

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



## August 2017

We as a family have just come off a whirlwind weekend with the wedding of our eldest daughter Natalie to Lee Wilson. Thank you for all your support and encouragement during the lead up to the wedding. Thank you for your prayers for the marriage of our daughter and new son-in-law. The wedding was magical. I had the privilege of officiating the ceremony and was able to deliver (without being too choked-up) a personal word to the couple that intertwined the gospel message of love and grace and forgiveness with their individual story. Family and friends gathered at a lovely hill top venue in Hendersonville to cheer them on and enjoy a fun reception. Natalie and Lee are now relaxing on their honeymoon at Santa Rosa Beach. The new couple will be living in West Asheville when they return. Continue to pray for them as they start their life together, work their jobs and pursue further education as well as their passion of theater in the Asheville Community. I thank God for all the wonderful marriages in our worshipping community, and for the joy in serving Christ and Providence Church for such a time as this. Grace to you,

*Pastor Edward*



## Session Highlights

Pastor Edward reported on his visit to California for General Assembly. The 2018 GA will be in Memphis, TN. Also, Pastor Edward asked the session members about their opinion on his continued participation in the After School Bible Study at Lake Junaluska and our involvement in VBS at Faith Community Church in 2018. He was given positive feedback on both outreaches.

Deacon Will Roberts reported that play equipment, specifically balls and Frisbees, had been purchased by Rick Boen for youth activities. A member of CCC in Montreat, Laura Hall, had been helped with packing and moving.

Kingdom Partnership - Pastor Edward asked both the elders and deacons the question "Are you interested(at this time) in going with HCA if/when they move?" Both pros and cons were discussed. Many were in favor of

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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

# Providence Happenings



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considering the option of going with HCA in the future. Others were not at this point. Pastor Edward asked the elders to continue praying for wisdom and God's direction. Several expressed a prayerful longing to grow in faith and size at Providence Church. One strategy that was suggested was to put greater emphasis on attracting young families. There was agreement to have children's ministry a priority.

In response to questions from our congregation about "an imminent" move with HCA, Pastor Edward encouraged the elders to talk with their respective nurture groups assuring them of no imminent move this fall with HCA, but that we are having conversations with HCA and the elders will notify the congregation with any updates.

## 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

**Youth Director** - Alan Cheney

**Administrative Assistant** - Barb Dresdow

## From the Youth Leader

Some may remember back in 1974 when Gary Gygax first published a three booklet set of rules for a fantasy adventure game called Dungeons & Dragons. I'm sure more will recall the enormous backlash against Dungeons and Dragons that reached a fever pitch during the 80's and early 90's. Christians in particular took a stand against the game's use of creatures called "demons" and "devils" as part of the game world. The game was even blamed for inspiring Chris Pritchard to murder his parents in 1988 though later it was revealed that this was not the case.

Specifically I remember when I was in 7th grade I started to play a game with my friends that was inspired by Dungeons & Dragons. I came home one afternoon after school and while my mother was making dinner I began to tell her about the game. She smiled and nodded and asked pertinent questions like mothers do when they're multi-tasking right up until I mentioned the words "Dungeons and Dragons". Mom went rigid and told me I was never to play that game again, that it was "demonic".

My mother isn't the sort to buy into hysteria. She's very facts-oriented. She was a reporter for the St Augustine Record, once. It's only through her reaction that I, being born in '89, can see what some of the American church's opinion of Dungeons & Dragons was at the time. The idea that her son might be playing a game that was merely inspired by D&D clearly frightened my mother enough to take drastic measures and immediately outlaw the game. Was that the best approach? To be continued....

*Alan Cheney*



# Mission News



## Middle East Update

### Goodbye Middle East Friends

We said our goodbyes to our wonderful Arab friends who we have loved over the last 16 years. We are deeply thankful for the joy of sharing life with them as they have generously include us into their homes, culture, and hearts. We are thankful to be back in the US for the next year...but will miss our Middle Eastern home as well.

### Team

Be in prayer for our team as we leave our city. After serving there for over 5 years, we continue to pray in faith for God to do immeasurably more than we can or imagine in that region. Pray for God to bring fruit from the seeds planted by many who have come and shared. Pray for new workers (especially some guys!) to come to join this team of dynamic ladies to learn language and share with love and boldness.

### What's Next?

For the next year, we are based in Wilmington, NC. We are thankful for a supportive church with a furnished house and a great school. Lance will be traveling back and forth to the Middle East keeping up with his Area leadership role, recruiting for our field, as well as visiting churches in the area. Lisa is completing her Nurse Practitioner degree with clinical hours at local clinics. We plan to return to the Middle East next year and relocating to the capital city.

Blessings, *L@nce & Lis@*

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## McKays July Update

Hello to All,

It is hard to believe that we are closing in on 11 months on the field. We are finally getting a sense of being settled in here and while the paperwork still flows, it has slowed a bit. We were able to take our friend M. to an Arabic speaking church recently, where he had some more in-depth discussions with one of the leaders there. Thank you to the many who have said they are praying for M... please continue to ask that he would see Jesus! We will have another Syrian over for a meal tonight who wants to improve his German. His wife and child are still in Syria and they have been separated for over a year. From all appearances, he is a stricter M. and we look forward to the visit and another opportunity to show His matchless love and truth.



Due to the pressure from the election year government to send back refugees, particularly Afghans and Iraqis, we have noticed a couple of families in our network who are discussing plans to "relocate" in Europe. Some of these plans would involve significant risks and include some potentially dangerous travel plans. We need the Lord's wisdom in giving counsel and His insight. We are still learning the ins and outs of this mission and are looking forward to seeing His promises fulfilled. We are very thankful for this challenge and opportunity that you have made possible. His peace prevail, Adger, Sandra, Sam and Ian

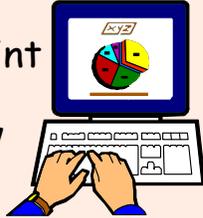
Prayer/Praise:

- we finally bought a car in late June!
- continued open doors of relationship with refugees
- still in need of \$1,000/month in support
- we will be in US the month of August (including my mother's 89th birthday)

## Want Ads

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

Needing someone willing to assist in running of Power Point during worship services. Please contact Barb Dresdow if you can help, or for more information.



## 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 June 30, 2017

Tithe/Offering collections	103,852
Miscellaneous income	33
Designated giving	<u>1,271</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>105,158</b>
Missions	13,700
Church Operating Expenses	<u>88,961</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>102,661</b>
Increase (Decrease) in cash	2,497
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>238,456</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	<b>240,953</b>
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	18,935
Savings Account	<u>222,018</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>245,019</b>

## August Volunteers

### Snacks

Aug 6	Glenda White team
Aug 13	Paula Rhodarmer team
Aug 20	Church
Aug 27	Jerry Allsbrook team

### Nursery

Aug 6	LuAnn Davis Susan Kingshill
Aug 13	Bob Dresdow Paula Rhodarmer
Aug 20	Courtney MacMillan Eden MacMillan
Aug 27	Sarah Altman Glenda Brouwer

### Counting Teams

Aug 6	Luke Allsbrook LuAnn Davis
Aug 13	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell
Aug 20	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis
Aug 27	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis

### Set Up/Close/Usher

Aug 6	Luke Allsbrook team
Aug 13	Phil Inglis team
Aug 20	Bruce Kingshill team
Aug 27	Bob Dresdow team

# August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle <i>Phil &amp; Pat Inglis</i>	<b>2</b> Benjamin Lizarazu	<b>3</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Lance Lawrence Ally Mitchell	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  10:45 AM Holy Communion	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Toni Cook	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Linda Roberts Buffy White
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	<b>16</b> <b>11:15 AM Serving at Open Door</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Robbie Hargrove	<b>21</b> <i>Bill &amp; Glenda White</i>	<b>22</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle <i>Ellie Lizarazu</i> <i>Samuel McKay</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Chelsea Davis</i> <i>Bob &amp; Barb Dresdow</i>	<b>24</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group <b>11:15 AM Serving at Open Door</b> 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group		

Anniversary

Birthday