on the move even though we're stuck at home?". Alex is proof that God is indeed on the move.



Alex was born in Colombia, but his life and future were sadly disrupted by narcos. He found himself growing up in the U.S. after his father was murdered. It's no shock that such a traumatic childhood replaced aspirations for the American Dream with anger, crime, and prison. Nearing the end of his prison sentence he was surprised to learn that he wasn't a U.S. citizen. Deportation meant a different kind of prison, one in a country he didn't remember around a people who couldn't have felt more foreign.

God introduced me to my new friend back in February when he was scared and destitute. His story was flavored with the sort of redemption that only God could cook up. We wanted a taste of that redemption, so we started investing in Alex as a family and church community. Transformation is slow and messy, especially when our normal means are disrupted by pandemic. Nonetheless, God has graciously given us moments of heartfelt breakthrough with Alex. Clothing, housing, and food beautifully came together. But they were followed by even more meaningful moments of trust, community, and repentance. He's even living with another church member who was in his shoes ten years ago and who can mentor him through this hard season. God is good.

Easter Sunday was one such encouragement. Listening through YouTube from internet "borrowed" from a nearby shop to his rented room, Alex felt the weight of new life in Christ from our Acts 9 sermon. "I'm tired. I want life. I want God to change everything." "You said new life in Christ means a new family. Thanks for being my new family." We may be on lockdown, but our God isn't. Nothing will stop his mind-blowing mission to extend new life in Christ to people like you and me and Alex.

Please pray for Alex. He was overjoyed for me to use his real name and share his story of new life in Christ. But you should know that we're not the only members of his new family. You are, too. Thank you for investing in this ministry to the nations and the next generation! We couldn't do it without you.

Gratefully,

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

Update from the McKays

Hello All Fellow Folks of Lockdown,

We hope that you are well, healthy and fully adapted to the madness that is this season. On our part, Monday two weeks ago marked the first time that masks became mandatory for shopping, our boys are still at home for school (although they allowed two



grades to return yesterday in our region...11th and 12th), and we can still go outside as a family to walk or bike ride! Perhaps, like me, you find it a challenge to adapt and keep peak operational efficiency in the uncertainty and ever-changing schedule?!

This is a critical time for our M. refugee friends as Ramadan is upon us,... it is very different for us here to try to interact in their fasting time without being able to join in evening meals together. We continue to pray for the Lord to pour out dreams and visions to draw them to Himself, and especially in this season as they are (supposed to be) seeking God more intently. We have managed to get some individual visits in and are seeking creative means to continue... We may load up our little garden table in the car soon and go sip tea with them outside their windows, staying just in the regulations but still personally touching base.

Two quick Iranian stories: One of the Iranians I mentioned in the last update who attended our International Gathering recently forwarded me some Bible verses that he received from a friend, he is hearing and beginning to respond to the Word of God! Secondly, one of our closest families, also from Iran have finally received an apartment after over two years of living in one-room lodging in multi-family homes. This is especially significant for them since they have two severely-handicapped sons. We rejoice with them!

Praise/Prayer:

- Creativity in maintaining meaningful contact with the refugees in virus time
- The best possible outcome for Sam and Ian's schooling
- That the Church would rise up in love and power during this crucial season!!
- We still face a monthly shortfall of more than \$2,000/month,

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 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

June Volunteers

Snacks

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Counters

Communion

Open/Close/Usher

Jun 7	Phil Inglis
Jun 14	Luke Allsbrook
Jun 21	Sam Mitchell
Jun 28	Bob Dresdow

Cleaning

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of May 26th, 2020

Tithes/Offering collections	67,386.00
Budgeted Expenditures	(63,457.00)
Collections over expenditures	3,929.00
Yard sale proceeds to date	2,306.50

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Boyd Allsbrook	5 9:00 AM Cook at Open Door Adger McKay Wesley Roberts	6 Wirt & Torpy Skinner
7 9:45 AM Worship service	8	9	10	11 Bill & Jerry Allsbrook	12 Bruce & Susan Kingshill	13 Jeffrey & Jennifer Alt
14 9:45 AM Worship service	15	16	17	18 Susan Kingshill	19	20
21 9:45 AM Worship service Father's Day	22	23	24	25 Bill Allsbrook	26	27
28 9:45 AM Worship service Adger & Sandra McKay	29 Shirley Morrow	30				

Anniversaries Birthdays