

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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

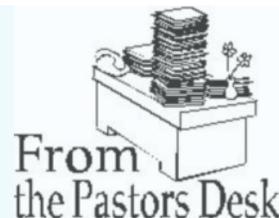


November 2017

Set clocks back 1 hour
at 2 a.m. November 5th

November is the month of Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for? For me faith, family and friends come to mind. The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God. And the Bible also tells us that faith is a gift from God. Have you received that? Someone once likened faith to a blank check with your name on it--you must act on it by receiving it and "cashing" it. How do you cash your faith? With your heart and your lips. You receive Christ into your life through the life-giving Spirit and you confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Secondly, I am thankful for family--not just the beautiful family that I was born into and raised up in, but also the family of God's people, the church. If our parents had not made the choice to bring us into this world we would never have existed. Likewise, if Christ had not adopted you and me into His family we would not know the joy of being in Him and living for Him. Finally, I am thankful for friends, for relationships with people who enrich my life and bring me joy. In good times and bad times. Because a struggle shared is halved, and a joy shared is doubled! I pray that you will live in gratitude during this season and indeed, your whole life, because of God's lavish love for you and me.

Pastor Edward



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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

Wednesday

6:30 pm Knowing Scripture

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 Study

Session Highlights

The Pastor's Report - After celebrating our 10 year anniversary as a church, which included prayer and fasting, **Pastor Edward** asked if the session had felt the Holy Spirit revealing anything to them about the next 10 years. Recurring themes were: God is with us, we should remain faithful and continue doing what we are doing, but doing everything better.

Edward asked the elders to let him know if anyone from our nurture groups might be interested in joining the church.

There will be a Fall prayer gathering on Sunday evening,

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Providence Happenings



October 22nd from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. The focus will be Andrew Brunson and the persecuted church. The session gave approval.

Edward applauded the Dinner for 8 groups, noting it is an excellent time to make connections with other members, encouraging the elders to invite their nurture groups into fellowship.

Edward announced the preaching of Lance Lawrence on October 29th and of Julian Bacon on November 26th in his absence.

Diaconate Report - Jeffery Alt announced Rick Boen had resigned from the diaconate. Luke Allsbrook lead us in prayer for both Rick and Kay Boen. The session, along with the diaconate, gratefully acknowledged Rick's service as deacon.

Mission Committee Report - Phil Inglis announced L@nce and Lis@ L-wrence, missionaries in Jordan, would be coming October 29th to teach SS and L@nce would be preaching at worship. A potluck will follow.

The Mission Committee budget was presented by Phil Inglis. Monies were reallocated to those local ministries who do kingdom building. An increase of support was given to missionaries reaching out to muslims. The budget was received as presented.

Youth and Family Report - Luke Allsbrook announced a nursery worker, Brianne Wood, has been hired beginning October 15th. Her hiring was approved by common consent.

Nominating Committee - Bruce Kingshill - A Motion to set the date for the Congregational Meeting on December 3rd was made by Luke Allsbrook, seconded by Bob Dresdow and passed. Jeffery Alt recommended announcements seeking elder and eacon nominations be made every week at worship, along with inclusion in the bulletin.

OCC OPPORTUNITIES:



Operation Christmas Child is an opportunity to bring the good news of the gospel of Christ to children around the world. While the boxes we pack are filled with hygiene items, a toy and school supplies, the most important gifts we send are our prayers and an opportunity for children and their communities to receive a pamphlet, The Greatest Journey, and the discipleship program associated with it. Long before shoe boxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program which impact whole communities with the transforming message of salvation through Christ.

Important DON'T send items: As of 2017, do NOT include any CANDY or TOOTHPASTE!! As always war related toys, liquids, food items or breakable items should not be included.

Important DO send items: School supplies (paper, pens, pencils), hygiene items (toothbrush, soap, comb, sewing kit), a toy (stuffed animal, doll, cars, soccer ball and pump, flashlight etc) and \$9 per box to cover the cost of the discipleship program and shipping.

Important DATES:

Shoe box Packing Party- Thursday November 9th at 1:00 pm at T.J.Anthony's home. Please RSVP to TJ or Barb.

Shoe box Collection day at Providence: Sunday November 19th

Shoe box Distribution Center Charlotte NC work day- Wednesday Dec 6 for 10:00 am- 4:00 pm. Limited to 23 people. RSVP to Renee Mitchell.



Providence Happenings



Mark Your Calendars

Sunday November 5th: Daylight Savings Time ends; turn your clocks back one hour.

Sunday November 19th: OCC Shoe Box Sunday; Collection/dedication of boxes.

Sunday November 26th: Decorate for Advent.

Thursday November 30th: Women's Christmas Social.

Sunday December 3rd: Congregational Meeting-presentation of 2018 budget, election of elders and deacons for Class of 2020, Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon.

Tuesday December 5th: Salvation Army bell ringing: sign up for one hour slots to ring in front of WalMart.

Wednesday December 6th: OCC Collection Center at Charlotte, 10 am - 4 pm.

Sunday December 24th: Morning service 10:45 am.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 pm

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

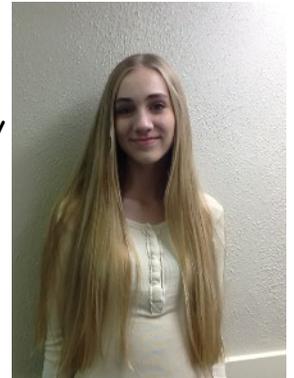
Providence Church is signed up to ring bells all day Tuesday, December 5th at the WalMart Food and Pharmacy entrance. You may sign up for one hour sessions on the sheet outside the sanctuary.



Hi, my name is Brianne Wood and I will be working in the

Brianne

nursery. I am a Junior at Pisgah High School and will be 17 in November. My family moved here from Orlando, Florida when I was a baby, so I have grown up in Canton. I have a younger sister and an older brother. I love to read and learn foreign languages (I am currently studying French and Spanish in school). I am very excited to be working in the nursery and getting to know everyone!



Mission News



From the email of Ge-rge and Cyn-thia P

We are currently in our old apartment and have it cleaned up enough to live in for now until we can find a new apartment. We will be looking at two more apartments today and we are praying that we will find the right apartment that will allow us to set up a spare bedroom for Cynthia's art lessons.

Thank-you for praying also for our health. God has been so good! Cynthia's shoulder and back and head are all feeling free of pain. We are so thankful to God. As I have been for some time, I am free of pain but I do still go to bed fairly early and often need about a one hour nap in the afternoon. This continues to improve though and hopefully by the end of one year following the end of my chemo I will be all the way back to normal.

We are so thankful for your prayers and support! Please pray that we will be allowed to stay and that we will do a good job of learning the language and being bold to speak.



Mission News



October 2017 Engaging the Displaced Update

Doors continue to open with Engaging the Displaced among refugees in Germany. Sandra has had some wonderful opportunities to cultivate relationships with the women here, many of whom are isolated and unable to effectively assimilate into culture here. I have had some chances to meet with men (who, as you know, seem to be less aware of their need for interaction) to work on German with them and we both see many opportunities to share the True love with them. Part of our joy is working together as a family... including the boys when the schedule permits.... There is still great uncertainty here about permission to stay, especially among the non-Syrians. We know several Afghan and Iraqi families that are awaiting their fate and could still be sent back to unsafe areas. There is a significant gap between the function of the government here in the 'macro' and the individual stories that desperately need to be heard.



We have had quite a ride the last ten days or so with three visitors from the US who came to see the work the Lord has provided for us here. Stephen Kelley from the ETC (who happens to be our immediate supervisor) came to spend some time with us and lend his insight into the work here. It was amazing to watch the faces of the refugees when they realized that he was interacting with them in Arabic. He had some excellent conversations with our Syrian and Iraqi friends. We were also privileged to have two pastors from Washington state here for a week or so. Their insight and wisdom mixed with some wonderful fellowship and shared experiences made for a joyful and edifying visit.

I will be leaving in a few days to help serve in one of the ETC training courses in Spain. We covet your prayers for this and our lives and calling here. Thank you for investing in this vital mission to refugees. Love in His peace, *the McKays*

Prayer/Praise:

- we have an exciting new development in the works!
- we all four need local believing friends
- relationships continue to develop
- we still need more monthly support

Contributions are processed via e-check or credit card through www.epc.org/donate (there is a drop-down menu for you to find us by name or location...Germany). Checks can be mailed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS!) 5850 T G Lee Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32822. Please include our name on the line and account # 343.

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

Vacant - Class of 2019

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Youth Director - Alan Cheney

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Want Ads

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

Wanted to buy: Men's bicycle of suitable size for 13 year old boy. Contact Jenny Bryant at (828) 593-7880 or see her at church.

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 September 30, 2017

Tithe/Offering collections	150,848
Miscellaneous income	44
Designated giving	<u>3,128</u>
Total Revenue	154,020
Missions	22,294
Church Operating Expenses	<u>132,531</u>
Total Expenditures	154,825
Increase (Decrease) in cash	(805)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>238,456</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	237,651
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	15,622
Savings Account	<u>222,029</u>
Total	237,651

November Volunteers

Snacks

Nov 5	Glenda White team
Nov 12	Paula Rhodarmer team
Nov 19	Jerry Allsbrook team
Nov 26	Church

Sunday School/Children's Church

Nov 5	Glenda Brouwer
Nov 12	Renee Mitchell
Nov 19	LuAnn Davis
Nov 26	Phil Inglis

Counting Teams

Nov 5	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
Nov 12	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Nov 19	Curt Sevig Alan Bush
Nov 26	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell

Set Up/Close/Usher Teams

Nov 5	Luke Allsbrook Wally Cook
Nov 12	Phil Inglis
Nov 19	Bruce Kingshill
Nov 26	Bob Dresdow

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5  10:45 AM Holy Communion  Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour  3			1	2 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	3	4 Ariel Morgan
12 Eleonore Shelton	6 10:45 AM Holy Communion Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour  3	7 12:00 PM Pastor's circle LuAnn Davis	8 Alan Cheney Malcolm & Carole Spink	9 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	10	11 Veterans Day
19 Shoe box Sunday 	13	14 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	15 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	16 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	17	18
26 Decorate for Advent	20	21 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Wally & Toni Cook	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 Renee Mitchell
26 Decorate for Advent	27	28 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	29	30 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 9:00 AM Cook & serve at Open Door 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Mike Shelton		

Anniversary

Birthdays