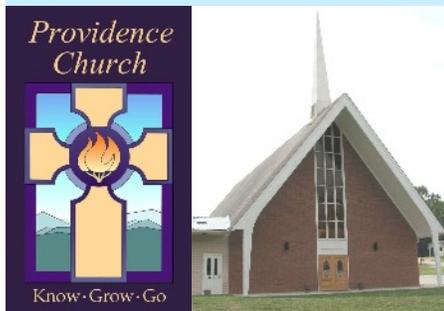


# THE PROVIDENCE POST

*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 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 2016**

One of my favorite books on evangelism is Rebecca Pippert's *Out of The Saltshaker & Into the World*. In it she writes of dynamic and engaging ways to tell our story and the story of God's grace in Christ to us. Everyday the Lord is giving us opportunities to share the hope that is within us. In a few weeks Muslims across the world will participate in Ramadan, a month of fasting to commemorate the giving of the Koran to their prophet. I was reading in the 30 day prayer guide (that our Mission's team has provided for us) and was fascinated with the many stories of faith in Christ from former Muslims. I know we do not meet many Muslims in Haywood County, but if you are blessed to, please engage them with questions. One suggestion is to ask them what their faith means to them and how it makes a difference in their lives. This is a respectful start to a conversation, in which perhaps we might also have the chance to share what Jesus means to us. Whomever the Lord brings into your life, may you have courage and grace to share Jesus--the Way, the Truth and the Life. May the Lord bring about a harvest to which we marvel and say "wow, that is all you Lord!"

*Pastor Edward*



## **Session Highlights**

- 1) Summer staffing of Julian Bacon – Pastor Brouwer suggested that Julian Bacon be hired at Providence Church for 10 weeks as an assistant to the minister. His job duties would include: preaching and dealing with pastoral concerns while Edward is on vacation, organizing Vacation Bible School, leading the Pastor's Bible Study on Tuesdays, teaching a summer Sunday School Class, doing pastoral visitations, and advancing the gospel here as opportunities arise. The session will make a final decision on salary and terms of employment at a future meeting.
  - 2) Report from the POSE Meeting on Friday, May 6th – Saturday, May 7th – Phil Inglis reported that the spring meeting at Win Shape Retreat Center near Rome, GA focused on outreach. He described Project Backyard ([www.projectbackyard.com](http://www.projectbackyard.com)) as a great way to reach millennials with the gospel. They are looking for authentic people, service to the community, and faithful Bible study & worship.
  - 3) Curt Sevig brought forward these projects from the Mission Committee: Ramadan Prayer Calendar for Christians to use, fund raiser for Adger McKay's mission trip to Germany, and the Lizarazu family coming from Bolivia in July for a visit. There will be a pot luck lunch and a minute for
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# Providence Happenings



mission while they are here.

4) Youth & Family Ministry Report – Luke Allsbrook updated the Session on the activities of Alan Cheney with the youth of the church. He has been teaching a Sunday School class every week, meeting with them at Panacea after school every Tuesday, and holding game/movie nights regularly.

5) Vacation Bible School – Julian Bacon will be responsible for selecting the date. Further discussion will be held at the June session meeting.

6) Jane Ladner Bequest – In order to honor her last wishes, the session decided that the \$10,000 gift would be divided among two church accounts: \$1,000 will be placed into the savings account that contains the building fund donations and \$9,000 will be placed into our general savings account.

## Welcome New Members

Jennifer and Jeffrey  
Alt and their children,  
Clara and Carson



## Summer Intern Report

I'm really glad to be back at Providence Church this summer. I am just excited to be part of your community of faith, and I want to be intentional about getting to know as many of you better! Please feel free to let me know if you want to get together with me.



Julian Bacon

I will be starting to teach a Sunday School class this coming Sunday (May 29). The purpose of the class will be to survey a different book of the New Testament each week, and to discuss some of the theological problems in the book. I hope to see many of you there in the coming weeks.

I have already started to think about what Vacation Bible School is going to look like. The best dates to do VBS are July 11-14. I will get more information to you, when I know more. If you already know that you would be available to help in anyway, feel free to let me know.

Please pray for my time at Providence, that I would grow in my own faith, and gain greater understanding of what it looks like to serve God's people in a church setting. Please pray for the time I spend in preparation for teaching Sunday School, and my Sermon preparation in July.

## Youth Ministry Report

Hey Providence Church! I am very excited to share with you all the progress we are making in building a solid youth ministry here in our little corner of WNC. Thanks to the incredible support of the church and the parents of Providence, we are beginning to experience our first signs of real growth. While our group once only consisted of 4 kids, we now have a solid core of 6 with a total of 10 who attend our weekly, after-school get-together at the local Panacea Cafe on Tuesdays. I was very encouraged when one of our newcomers confided in me that she was hungry for a more personal, less mass-produced youth experience and she thought our group might have what she's looking for. Pretty cool, right?

In addition to our time together on Tuesdays, we've also begun a Sunday morning Bible study that the kids tell me they enjoy very much. We've been working through Don't Check Your Brains at the Door by Josh McDowell and Bob Hostetler and learning how to address some of the more difficult questions young people ask about the Bible, Jesus, and Christianity.

Also, thanks to the hard work of the Committee on Youth and Family, we've got some great events planned for the coming summer. The first of these events will be an overnight backpacking trip open to all Providence folk this Memorial Day weekend starting after church on Sunday and lasting through Monday. Please keep an eye open for a Youth Calendar of Events which is forthcoming.

Finally, I would like to ask the congregation to please keep the youth ministry of Providence church in your prayers. Pray for our continued growth and that, as we grow, we might instill in the youth of our area a hunger to know and worship God. Additionally, please pray for me as I step forward as a leader to our youth.

If you have any questions about our regular meetings or upcoming events, please feel free to ask me or Will Roberts. If you know of any young people who might enjoy being a part of our group, encourage them to visit us at Panacea Cafe on Tuesdays at 3:00 or to come to the Sunday morning bible study at 9:50 in the computer room/library on the right past the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you and God bless, *Alan Cheney.*



# Mission News



## Ramadan Prayer Guide



Our EPC mission organization, World Outreach, has set a priority to reach out to the Muslim world with the gospel. The Muslim holy month of Ramadan is June 6-July 5, and your missions committee has acquired several devotional guides for use during this time. They are located on the missions table at the back of the sanctuary.

In this newsletter you will find an abbreviated prayer guide in the form of a one page calendar, for those who prefer a condensed version.

## Missions Prayer Points

- Pray for the Roes family as they prepare for their return to Germany in early July.
- Pray for the Lizarazus as they bring a group of teens to the US for a camp and extended travel. They especially need transportation for portions of their trip. We will see them in July.
- Pray for the Good Samaritan Clinic as they transition to new systems and services.
- Pray for Adger McKay to receive full funding so that he and his family may get to Germany in time for their children to enroll in school.
- Pray for all the missionaries and ministries we help to support, that God would be glorified in and through them.
- Pray for George and Cynthia. Chemotherapy has shrunk his tumor considerably, but he just had a 5 day round of chemo at twice the strength, and will have another even stronger round in June. He must visit his oncologist in Atlanta monthly for 11 more months.

Dear Friends,

## Email from Sidney Indgin

I am writing to let you know that I am going on a mission trip to Honduras in early June. I will be part of a team which will include a couple of doctors, a dentist and evangelists. We will be led by Al McElheran. Al is a missionary with whom we first traveled in Ecuador, where he worked for thirty five years, and he has long been supported by Old Cutler Church. We will be assisting poor people in small mountainous remote regions, demonstrating His love by delivering much needed care and teaching.

You can help us greatly by praying, for travel safety, good health, and that we will be able to demonstrate Christ's love to those to whom we minister. If you wish, you can also help by donating funds for much needed medical supplies, which must be purchased, and of course there are travel expenses. Checks may be made out to OCPC and mailed to 14401 Old Cutler Road, Miami FL 33158, with Honduras on the lower left line of the check.

I look forward to reporting to you upon our safe return!

*Sidney*

## May Update from Adger McKay

We are finding that times are flying as we maintain our focus on a fall 2016 departure date to get Sam and Ian into school and to begin Engaging the Displaced among Germany's refugees. We have seen the Lord move over the last two weeks to increase our percentage of monthly backing from just under 33% to around 45%!! I love to tell Sandra that God has us right where He wants us, where the human angle is impossible and He gets all the glory. It is a joy to watch Him move!



The testimonies of the Lord's amazing work in the hearts of these refugees continue to pour in and we are eager to get on the ground to see where and how He would have us minister. In late June, we will be commissioned as World Outreach missionaries in Livonia, MI at the General Assembly meeting. We will then be taking a recon. trip in July in order to finalize our place of living, school(s) for the boys, a local church for covering and the 'targeted' refugee locations. We are so grateful for your involvement and care in our mission and lives. We would love to hear from you. I would also like to appeal to any of you that consider your calling to be prayer intercession to prayerfully consider joining our intercessory team! Blessings in His peace,

*Adger, Sandra and the growing fuzzy-heads*

## May moving update by Laurie with Matt Krieg

We are in our new home! Getting here was a literal miracle. We explained some of it in our last letter, but to make a long story short: God seems to be showing us that we are on the right path with our primary calling and ministry to reach and teach those struggling with and affected by sexual identity and addiction.



We have been trying our best to seek God's will even in how we pray. We don't want to waste our time asking for things that are not his will. John 14:13 says that if we ask for anything in Jesus' name, he will do it to bring glory to the Father. Jesus also talks about how we need to pray "not my will but yours" (Matthew 6:10, Luke 22:42).

Through watching Jesus answer miracles for a home, in opening doors to speak, in the abundance of counseling/mentoring we are able to do, it seems to be that we are asking the Lord to do things he already wants to do--we simply must ask for them. We believe the results are bringing glory to the Father.

Because this letter is late, the days are short, (and we have a lot more to do today!), I am going to keep it short and to the point, sharing our needs and praises here.

1. We have a new address for the ministry. For confidentiality and consistency, we decided to go with a PO Box instead of our new home address. Please note the address change, and make the changes to your automatic bank payments, or monthly donations:

HIMH Ministries

PO Box 151486

Grand Rapids, MI 49515

THANK YOU SO MUCH! You are so necessary to help reach about 25 individuals and families per week with one-on-one counseling, and thousands more through the blog, and through speaking opportunities.

2. We are writing/editing. We are working on publishing a book I have been working on with Clare DeGraaf. We have been working on the title, but it will be something along the lines of Confidently Leading the Church to be as "Gay-Friendly" as the Bible Teaches: Christians in Pursuit of Grace. The target audience is church leaders wondering how to navigate truth and love well. It is a short book filled with discussion questions and helpful guidance (60-pages), and we are hopeful to offer it by the fall, if not before.

(For those of you wondering, I have been working on edits to my own book for Christians struggling with same-sex attraction. We have learned so much while working with men and women who experience SSA that to publish it before adding these edits would be to miss out on a lot we have gleaned. I am hopeful for completion sometime next year.)

3. We are speaking. There are some opportunities coming up this summer and fall as a result of this book publishing, through other speaking, word-of-mouth, and the blog that will help us to get more engagements. If you think your church or leadership team would benefit from hearing our story and message of "All fall short, all are loved," let us know!

4. We are counseling/mentoring, and need in need of a permanent office. God keeps opening up doors, reminding us that the harvest is ready (Luke 10:2). Please pray we find an office outside of our home to meet with men and women, couples, and families. Thank you!

5. We are having a baby...soonish. In July, we will welcome our second daughter to the world. :) We couldn't be happier. However, we have some tangible needs. If God prompts you, we could use a crib and a rocking chair. Our rocking chair was broken when we moved back to Michigan, and our crib is currently occupied by our firstborn, Gwyn! No pressure, I just felt led to ask for concrete needs. :) (We have a baby registry on Amazon. Just search our names or [click here](#). Thank you!)

As always, we are so encouraged by each of you. Thank you for your messages, texts, meals, words of encouragement, prayers, and financial gifts as the Lord leads you to give.

We met with our pastor this week, and he asked, "Who is praying for you?" We are so grateful to point to you all as those who lift us up to fight for grace, truth, and love in an area where it is often void.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayer, *Laurie and Matt*

# 30 Days of Prayer for Busy Christians on the go...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>30 Days</b> 12 June Day 7 <b>The Afar: unknown future</b> Pray that keys to communicating the message of Jesus clearly to these proud nomadic warriors & herdsmen will be discovered and shared. (Isaiah 40:3)	6 June Day 1 <b>New Movements</b> Pray that we will stop following failed strategies of the past, but rather lift up the person of Jesus Christ who is fully able to draw all men, including Muslims, to Himself.	7 June Day 2 <b>North Africa - Berbers</b> Pray that the emerging Christian movements in North Africa will endure despite government efforts at Arabisation and Islamisation. (1 Cor 15:58)	8 June Day 3 <b>Maures of Mauritania</b> Pray that the Arab-Berber Maures, a former nomadic people, will find their way to Jesus. (Jeremiah 29:13)	9 June Day 4 <b>West Africa - Discovering Christ</b> 100 million West African Muslims in 5/14 distinct ethnolinguistic people groups. Pray for those who remain unaware of the reality of Christ in this diverse region.	10 June Day 5 <b>Caribou boys of West Africa</b> Originally a way to train boys in Islamic values and Quran memorisation, the Garibou system has become modern-day child exploitation, trafficking and slavery. (Isaiah 61:1-3)	11 June Day 6 <b>East Africa</b> Pray for followers of Isa al-Masih in East Africa to have wisdom and courage as they live their faith in their local Muslim communities. (Matthew 5: 13-16)	
13 June Day 8 <b>Arab World - Amaal</b> Pray for Muslim-background believers like Amaal (young woman) who suffer persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. (Matthew 10:17-20)	14 June Day 9 <b>Iraq: from Empire to Chaos</b> Pray for the persevering Christians minorities - that through their practical love and witness many will find Christ. (Acts 2:44-47)	15 June Day 10 <b>Turkistan: led by the Spirit</b> Pray for courageous missionaries who are taking the gospel to each of Turkistan's 227 Muslim people groups. (Hebrews 10:32-39)	16 June Day 11 <b>Turkey: a Crossroad for Refugees</b> Pray for the Syrian refugees in Turkey who have been there for many years, longing for home. Pray for peace in Syria according to Psalm 46:9.	17 June Day 12 <b>Persian Room: Haik Hovsepian</b> Pray for bold Christian witnesses like Bishop Haik Hovsepian to continue to take the gospel to the Persian World's Shiite Muslim population. (Acts 28:31)	18 June Day 13 <b>Tajikistan: seeking Jesus</b> Pray that Tajik hearts would open to the good news of Jesus, and that Tajiks would have opportunities to meet Christians who would lovingly share Jesus with them.		
19 June Day 14 <b>Western South Asia</b> Pray for the war-torn nations of Western South Asia, that they find a new path forward through Jesus, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)	20 June Day 15 <b>Deobandis, North India</b> Pray for the town of Deoband to be a place of peace and blessing. That the Hindu/Muslim tensions that often erupt in the region would have no place there.	21 June Day 16 <b>Eastern South Asia</b> Pray for the 284 million lost Muslims in Eastern South Asia to come to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for bold witnesses to endure persecution and remain faithful to Christ.	22 June Day 17 <b>Bihar, India</b> Pray that the Spirit of God and the Word of God would draw Muslim leaders and whole family groups throughout Bihar to Jesus. (Isaiah 55:11)	23 June Day 18 <b>Indo-Malaysia</b> Pray that effective gospel methods such as satellite television, the Jesus film, personal Christian witness, and Any-3 will continue to spread the gospel.	24 June Day 19 <b>An Indonesian Journey</b> Pray for Indonesians on a <i>merantau</i> (journey), that those wandering aimlessly would wander right into the Kingdom of God. (Jeremiah 29:12-14)	25 June Day 20 <b>Western Cham of Cambodia</b> Pray for a movement of Cham people to faith in Jesus. Pray for the ongoing translation of the Scriptures in their heart language. (Hebrews 4:12)	
26 June Day 21 <b>The Journey of Faith</b> Pray for Muslims who are questioning their faith, that they will meet others who have walked that journey and found it led them to Christ. (John 8:32)	27 June Day 22 <b>Seeking God's Presence</b> Pray for Muslims who are longing for a greater understanding of God's presence, that they will find Him through any possible means. (Romans 8:13-15)	28 June Day 23 <b>Luton: a stand against extremism</b> 1 John 4:18 says: "Perfect love drives out fear." Repent of fear and ask God to fill you and your community with love for Muslims.	29 June Day 24 <b>US Migrants: a Global Gateway</b> Pray for ministries such as Global Gates that are crossing cultural barriers to engage these unreached people groups that God has brought to our cities.	30 June Day 25 <b>The Muslim Rohingya</b> Refugees in western Myanmar, uprooted and without a homeland, without advocates, and without hope. But God "does not forget the cry of the afflicted" (Psalm 9:13 ESV).	1 July Day 26 <b>Night of Power</b> Pray for dream catchers - believers who can help Muslims understand who the "being of light" in their dreams is and how He wants them to follow Him. (Matthew 17:1-2)	2 July Day 27 <b>Yida - refugees in Sth Sudan</b> Like Jesus did with parables, motivated believers are trained to tell biblical content in exciting ways and to answer questions from their Muslim compatriots. (John 4:35)	
3 July Day 28 <b>Syria &amp; it's Refugees</b> Pray for the end of the conflict in Syria, for the millions of refugees and their physical, psychological and spiritual needs. God is able. (Acts 17:26-27)	4 July Day 29 <b>Muslim Idiom Translations</b> Pray for the continued translation of the Bible into local Muslim languages and dialects so that all Muslims will understand the gospel message. (Isaiah 55:11)	5 July Day 30 <b>Institutions and Viruses</b> Pray for emerging movements to Christ in North Africa and across the House of Islam that are spreading from person to person by the thousands.	<b>How to use this prayer reminder:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Keep it somewhere handy eg bathroom mirror, fridge, car, desk, etc.</li> <li>◆ If you don't have time to read the full page in the prayer guide, then you will still have the topic of the day and a key prayer point to pray through.</li> </ul>				Continue to pray . . . When the media mentions violence and injustice, stop to pray for the men and women who are caught up in it - both those who cause it and those who are victims of it. (Philippians 1:9)

### Want Ads

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

**For sale, best offer:** Ekornes Stressless swivel recliner chair plus ottoman. Leather with walnut finish. Glenn Glad, (828) 456-4679 or [lauraglenn77@att.net](mailto:lauraglenn77@att.net)

### 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 April 30, 2016

Tithe/Offering collections	48,127
Miscellaneous income	24
Designated giving	<u>1,460</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>49,611</b>
HCA Renovation Expense	0
Missions	13,100
Church Operating Expenses	<u>56,273</u>
Total Expenditures	69,373
Revenue over (under) expenditures	(19,762)
Prior year bills paid	(2,373)
Bill yet to be paid	1,442
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(20,693)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>271,535</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	<b>250,842</b>
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	8,903
Savings Account	<u>241,939</u>
Total	<b>250,842</b>

### June Volunteers

#### Snacks

June 5	Renee Mitchell team
June 12	Jerry Allsbrook team
June 19	Susan Kingshill team
June 26	Eleonore Shelton team

#### Nursery

June 5	Jenny Alt Wally Cook
June 12	Rhonda Lear Susan Kingshill
June 19	T J Anthony Ann Michael Winstead
June 26	Renee Mitchell Charlotte Allsbrook

### 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

# June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>1</i> Glenn & Laura Glad	<i>2</i> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Boyd Allsbrook Skip MacMillan
<i>5</i> 10:45 AM Holy Communion Adger McKay Wesley Roberts Garrett & Renee Walston	<i>6</i> 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Wirt & Torpy Skinner	<i>7</i> 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Paul Zimmerman	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Bill & Jerry Allsbrook
<i>12</i> Dennis Harper Bruce & Susan Kingshill	<i>13</i> 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Jeffrey & Jennifer Alt	<i>14</i> 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	<i>15</i> 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	<i>16</i> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Joan Parker Susan Kingshill
<i>19</i> Father's Day	<i>20</i> 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study	<i>21</i> 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group Jeziiah MacMillan	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Steve & Buffy White	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Bill Allsbrook
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study	<i>28</i> 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group Holly Godfrey Adger & Sandra McKay	<i>29</i> Shirley Morrow	<i>30</i> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Cook and serve at Open Door Gaby Lowell		