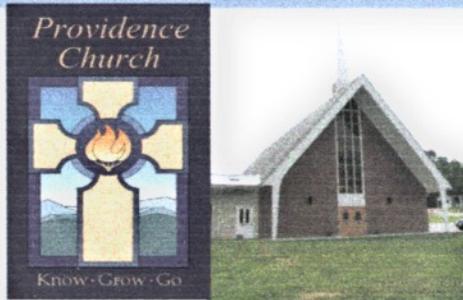


THE PROVIDENCE POST

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 right.

From Clyde: 19/23 to exit 105, 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



March 2016

Set clocks forward 1 hour
at 2 am on March 13th.

We live in exciting and interesting times. For the past 8 years, since our congregation left the PCUSA, we have been not owned our own facility. God's provision for us has been the use of the HCA Campus and we've been grateful for this all the while asking the Father for guidance regarding next steps. Indeed just a few years ago the congregation went through a season of prayer about the future of Providence which included our future location. The session at that time felt confident that building at a new location was not a feasible option. We continue to sense that for the foreseeable future, our place is with HCA.

There's been a lot of talk recently about our relationship with HCA and HCA's plans for future educational needs. We as elders want to keep ahead of the curve on this conversation and so at our February Session meeting we formulated a group of people to pursue discussion with HCA. Bruce Kingshill is the chair of this committee and a mandate was given to him and 4 members of our congregation. You can read about the mandate in the Session Round Up.

As your pastor, I am asking you to join our elders in praying that the Lord will give us specific direction, wisdom, insight and discernment. As you pray in earnest and you feel God is putting a word on your heart please consider sharing it with me, Bruce Kingshill, or one of the following members of committee: Alan Bush, Rhonda Lear, Sam Mitchell or Mike Shelton.

By grace, Pastor Edward



Session Roundup

- 1) Ad hoc committee on partnership with HCA was formed.
 - a) Proposed mandate: to meet with the representatives from Haywood Christian Academy to discuss long-range relationship between Haywood Christian Academy and Providence Church. This includes an updated written lease between the two organizations, setting parameters for access to the facility by Providence Church, cost sharing on future renovations and possible first right of refusal for purchase of property.
 - b) Ad hoc committee composed of: Bruce Kingshill (Chairman), Sam Mitchell, Mike Shelton, Alan Bush, and Rhonda Lear.
 - c) The session feels strongly that we should establish our church base here at Haywood Christian Academy.
- 2) Report from 27th POSE meeting on February 5-6 (Parkway PC) – Phil Inglis gave a report from the presbytery meeting he attended this month. Here are the highlights according to Phil:
 - a) Another new church in Tennessee has left the PCUSA and joined the EPC.
 - b) Heard the first reading of the paper on Human Sexuality.
 - c) Church viability report was presented
 - d) World Outreach representative available to educate churches on reaching the Muslim world.

Providence Happenings



February Family Fun Night

Was held on Saturday, February 20th. The evening began at 6 pm with a Soup & Sandwich Supper. After the meal there was a Trivia Competition for all ages.



GROW - Bible Studies and Prayer Groups

- New Members Class: Sundays 9:45 am for 9 weeks. See Pastor Brouwer.
- Adult Sunday School 9:45 am: Contact Paula Rhodarmer 828-273-3469.
- Pastor's Circle: Tuesdays, 12 noon in the Home Trust Bank conference room in Clyde to discuss the coming Sunday's sermon. Bring your Bible and a bag lunch. Contact Pastor Brouwer, 828-550-4615.
- Study on Prayer: 6 week study on prayer started Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30 pm. Contact Bob Dresdow, 770-883-3936.
- Men's Group Prayer: Thursdays 6:30 am. Contact Sam Mitchell, 828-627-6006.
- Men's Group Study: Every other Thursday, 7:30 pm at Allsbrook home. Contact Luke Allsbrook, 828-400-0387.
- Ladies' Group Prayer: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Contact Renee Mitchell, 828-627-6006 or Linda Roberts, 828-506-3101.
- Ladies' Bible Study: Mondays, 4:45 pm at the church. Contact Karen Zimmerman, 828-550-3992.

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



Mission News



Update from the Luptons

The Doxology sung weekly, thick with accents from around the world. A young Hindu dad exploring the claims of Christianity. Newly trained elders implementing a shepherding plan. The sound of 50 children from our classrooms screaming at the top of their lungs songs about faith in Jesus, usually overpowering and beautifully distracting from my sermon introduction. Watching a 13-year-old pray her first prayer of repentance and faith with two of her friends. Hearing that the British single mom regularly fields her kids' questions, "Is it Sunday? Can we go to church today!?" Readyng a wedding message for a Kazakh young woman and her soon-to-be Colombian husband.



This is what you've allowed us to experience on a weekly basis, seeing the nations and the next generation coming together to soak in the good news of Jesus. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers and encouraging us regularly! We want to thank those of you who helped us finish 2015 well financially. It shouldn't surprise us at this point, but we received exactly what we needed to break even on the year. Praise God!



We have an exciting month ahead of us and would love for you to pray for the following as you remember us:

Baptizing our third teenager in two months. My Baptist friends have taught this Presbyterian the ole 'tuck your tie' rule

IWe head to Amsterdam for a Families in Global Transition Conference. There are so many tools we'd like to add to our toolbox and we ask you to pray for us as we learn from global experts on all things expat/third culture. Laura Kate and I will leave our kids in the States for some much-needed grandparent time.

IOur church hosts its annual Marriage Conference on March 4th-5th. A few of our favorite people, Ryan and Heather Laughlin, are coming down to lead the weekend. Please pray for good attendance, for hurting marriages to experience restoration, and that we'd connect with new families in our community.

INew local volunteers and ministry leaders as we prepare to say goodbye to some key families in May/June.

IThe physical health of our family. We still can't seem to stay healthy for more than two weeks at a time. Praise God that Laura Kate and Baby Girl Lupton are progressing normally. We're thankful that there is no Zika virus in Bogotá because of the elevation.

McKays February Update

We are in full throttle on the preparations for acceptance as long-term missionaries with (EPC) World Outreach. Sandra and I have tests this Saturday in Montreat..hers is a Bible test and mine is a Language Aptitude test. She will join Christ Community Church there on Sunday, pending an interview on Saturday afternoon. The following weekend we have a counselor that will visit us from the EPC to do marriage/ psychological evaluations...might want to pray especially hard for that psych. Evaluation :) I was blessed to be able to preach on Valentine's Day to my friends at Mosaic in Easley, SC. That was a joy as the Lord opened up some neat prayer ministry as well.



The situation with Refugees in Germany continues to morph quickly...an example is the fact that in 2015 the majority of refugees were adult male, around 69%...so far in 2016, that number has dropped to 40% as women and children desperately flee for their safety and well-being. There is such a prime opportunity to reach these people with the love and truth of Jesus and there is time sensitivity to this mission. The earlier we can build relationship and show His love to the displaced in Germany, the more the receptivity to the gospel. Please join us in this critical ministry of "Engaging the Displaced."

Thank you for being involved in our lives and callings, we love and appreciate you, *the McKays*



Many of our churches have asked how they can help the refugees from Syria and other parts of the persecuted Middle East. I wanted to let you know how you can get involved through EPC efforts. Currently, we have two direct paths:

EPC Syrian Refugee Relief Fund

Provide Bibles in local language

Provide food, clothing, medical, and discipleship materials to refugees

Send language-fluent EPC disciple-makers to spend time with refugees

Blanket Them With Hope Project

Provide funding to offer training to refugee women in skills to make blankets for their family and income opportunity

“Purchase” blankets from refugee women to cover the cost of the blanket and provide some income. Blankets would then be distributed locally to those in need.

For the Syrian Refugee Relief Fund, a video is available for download that you can share with your congregation. In addition, you can also download a handout and 11x17 poster in pdf format.

For the Blanket Them With Hope Project, a brochure is available in pdf format.

These materials can be downloaded at

www.dropbox.com/sh/hvjyosdnjhlk9yb/AAAMR7WRmYXMDMKFuLqu3ksfa?dl=0

We hope you will take advantage of these items to motivate your church to provide much needed relief for refugees. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Phil Linton

Dan Tidwell

WO Director

WO Communications Coordinator

Sinclair February Uganda Update

Today is Election Day in Uganda. Once every five years people have the day off from work and school to return to their villages and vote. This is now the third presidential election since we have been in Uganda. Each time there have been some violent protests that ended with people dying. Please pray for a peaceful election and a quiet aftermath. Also pray that God will continue to bless Uganda with leadership that allows freedom of religion and open proclamation of the Gospel.

On the last week of January, Bruce had the privilege of teaching a Bible Survey course at Westminster Theological Seminary Uganda. Only a few minutes after our class photo was taken, we learned that classes are to be suspended indefinitely due to license issues. It seems that Uganda law prohibits two institutions from sharing the same campus. Continuing graduate courses would jeopardize the accreditation of the undergrad college, Westminster Christian Institute Uganda. Although this will not affect our teaching ministry in the near future, around 75 students have been sent home. Safety issues prevent some students from returning to their home countries. Please pray for God's provision for these seminary students. Pray also for wisdom for the seminary administration, and favor from the National Council for Higher Education so that classes may soon resume.

We are now in the midst of a busy semester at African Bible University and Westminster Institute. However, next week we will be taking a quick trip to the US to speak at missions conferences. Please pray for safe travel and effective ministry. Also pray for those who are graciously covering our classes during this brief absence.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement!

Bruce and Pam Sinclair

Below: 1,300 people came to the Veritas Forum where they heard discussion on "Our Place in the Universe" between a Christian physicist and an Agnostic Philosopher.



Above: Matt's co-ed D-group celebrating the end of the semester with a Christmas party! We finished a study called "Gospel-centered Community" and are now starting a study through Galatians.

Prayer

- *Please join us as we praise God for Juliana Hope's birth and life!*
- *Please praise God for helping meet our needs with support! Thank you for your kind generosity with our end of the year ask!*
- *Please pray for our movement, that we would continue to go after the lost on our campus and boldly share the gospel, and that those involved with us over this semester will grow deeper in intimacy with Christ.*
- *Please pray for guidance for the Lake Tahoe Summer Mission, as MeeHee will be one of the directors for the project!*



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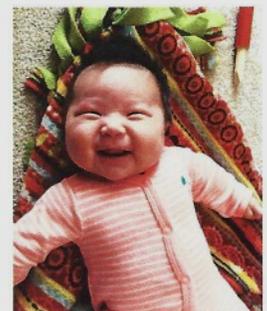
The best way to end 2015...

The best part of a new year is getting to reflect over the past year and dream about the next. As we have reflected over this last year, we can honestly say that we are thankful for the ways the Lord has met us personally, as well as in the ministry here at MSU. Personally, we were so blessed to welcome our newest little girl into our home, **Juliana Hope**, on November 18th! From our last doctor appointment, she is at the 15% for height which is on the short side...but the good news is that she is at the 85% for weight! Our older girls love her to pieces and smother her with affection and love. We thank God for blessing us with this little/big bundle of joy!

This last semester in ministry was really fun, as well. There is nothing like getting to see **Logan and Keila** surrender their lives to Christ, or see our living room packed with college students every Monday night (Matt's co-ed d-group of 30+ students meets there at 6pm, and then MeeHee's leaders' group of 15+ student girls meets in there at 8pm), or to get to travel to Portland for our annual **Cru Conference with 50 other students to worship in the New Year**. What Joy for those whose hope is in the name of the LORD! We praise God for His goodness in allowing us to be part of His Kingdom work, and we thank you for your partnership in helping make it possible!

The Veritas Forum

Last week, we had the great opportunity to bring back the Veritas Forum to MSU! We had such a successful turn out last year, that we weren't sure what to expect this year, but people came! This year 1,300+ people came to the MSU ballrooms to hear Dr. Ian Hutchinson (world-renowned Plasma Physicist and Nuclear Engineering professor from MIT) who is a Christian, discuss our place in the universe with MSU's philosophy professor David Maxfield. It was a great discussion, and many students stayed afterward discussing faith and our place in the universe afterward. The best part about it was hearing about how many Cru students utilized this opportunity to invite their non-Christian friends to engage with them on spirituality and faith! Praise God for opportunities like this to share the gospel! Please pray for the follow-up conversations.



Want Ads

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

I am a field manager for Plant-Partners, Inc. We are a progressive, third-party merchandising company working with live goods in the garden centers at Lowe's Home Improvement. We are beginning to hire temporary, part-time positions that typically run March through June.

I am contacting you in incase some of your members are in need and looking for additional income. This is a physically demanding job requiring bending, stretching, lifting, etc. It would be a perfect fit for those that enjoy physical work and working in all types of weather.

If you know someone looking for part time employment, please direct them to our website

www.plant-partners.com

or they can contact me directly for more information

Larry McCreary 704-699-1610

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information January 31, 2016

Tithe/Offering collections	13,313
Miscellaneous income	6
Designated giving	<u>200</u>
Total Revenue	13,519
HCA Renovation Expense	0
Missions	9,350
Church Operating Expenses	<u>16,942</u>
Total Expenditures	26,292
Revenue over (under) expenditures	(12,773)
Prior year bills paid	(2,373)
Bill yet to be paid	2,162
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(12,984)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>271,535</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	258,551
Breakdown of Cash:	
Checking Account	16,631
Savings Account	<u>241,920</u>
Total	258,551

March Volunteers

Snacks

March 6	Susan Kingshill team
March 13	Eleanore Shelton team
March 20	Toni Cook team
March 27	Glenda White team

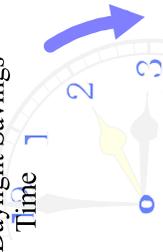
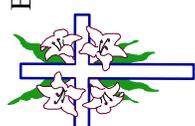
Nursery

March 6	Renee Mitchell Charlotte Allsbrook
March 13	Jenny Alt Wally Cook
March 20	Rhonda Lear Susan Kingshill
March 27	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

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	2 6:30 PM Prayer Study <i>Bill & Jan Sterrett</i> Jan Sterrett	3 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Alan Bush Kay Boen	4	5
6  10:45 AM Holy Communion Abigail Cole Lacey Sterrett	7 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study	8 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	9 6:30 PM Prayer Study	10 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	11 Penelope Godfrey Bruce Kingshill	12
13 Daylight Savings Time 	14 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study	15 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	16 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door 6:30 PM Prayer Study	17 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	18	19
20	21 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Jason Davis	22 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	23	24 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Maundy Thursday	25 Good Friday Talya Morgan	26
27 Easter 	28 4:45 PM Ladies' Bible Study Carole Douglas-Spink	29 12:00 PM Pastor's Circle 4:00 PM Ladies' Prayer Group	30	31 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Jason Godfrey		