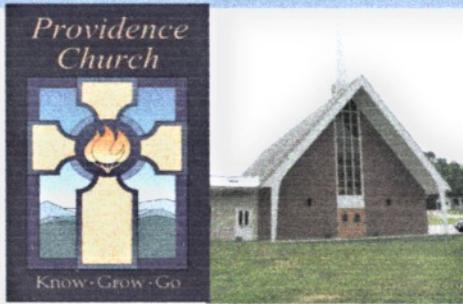


THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation

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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 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 and Children's Church

Tuesday

12:00 pm - Lunch with Pastor

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

January 2016

Happy New Year! With the ringing in of 2016 we have all sorts of aspirations and dreams for the coming year. On New Year's Eve, our family gathered around the fire and each of us offered one word for the coming year. Words like hope, and Courage and ministry were spoken. My word was transformation. My hope is that I may, more and more reflect the life of Christ, and that we as a community of faith may be on that same journey which the Apostle Paul describes as "from glory to glory He's changing me, His likeness and image to perfect in me". May you know more of God's love in the coming year, His never ending, always and forever love, lavished upon you in Christ.

Pastor Edward



December Session Highlights

- 1) EPC Christmas Offering = Gratitude Gift Fund – In lieu of sending the Christmas Eve offering to this fund, two local ministries will split it equally. Curt Sevig made a motion that the Christmas Eve offering be split evenly between Circles of Hope and the Daily Blessing. After a second by Sam Mitchell, the motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Pastor Edward will begin a new member's class in January for all prospective members. It will take place during the Sunday School hour (10-10:45 am).
- 3) Imani Melele Children's Choir – The session discussed the feasibility of hosting this African children's choir in July of 2016. Pastor Edward will work with Barb Dresdow to develop a survey on this for the congregation. A final decision will be made in early 2016.
- 3) Revised building opening/closing schedule for 2016 (LuAnn Davis will serve as a substitute when needed):

FIRST SUNDAY – Curt Sevig

SECOND SUNDAY – Phil Inglis

THIRD SUNDAY – Bruce Kingshill

FOURTH SUNDAY – Bob Dresdow

FIFTH SUNDAY – Luke Allsbrook

4) Presbytery Meeting on February 6-7, 2016 in Dalton, Georgia – One teaching elder, Edward Brouwer and two ruling elders, Phil Inglis and LuAnn Davis were commissioned for this meeting. All active and inactive elders are welcome to attend as always!

5) Vision for 2016 – Among other things, the Session would like to see more discipleship for youth & adults, small groups, and the addition of a Wednesday night dinner and/or fellowship.

Providence Happenings



Election Results

At the December 6th congregational meeting the following were elected:

Elder, class of 2016: Bruce Kingshill

Elder, class of 2017: Phil Inglis

Elders, class of 2018: Luke Allsbrook
Bob Dresdow

Nominating Committee: Bill Allsbrook, Paula Rhodarmer, Bill White

Second Saturday Cinema

Every second Saturday is movie night. Gather at 6:00 pm for food and fellowship. The movie starts at 7:00 pm. For further information contact Alan Cheney.

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, **Pastor**

Our Session

Class of 2016

LuAnn Davis
Bruce Kingshill

Class of 2017

Phil Inglis
Curt Sevig

Class of 2018

Luke Allsbrook
Bob Dresdow

Music Director

Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant

Barb Dresdow

Dinner for Eight

New groups are being formed for the January to June period. If you are not currently participating and would like to, or if you do not wish to continue for this period, please contact Glenda White at 235-1897 or glendarwhite@outlook.com. Also let her know if you are willing to be a group leader - group leaders are responsible for setting up the first meeting time and place. Future meetings are set by group consensus.



Open Door Volunteers



The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who helped at the Open Door lunch on New Year's Eve:

Barb Dresdow, Jerry Allsbrook, T J Anthony, Ann Winstead, Renee, Luke, Calvin, Margaret, and Boyd Allsbrook, Rita and Curt Sevig, Phil Inglis, Phil's son David with Maddie, McKenzie, and Bailey, Eleonore Shelton, and Bill White.



Tuesday Lunch with Pastor Edward meets Tuesdays at noon in the Home Trust Bank conference room in Clyde, to discuss the coming Sunday's sermon. Bring your Bible and a bag lunch.



Mission News



News from the Luptons

Our Announcement

We will have a new member join our team in 2016. Actually, we hope to have a few, but we're talking specifically about Lupton baby #3! Fox and Evie Jude will have a little brother or sister join them in June. We'd appreciate your prayers for Laura Kate and this new little one. Living at almost 9,000 feet makes pregnancy especially difficult for Laura Kate. Not that it's ever all that easy...



Thanks For Your Prayers!

Our church's first VBS was an overwhelming success and we can't thank you enough for your prayers. Laura Kate and a gifted team of volunteers put on a fantastic program that was gospel-focused and allowed us to connect with many new families.



Update on the McKays



We have had an eventful December which began on the first weekend at a missions event with World Outreach, the missions branch of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (with which I am ordained). During that weekend, Sandra and I agreed to pursue the application process with them as a covering for our call to the Black Forest and Beyond! It should serve to expedite the support process and I have been a Teaching Elder with them for over 20 years, so there are few surprises...on that front. One of the great and unexpected highlights was going into a number of Muslim-owned businesses and singing Christmas carols pending their permission, which was usually granted. The responses were amazing and warm and an encouragement to us as we walk this path toward ministry among refugees in Europe. Germany just passed the one million mark for refugees this year alone!

We were also privileged to minister again in Memphis, with Sandra sharing at a women's luncheon and a chance for me to teach a few times on "Glory Moves In." We continue the path that we believe the Lord has for us to Europe and are thankful to all of you for your love, support and prayers.

Year End Update from the Roes

We're in the US until July 2016 which is coming quick!

Even before the European refugee crisis was "in the news" Courtney had an opportunity to travel to Sicily and help our mission dream about how it might engage refugees in Europe. Just a few months later our mission has mobilized an incredible response that you can read about here: www.GEMission.org/Refuge . Here in the US we led our church in collecting 423 pairs of shoes for the refugees in Europe.



Year End Giving

We really appreciate all of you that give both in prayers and in financial partnership with our ministry. We can't do it without you. If you're able to do a year-end special gift, we'd like to bring to your attention some special needs we have:

Extra Travel Expenses - With being in the US, we have a lot of extra travel expenses not only for Courtney to fly back to Europe a few times but also as we visit supporters all around this large nation of ours.

eDOT has several projects that are not yet fully funded including ICCM-Europe Scholarships, TEFL curriculum based on the Chronicles of Narnia, a prayer app that eDOT is developing.

Want Ads

Items you wish to buy, sell, or trade may be submitted to Bill White or Barb Dresdow. They must be received by the 25th day of the month before the issue in which they are to appear, and will appear in that issue only. They may be re-submitted each month.

FREE large chest freezer. Works great, looks well used. Just don't need it any more. Call Wally ((828) 550-2808) or Toni ((828) 226-1679) Cook.

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information December 31, 2015

Tithe/Offering collections	186,246
Miscellaneous income	1,540
Designated giving	<u>41,502</u>
Total Revenue	229,288
HCA Renovation Expense	45,000
Missions	44,389
Church Operating Expenses	<u>155,359</u>
Total Expenditures	244,748
Revenue over (under) expenditures	(15,460)
Prior year bills paid	(2,940)
Bill yet to be paid	2,373
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(16,027)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>287,562</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	271,535
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	29,621
Building Fund CD/Savings	<u>241,914</u>
Total	271,535

January Volunteers

Snacks

Jan 3	Jerry Allsbrook team
Jan 10	Susan Kingshill team
Jan 17	Gaby Lowell team
Jan 24	Eleonore Shelton team
Jan 31	Men (Bill White coord)

Nursery

Jan 3	T J Anthony Ann Winstead
Jan 10	Renee Mitchell Charlotte Allsbrook
Jan 17	Jenny Alt Wally Cook
Jan 24	Rhonda Lear Susan Kingshill
Jan 31	T J Anthony Ann Winstead

Set Up/Usher Teams

Week 1	Curt Sevig team
Week 2	Phil Inglis team
Week 3	Bruce Kingshill team
Week 4	Bob Dresdow team
Week 5	Luke Allsbrook team

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2 Matt Kirby
3 Carole Torpy 	4 Michael Lear Billy Sterrett Alan & Jordan Cheney Sandra McKay	5	6 Helena Godfrey	7 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group Mary Ellen Fawcett	8 Bob Dresdow	9
10	11	12 Malcolm Spink	13	14 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group Diana Bush	15	16
17	18 Edward Brouwer	19 Margaret Allsbrook Matt Kirby	20	21 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group Sam White	22	23 Nichael & Samantha McGlone
24	25	26	27	28 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group	29 Rita Sevig	30
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