

THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation
Located on the Haywood Christian Academy senior campus - 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde*



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Directions to Providence (On HCA campus) 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

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am - Morning Worship

Nursery Available

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

April 2017

In a country that is moving at breakneck speed toward a completely secular and material focus how do Christians faithfully live for Christ? In *The Benedict Option*, author Rod Dreher lays out a possible path for believers living in a post-Christian society. Essentially Dreher contends that we are supersaturated with a humanistic worldview that is corrosive to faith and that if the church is to survive and thrive we must return to tried and true strategies. We all understand that for the first 3 centuries of the life of the Church, believers lived in a hostile Roman culture, many living in catacombs during the seasons of severest persecution. Fortunately we don't live in such a situation in our country yet, BUT another, and equally destructive force threatens. We run the risk of not acting or looking much different than the world because of our pluralistic values. The frog in the kettle so to speak. Dreher tells us that Saint Benedict started monastic communities to pull away from the "world". In these communities believers focus on prayer, work and Christian disciplines such as fasting and meditation. But heading for the hills is not really an option for most of us, is it? So Dreher encourages believers to form strong communities of faith in church--with Christian schools educating our children, thus enabling us to retain our distinctives of faith. I am all for strong churches, and faithful discipleship and have been myself the product of a Christian education. But let us not have a bunker mentality in the world. Jesus said we are to be in the world but not of it. And what has he called us to do? To live with a mission! To be ambassadors of Christ. Yes we are exiles in a hostile land. We are now living as the "underground" in a land of enemy occupation. Let us be salt and light--for how will the lost know unless they have heard? How beautiful are the feet of those bringing GoodNews--that our God reigns!



Session Highlights

Pastor Edward, Phil and Pat Inglis, and Wally Cook plan to attend the next presbytery meeting in May at Cedar Springs Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN.

The movie "Shack" was well attended by approximately 30 from the congregation. The discussion afterwards added to the value of the experience. Other community events would be considered in the future that would facilitate fellowship.

Vision Casting - Common thoughts for the future of PC were: to continue preaching from a reformed theological perspective, to glorify God with a holy excellence, to be faithful with what we have, to be a healthy and vibrant church, to be multi-generational, and to encourage more musicians and vocalists to help lead worship. Many other ideas were suggested and discussed in addition to these. Pastor Edward asked that there be a few elders to help with drawing up a vision document for PC for the next 10 years.

Providence Happenings



July 4th Baseball and Fireworks

Mark your calendars, wear your RED WHITE & BLUE, and reserve your seat for the Asheville Tourists Baseball Game and Fireworks. July 4th of course, tickets are \$11.00 each and we have reserved extra for your friends and family. For more details and to reserve your seat, call TJ Anthony at 230-6501 or



Teresa.anthony@hotmail.com



Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Pat Inglis - Clerk of Session

Class of 2017

Phil Inglis - Missions

Bruce Kingshill - Finance

Class of 2018

Luke Allsbrook - Discipleship & Christian Education

Bob Dresdow - Discipleship & Christian Education

Class of 2019

Wally Cook - Congregational Care

Thom Morgan - Finance

Our Diaconate

Will Roberts - Class of 2017

Jeffrey Alt - Class of 2018

Rick Boen - Class of 2019

Music Director & Worship

Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant

Barb Dresdow

Movie Night

On April 10th at 7 p.m. the Carolina Cinemark Theaters on Hendersonville Road will be showing "Facing Darkness", A Samaritan's Purse film. A true story of faith: Saving Dr. Brantly from Ebola in Africa



As the Ebola pandemic was sweeping across West Africa in the spring of 2014, one organization was willing to step up and fully commit its people and resources to provide comfort, compassion and care to the hurting people of Africa...all in the Name of Jesus. But when the deadly virus infected its own medical personnel, including Dr. Kent Brantly, the epic crisis truly hit home for Samaritan's Purse and its leader Franklin Graham. Facing Darkness tells the incredible true story of how - with only faith, determination, and prayer - the ministry moved mountains...and God performed a miracle!

Susan Kingshill is heading up this event and will need an RSVP prior to purchasing tickets. If you would like to attend, call or text Susan at (828) 421-4862 by Saturday, April 8th.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase a lily in honor/memory of someone, please fill out a slip and place in the offering plate. The cost is \$18 and the deadline is Sunday April 9th.

Easter Services

Good Friday service at 7 pm Friday, April 14th.

Easter Sunrise Service at Kern Porch, Lake Junaluska. Join us Easter Sunday morning (April 16th at 6:30 am) to praise our Risen Lord and watch the sun rise! Following our service, we will continue in fellowship with breakfast at the Lambuth Inn.

Please let Barb Dresdow know if you will be attending so that we can make reservations for the breakfast.

Morning worship service will be held as usual at 10:45 at the church.



Mission News



March Update

Spring is finally getting here. We are continually adjusting to the changing landscape here with the refugees. We will be having a meal this week with a 20-year old man from Syria who is an atheist from an M. background. He was referred to us by the local director of refugees here as a young man who was nearing a depression (as a lot of the young single men are at risk) because he was working hard in school and seeing little future/results from being in Germany. There is definitely an opening to communicate His true love to him, especially since his German is good enough to dialogue effectively.



Another family we met from Afghanistan were forced to flee from the Taliban with their three sons, during the long journey, they got separated at a border crossing and their 15 year-old son was taken from them, beaten and questioned, then returned to Afghanistan...they have not seen him for over a year and do not know when/if that will happen. These are not atypical stories here...thank you all for being such a key part of Engaging the Displaced among refugees in Germany! We are seeing His hand at work in lives here amidst many challenges.

Prayer/Praise

- we have a contract on our house in S.C.!
- we continue be blessed with new refugee relationships (that's a prayer and praise)
- just over \$1,000/month in support needs

Samuel and Ian seem to be doing fine...other than missing friends, Chipotle and Chick-fil-A.... Samuel, to his heart's delight, is now practicing lacrosse with the local university team, at 14, he is definitely the smallest on the field. (He has already been invited to a lacrosse party with "pizza, lacrosse videos, and lots of beer..." an invitation which was vetoed unanimously by his parents).

The McKays

Update from the Roes

In February, Krista put on a Leader Day for her Bible Study leaders to encourage and equip them to be better shepherds in our Bible Study. We had a special speaker come from the Netherlands and had such a great time encouraging each other and learning more about how God is using us to make an impact by encouraging women to engage with His Word.



So while Krista was preparing and leading her CBS Leader Day, Courtney was chairing this year's International Conference on Computing in Missions-Europe conference in the Netherlands. We had over 70 people from both missions and the professional world gathered to talk about the intersection of missions and technology. One of the participants from a country in Africa told Courtney that he had come hoping to improve some of his skills through the training workshops however he hadn't realized how much he needed to be re-energized by being with like-minded people in worship and prayer times. As we got on the train to return home, he said that he hadn't realized how he'd lost a little of the vision of WHY we do what we do, but now he was returning energized and engaged.

Straight from ICCM, Courtney flew to Barcelona to participate in leadership meetings for our mission. Our new president, Jon Burns, brings exceptional energy and vision to his position and he's casting a bold plan for Greater Europe Mission growing not

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just in in size but in a way that is healthy and as a united group. Both church planting and multiplying disciples are a huge part in this and our ministry, eDOT, will continue to play strategic roles in them throughout Europe.

One and a half weeks later, Courtney led eDOT in this year's strategic planning session. As we talked together it became evident that there was some emotion and personal struggles within our group. It was so helpful to bring those out into the open where there is trust within the team. But we would appreciate your prayers that we would continue to work toward unity as a group especially as we continue to grow and bring more people onto the team. We were able to look to the future as well and identify some key issues that need to be solved so that we are prepared for what God has for us. Please continue to pray for the whole eDOT team as we move forward together.

Prayer Requests:

- Thank you for those of you who have been praying for Krista's health. She is feeling better and stronger every day.
- Pray for Alex and especially that He would seek after God with a hungry heart. He's seeking how to make his faith his own.
- This Friday night we are putting on a special movie night and showing the movie "War Room". We hope that this is an unique opportunity to encourage people with the power of prayer.
- Please pray we'll continue to lead our teams well as we grow and change.

Andrew Brunson Update from EPC Stated Clerk

This has been a quiet week in Andrew Brunson's situation. I spoke with his wife, Norine, for about an hour on Monday, and she told me that Andrew is holding up though she would not describe him as "doing well."

One tangible item I want to let you know about is that U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is scheduled to visit Ankara, the capitol of Turkey, on March 30. Norine has contacted Deputy Ambassador Phil Kosnett asking for a meeting with Tillerson. His response was that meeting with Norine was on Tillerson's "short list."

Please pray that this meeting gets on Tillerson's schedule while he is Turkey, and that Norine is able to travel safely to and from Ankara on March 29-30 (Ankara is almost 400 miles from Izmir, where Andrew is in prison).

Thank you for your continued prayers for Andrew's and Norine's continued safety, and ultimately for Andrew's release. We update our Andrew Brunson resource page,

www.epc.org/forgottenamericaninturkey

frequently as news articles come to our attention. Please share this page with your congregation so they can stay aware of Andrew's situation.

Mid East Update

Lance and Lisa request prayer for their friends "Jack and Jill", who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Please pray for this family to be released from government tyranny and be allowed to leave their country as planned.

Prayer Points

- Holy Spirit's continual support and enabling of both J&J.
- Authorities approval of a "security clearance" for both J&J so they can obtain employment.
- Protection of their daughters spiritual and emotional being.
- The family's willingness to close the open case at the end of the month.

Want Ads

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

For Sale: White Broyhill bedroom suite from Tyson's. Twin Bed, night stand, chest of drawers, and desk with hutch. Will sell desk separately. Diana Bush, (828) 734-9252

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 March 31, 2017

Tithe/Offering collections	69,082
Miscellaneous income	16
Designated giving	<u>1,010</u>
Total Revenue	70,108
Missions	7,050
Church Operating Expenses	<u>44,342</u>
Total Expenditures	51,392
Revenue over (under) expenditures	18,716
Prior year bills paid	0
Bill yet to be paid	0
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	18,716
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>238,456</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	257,172
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	35,171
Savings Account	<u>222,001</u>
Total	257,172

April Volunteers

Snacks

Apr 2	Paula Rhodarmer team
Apr 9	Jerry Allsbrook team
Apr 16	Susan Kingshill team
Apr 23	Eleonore Shelton team
Apr 30	Men;s day

Nursery

Apr 2	Glenda Brouwer Sarah Altman
Apr 9	Renee Mitchell Charlotte Allsbrook
Apr 16	Susan Kingshill LuAnn Davis
Apr 23	Rhonda Lear Joan Parker
Apr 30	Paula Rhodarmer Bob Dresdow


Counting Teams

Apr 2	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis
Apr 9	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
Apr 16	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Apr 23	Luke Allsbrook LuAnn Davis
Apr 30	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell

Set Up/Close/Usher

Apr 2	Luke Allsbrook Will Roberts
Apr 9	Phil Inglis
Apr 16	Bruce Kingshill
Apr 23	Bob Dresdow Jeffery Alt
Apr 30	Thom Morgan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Will Roberts						
2 10:45 AM Holy Communion Sidney Indgin	3 Lisa Lawrence Ian McKay	4 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	5 Art Altman	6 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Renee Walston	7 Rick & Kay Boen	
9 Eric Lizarazu	10 7:00 PM Movie night	11 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Calvin Allsbrook Eric & Emily Lizarazu	12	13 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	14 7:00 PM Tennebrae service Kari Morgan	15
16 6:30 AM Sunrise service 	17	18 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	19 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door Sommer Davis	20 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	21	22
23 Peter Cole	24	25 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	26 Sara White	27 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	28	29
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