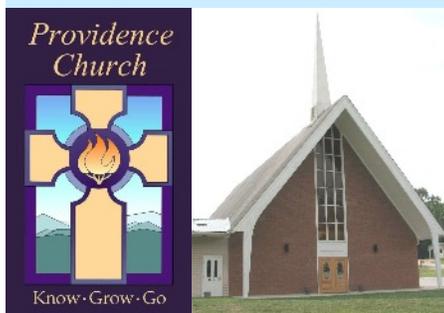


THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



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July 2016

I am writing this on the way to Europe. I'm thrilled to visit family in The Netherlands. I'm hoping to connect with my Dutch heritage. Growing up in Canada in a Dutch reformed home faith and family were important values. When I was a teenager our church had a weekly discipleship program in which we studied the Heidelberg Catechism. Such a warm and assuring statement of faith in 52 Lords Days. I hope to begin a series called 20 Questions utilizing this catechism as a spring board for the sermon. Have a blessed early summer and see you on the other side.



Pastor Edward

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 with Nursery and Children's Church

Monday

4:45 Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday

12:00 pm - Pastor's Circle

4:00 pm - Ladies Group Prayer

Thursday

6:30 am - Men's Group Prayer

JUNE 14TH - SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) Elder Care Group Updates – Each elder highlighted prayer requests from the members of their elder care groups. Elders were asked to connect with each person in his/her group on a regular basis if possible.
- 2) Salary for Summer Intern, Julian Bacon – For this discussion, Pastor Brouwer excused himself from the meeting, and LuAnn Davis was elected as Moderator pro temp. All of the elders presented their views on the appropriate salary for the 10 week, full-time Summer Intern position. A compromise salary was agreed upon by all.
- 3) Vacation Bible School – Edward reported that the dates for Vacation Bible School will be Monday, July 11th through Wednesday, July 13th. Julian Bacon will be the organizer for this event & will be contacting everyone soon
- 4) Sunday Worship Facilitators while Pastor Brouwer is away:
 - June 19th – Bob Dresdow will open worship & Skip MacMillan will preach
 - June 26th – Bob Dresdow will open worship & Skip MacMillan will preach
 - July 3rd – Bob Dresdow will lead worship & Julian Bacon will preach
 - July 10th – Bob Dresdow will lead worship & Julian Bacon will preach
 - July 17th – Edward Brouwer will lead worship & Julian Bacon will preach

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Providence Happenings



5) Change in Communion Date for July – Since Pastor Brouwer will be away on the first week in July when communion is scheduled, it will be moved to July 17th when he returns. A motion was made by Phil Inglis to move communion to the third Sunday (July 17th) in the month. After a second by Curt Sevig, the motion passed unanimously.

6) Meeting with HCA Headmaster, Mrs. Herbert – Pastor Brouwer scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, July 19th at 9:30 am with the new HCA Headmaster. All elders were invited to attend.

7) Skipping Session Meeting in July – Luke Allsbrook made a motion to skip the stated session meeting in July due to vacations & Pastor Edward's absence. After a second by Curt Sevig, the motion passed unanimously. Consequently, the next meeting of the Session will be Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Thank you to our Providence family for your prayers, cards, flowers, offers to help, and visits during mom's hospital and rehab stay. It means so much to receive the love and support that you all pour out. We are truly blessed.

Gaby Lowell & Toni Cook

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held on Monday, July 11th, to Wednesday, July 13th, from 6-8 pm at the Providence Campus. Our theme this year will be "Follow Me" - Jesus calling his disciples and the Great Commission. We will worship through music, bible lessons, crafts, games and snacks.

We will wrap up our week on Thursday night at 6 pm with a VBS pizza and pool party at Thom and Jacque Morgan's home - 416 Stone Haven Drive, Waynesville

Please let Barb Dresdow know if you are planning on bringing children:

providencechurchassistant@gmail.com

NEW POLICY ON BUILDING USE

Effective immediately, any and all use of the HCA building (outside of our agreed upon time: all day on Sundays and Wednesday evenings after 4:30pm) must first be approved through Barb Dresdow and HCA. We want to honor our agreement with HCA and avoid any scheduling conflicts. In addition, because the safety and security of the students is a priority, NO ONE is to come on the campus during school hours without first reporting to the main office.

Save the Date

Trivia night/cookout Saturday, August 27th.

Potluck Luncheon July 17th for the Lizarazus

The Lizarazus family, missionaries in Bolivia we support, will be visiting the area in July. They are coming to the states at the end of June. They are bringing a team of 13 youth, including 5 of their own children, and will also add a relative from the states.

They will be attending a camp in Tennessee, which gave all of the youth scholarships. Then they will visit the Black Mountain church which supports them from July 9-11th. After that they will travel to the UNC Charlotte to visit another missionary friend, and also to visit the college campus as some of these teens are college bound.

They will arrive in Waynesville on Wednesday, July 13th, and stay in our area until Sunday, July 17th. They will be staying and working at Camp Bethel, and will be doing some Habitat-like work on some houses. They will attend our VBS on Wednesday and Thursday evening. On Sunday July 17th, they will share with us during the Sunday School hour, and also a Minute for mission during the service to update us on their work. We will have a potluck luncheon after the service to welcome them and give a time for the congregation to talk with them on a more personal level, so bring your favorite dish. Drinks will be provided.

Our prayer concerns at this time are for safe travel, and we are still in need of transportation for the team to go to various events while they are staying with Providence. Anyone who would like to join the team for work, play or meals is gleefully invited to do so. Please contact Renee Mitchell or someone from the mission committee if you are interested in joining in this adventure.





Mission News



Jack & Jill Update

For those who have followed the story, Jack & Jill relocated outside of our country of service almost 3 years ago due to being targeted because of their belief in Christ Jesus.

For the last 1.5 years, direct pressure and rumors have quieted. As a result, Jack has tested the waters to see if he could return to his country by accompanying new friends for 2 day medical treatments. The first two visits were completed without incident. The third (March 2016), however, was different. (Note: Jack's primary reason for trying to return is his inability to secure work in their host country. Each time he secures work, the local security check will not clear him due to his past problems in his home country (sharing of info between Arab States)).

Upon arriving at the airport, he was held for 4 hours by gov't officials, shown a folder filled with photos and names of foreigners (people like us) in the country, and offered a deal. The deal goes like this, "We know you aren't working, you're barely making it. Come back. Open official complaints against these people and we'll restore everything back to the way it was. This is our last offer. Call us after you've thought about it."

As of May, Jack had not called, so the gov't sent a Police Officer to his father's house, ordering him to appear at the Governor's office the next day. During the meeting, Jack's father was told that his son was no longer a Muslim, was consorting with deviate foreigners, and had refused to cooperate with the authorities. They advised Jack's parents to submit a legal case to disown him, remove his children from his custody, and engage his larger network of uncles to bring them back home.

If Jack was to return, any violent action will occur by way of his family, not by way of the gov't. But who set this in motion? Without full understanding of the situation, this could only look like a "family issue" without ever considering the role that the gov't played. Meanwhile their residency fees are overdue since Jack has been without work. This is needed for them to remain in the country. *Unfortunately, these are real pressures that a majority of Christians live with in today's world. Be informed and be in prayer!!*

June update: Many of you responded to the last update in focused prayer, and financial support. Through us, Jack & Jill want to send a very big "THANK YOU!". Various individuals & congregations provided over \$3500 to cover residency fees for J&J's two daughters. Now their daughters have a valid residency for the next two years. Then, Jack received an email from a man in Canada offering assistance. It was the result of a Gospel conference Jack attended 1 year earlier. There he met a Kuwaiti believer, who followed Jesus back in the 90s, and subsequently immigrated to Canada where he is now working at a church. Six months earlier, Jack had sent a quick email to tell him of his ongoing difficulties. This gentleman from Canada responded to Jack's email sent 6 months prior, with the idea of his congregation submitting immigration papers for Jack & Jill's family. I have contacted this gentleman, conducted background research on him, the documents were submitted, and now we are waiting. An email received from a acquaintance met 1 year prior, during the exact time when persecution is escalating, and those who are directly helping are out of options, screams of the sovereign work of God! We don't know if this is THE answer, but we are encouraged!

Blessings, L & L



McKays June Update

We are so excited about the chance we have to go share Jesus' love with refugees in Germany by Engaging the Displaced. This is an unprecedented move among Muslims. There is so much to do and so little time, but the fact is, we need the Father's miraculous intervention on multiple fronts. We need to: find schools for the boys, housing, learn the governmental requirements for living in Germany, raise full support, sell a house and two cars, find a church there, figure out the best way to minister to the refugees, go to be commissioned at GA (a week from tomorrow), do a recon. mission to Germany in two weeks or so, and so on.



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We are thrilled to announce that we have passed the 50% mark on support raising!! I like to refer to "hard" numbers (which means firm commitments with \$ amounts) and these are hard numbers. We do additionally have some churches and individuals who are committed to give and have not yet come up with figures. We look forward to seeing the Lord do this miraculously, which I fully believe He will. Sandra, the boys and I thank you for your support and prayers, we cannot do this alone. His peace will prevail,

The McKays



News of George P

Cynthia and I long to get back [overseas] but for now, unless the Lord intervenes in a special way we will be here till around May of 2017. Please pray for God to intervene and get us back sooner. Please pray that we learn what we must learn through our experience here in the states.



From the Krieg's Newsletter

Expansion brings warfare

This last week's blog brought a lot of traffic to our site: about 1,500 unique visitors and 4,300 views in that week alone. We usually see about half of that amount consistently. We were grateful for the traffic. We were excited about the new clients we are getting as a result, and conversations we were having with those who read it. But there is a piece of us that feels the increased pushback spiritually.



The darkness

When we lean into say something bold, speak what is true, or counsel someone to a place of freedom, Matt and I always see varying amounts of spiritual attack. This comes in the form of overwhelming discouragement or illogical fighting between us, or something more direct such as witches and LGBTQ priestesses commenting on the blog (I delete these as soon as I see them), or porn stars trying to friend us on social media.

I don't write this to alarm you, but to tell you what is really going on behind the scenes. We knew when we started a ministry focused on helping those struggling with sexual identity or addiction (and the family/friends affected by it) that the enemy had a lot of ground in those areas. We knew we needed to be "suited up" with the armor of God to step into such ground. We need your prayers—especially if God continues to grow our territory.

The light

However, I don't want to write this newsletter with all doom and gloom. I want to talk about the beauty that is coming from our stepping into darkness with the light within us, and give thanks to God who is equipping us daily to do it.

One picture of this light-meeting-darkness is with "Emily." When I began meeting with her this fall, she was terrified. To even admit her struggle with same-sex attraction made her hang her head in shame. Since that first meeting, I have watched her transform from someone who can wear masks to cover up intense struggle and pain, to a woman who sees that what she truly craves isn't another human, but Someone to see her and tell her she has value and purpose. Through confession, lament, and receiving truth, Emily is becoming a new creation.

"Jared" is another example. Like many young men, he has struggled with pornography since he was a teen. He has worked hard to control his struggle and his urges for a long time not realizing that pornography is just the symptom of the issue. He began meeting with Matt to begin the process of going deeper to find what he is really running from. In this process, Jared met with Jesus, and began placing his identity in his Creator. While the struggle is still fresh for him, he is starting to rely on God to fight not only the sin, but the underlying beliefs about himself that drive him to his actions. He is beginning to walk in the assurance of who he is in Christ. This process has allowed him to be open with his struggle, and get the support he needs from his parents, brothers, and even his girlfriend.

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“Ally” came to me after meeting with a psychiatrist for several years. When Ally decided not to meet with this professional any more, the individual said that Ally will always have an eating disorder, and will never be able to have a healthy relationship with men. (She and I prayed against the power of that lie as soon as I heard about it! :)) Over the last several months, I have watched Ally bloom from someone who was afraid of God, hated herself, and coped by destructive behaviors into someone who walks in joy and confidence.

Darkness meets light

It is stories like these—the journeying alongside others—that keeps us going. Please, pray for God’s protection, both for us and for those who are getting set free. Please pray, too, for God’s financial provision. There is an unlimited amount of need in our field, but not all our clients can afford to give much. We know we are where we are supposed to be, but we also know we cannot do it for free.

Thank you, dear supporters, as always, for your faithfulness financially and in prayer.

In Him, *Laurie (and Matt)*



From the Sinclair’s Newsletter

Graduation 2016

Friday, May 27 was graduation day at Westminster Christian Institute Uganda. Bruce was honored to deliver a charge to the first class of graduates since the school became accredited. Baccalaureate at African Bible University took place that night with graduation exercises following on Saturday.

Seminary News

As we reported in February, classes were suspended at the graduate seminary due to legal issues. In the past few months, the seminary administration has been working with the National Council for Higher Education. God provided the initial funds needed to acquire a new campus. We are in the process of getting the curriculum approved. Pray for grace and provision through this time-consuming process. We hope to resume classes in September as Africa Reformation Theological Seminary (ARTS).

Praise the Lord ...

For his faithfulness in using people we have equipped to equip others.

For his gracious provision of all our physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual needs, so that we may serve Him in Uganda.

For his awesome power shown in the amazing way he allowed Africa Reformed Theological Seminary to acquire a new campus.

Prayer Requests

Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send the 2016 graduating classes of African Bible University and Westminster Christian Institute Uganda as workers in his harvest.

Ask the Only Wise God for wisdom, direction, protection and provision as we travel throughout America this summer, reporting on the work he is doing through us in East Africa.

Ask the King of Glory to glorify himself through MTW’s East Africa Ministerial Training Team as we pursue traditional and non-traditional methods of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry.

Ask the Head of the Church to give special grace to New City Church as much of the leadership team will be away for the summer.

Ask him who turns the hearts of kings to cause the National Council for Higher Education to look favorably on the seminary’s accreditation application. Also implore Jehovah-jireh to provide for all the material and administrative needs, so that ARTS can resume classes in September.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement!

Bruce and Pam Sinclair

From Steve Woodworth’s Newsletter

If you receive World Outreach prayer requests then you know that my family and I have been praying for several months about how best to meet the needs of our oldest son Luke and

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his unique educational needs. Luke has dyslexia and dyscalculia and while my wife has done an excellent job of teaching him at home for several years, it was recommended to us by professionals that we seek out a school that could meet his unique learning needs as he transitions into middle and high school. Living in rural Georgia has provided us with an incredible community and gorgeous surroundings for 4 years. However, it lacks the type of schooling that Luke desperately needed. After several months of exploring potential programs all over the Southeast we were finally lead to the Sandhill School in Columbia, SC. By God's amazing grace our house sold in just one week and we plan to move in the middle of July.

In addition to the new school for Luke our two other sons will be attending the Ben Lippen School on the campus of Columbia International University. The new setting will allow us to be closer to my wife's family in NC and will give me access to numerous seminaries in the area as well as the Charlotte airport.

PLEASE PRAY FOR US

Family transition to Columbia, SC (community, housing, healthy goodbyes)
Future planning for ITEN
Spiritual protection for our children in this time of change

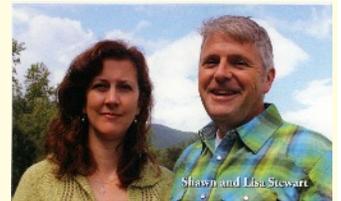
The new ITEN website is LIVE. Please take some time to visit us at ITENglobal.org and pass it along to anyone who wants to learn more.



From Shawn Stewart's Newsletter

So much is Happening!

- We have 7 new workers who will be commissioned [in June]: Adger & Sandra M going to work among refugee's in Europe; Ed & Nan M to join the leadership of ITEN as WO strives to develop 10 new theological education training centers around the world; Jackie B who is headed to join a church planting team in Indonesia; Stephanie B who is going to co-op with Serge as a professor of Bible to train national church leaders for growing healthier churches; And Lizzie L who is going to work with the India Engage2025 team.
- We now have a new field for Engage2025. The Presbytery of the Great Plains has adopted the Muslim Albanians of Macedonia. So begins a new team that I will be seeking team members for mobilizing and sending out.
- Our national headquarters will be moving to Orlando, Florida in September. As we head to Orlando, World Outreach will welcome our newest member to our leadership. We have just called Jason Dunn to become the Associate Director of World Outreach. This is a hired staff position serving under our current Director of World Outreach, Phil Linton. He and his wife Katie will be welcomed with great joy to our WO family. Jason will be overseeing my role in mobilization, so pray for the poor guy! He will have his hands full!
- We have just completed a WEEK of training (Here in Black Mountain, NC) for 12 World Outreach workers in Dunamis course training of PRMI: Equipping in the power of the Holy Spirit. A week of learning and doing ministry time in the areas of: Prayer & Healing, Spiritual Warfare, Listening Evangelism, Being Filled with The Holy Spirit... Oh Yea, it was quite a week!!!! Thanks to 3 of our supporting churches and their members who helped with this conference: Christ Community Church, Riceville Presbyterian Church and Isight Church.



PRAYER NEEDS

- The Holy Spirit to enable General Assembly to be a season of connecting, sharing needs for our fields and FINDING new leads for workers.
- For peace and God's presence for Lisa as I am away from home.
- For my meeting 5 or more new churches who might consider joining our support team.
- For us to raise our needed support in the coming months. We are currently in need of \$1200 a month in new support.
- For upcoming trip to Lebanon. For the forming team, for Lisa to get time off from Mission Hospital, for us to find support for her cost and for my being able to gain the best understanding of the recruitment needs of team members for the Engage2025 church planting team.
- For the new Associate Director and the mobilization team to increase our ability to meet the many needs EPC WO currently has... they are ALOT!

Want Ads

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

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous

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

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information May 31, 2016

Tithe/Offering collections	70,690
Miscellaneous income	30
Designated giving	<u>3,873</u>
Total Revenue	74,593
HCA Renovation Expense	0
Missions	15,295
Church Operating Expenses	<u>69,019</u>
Total Expenditures	84,314
Revenue over (under) expenditures	(9,721)
Prior year bills paid	(2,373)
Bill yet to be paid	0
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(12,094)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>271,535</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	259,441
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	17,496
Savings Account	<u>241,945</u>
Total	259,441

July Volunteers

Snacks

July 3	Toni Cook team
July 10	Glenda White team
July 17	Barb Dresdow team
July 24	Renee Mitchell team
July 31	Men's day

Nursery

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

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, **Pastor**

Our Session

Class of 2016

LuAnn Davis - Clerk
Bruce Kingshill - Finance

Class of 2017

Phil Inglis - Congregational Care
Curt Sevig - Missions

Class of 2018

Luke Allsbrook - Discipleship/Christian Education
Bob Dresdow - Worship

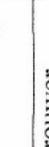
Music Director

Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant

Barb Dresdow

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Dean & Eileen Bartlett	4 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study  Independence Day	5 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group Matthew Brouwer Matt Davis	6	7 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Glenda Brouwer	8 9 Phil Inglis Garrett Walston	16
10	11 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Jerry Allsbrook	12 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	13	14 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	15	16
17  10:45 AM Holy Communion 12:15 PM Potluck for Lizarzus	18 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Joshua & Sara Cole	19 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group Torpy Skinner	20 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	21 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Bill White	22 23 Luke & Renee Allsbrook Karen Zimmerman	23 Skip & Courtney MacMillan
24	25 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Matt & Lisa Kirby	26 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	27 Larry Hershenson	28 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	29 Carson Alt	30 Barb Dresdow
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