

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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

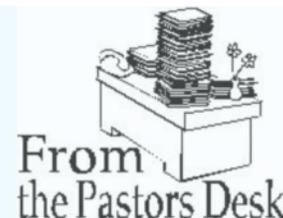


March 2018

Daylight Saving Time begins March 11th. Set clocks forward 1 hour.

I want to share some wonderful news with the church. We all remember our pastoral intern Julian Bacon, married to our daughter Rachel, who served here for 2 summers in 2015 and 2016. Julian, a graduate of Tyndale Seminary in Amsterdam, The Netherlands was ordained and installed as pastor of Freedom Presbyterian Church in Charlotte NC on Sunday February 26. Providence has played a pivotal role in Julian's pastoral formation and he thanks each and every one of you for your role in that, and asks for your prayers as he serves as a pastor and completes his Doctorate at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest NC. Please pray for Rachel as she completes her Master's in Social work and looks for a job in the Charlotte area.

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 with
Nursery & Children's Church

Tuesday

12:00 pm - Pastor's Circle

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

February Session Highlights

Be aware of upcoming worship opportunities:

- Lenten Sermon Series during or normal morning worship.
- Maundy Thursday evening service to begin Easter celebration.
- Easter sunrise service at Lake Junaluska followed by breakfast.

The 103rd Presbytery meeting in Knoxville, TN was attended by Rev. Brouwer and Sam Mitchell. A great time of worship, focus on the plight of Andrew Brunson, and general business made for a good weekend.

With the loss of Alan and Jordan Cheney, the session is beginning the search for leaders for our youth group.

As required by presbytery, our church roll has had its yearly update.

The session has begun a prayerful look at church growth for Providence. The discernment and discussion will be a continuous topic over the next few months. We covet your prayers in this matter.

Providence Happenings



Maundy Thursday Service

Providence Church

March 29 at 7:00 pm

Communion Service in the Chapel

A New Commandment I give you:

Love one another, as I have loved you

Open Door

Providence serves at the Open Door twice this month - Wednesday the 21st, and cooks and serves on Thursday the 29th.

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2018

Luke Allsbrook - Discipleship & Christian Education

Bob Dresdow - Discipleship & Christian Education

Class of 2019

Wally Cook - Congregational Care

Thom Morgan - Finance

Class of 2020

Sarah Altman

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

Our Diaconate

Jeffrey Alt - Class of 2018

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Art Altman - Class of 2020

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Thank you

Just want you all to know how grateful We are for your prayers, texts, cards, hugs, visits, and calls. It's is wonderful to have a supportive church family. And not just the past month, you have supported us even as Dad's caregivers these past several years. We do appreciate and love you all.

Abiding in the shelter of our Most High Lord

Linda, Will, Christina, Wesley, and Emily

HE IS RISEN!

Providence Church invites you to celebrate our risen LORD!

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.

Lake Junaluska Kern Porch

Followed by breakfast buffet at Terrace Hotel

r.s.v.p needed by March 25th to

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Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m.



Mission News



Update from the McKays

Hello to All,

This is Sandra taking over this month's update. As some of you might already be experiencing some signs of spring, we are still in winter here in Southern Germany. Many of the refugees are hoping for some good news on whether they will be able to stay or be reunited with their loved ones. Many though, still live with an uncertain future.

Adger and I continue to take part in a refugee cafe that meets once a week in one of the group homes. Some of the refugees that attend already have an apartment but enjoy the opportunity to meet other friends or practice their German language skills.



There are occasions when we all wonder or have doubts as to whether we are really making a difference in people's lives. As I was contemplating that idea or thought one day, one of my M. friends texted me back in response to a message I had sent her earlier saying not to give up hope. It was as if the Lord had refuted my idea of not feeling useful. In her message she said 'as long as I have you I have hope'. That was a great encouragement to me as I do trust that she actually saw Jesus in that hope and not myself. Many times we do not see the immediate effect of our relationships. So I want to encourage someone reading this... wherever your field and sphere of influence might be.

One of the doors that the Lord has opened for me, involves ministry to women. Their lives are often hard with little social status and bearing the brunt of the home-related work. Recently I was able to take my believing Syrian friend to another M. friend's house. They immediately connected as they spoke in their own language. We will continue to cultivate the relationship trusting that K. will come to know the love and freedom in Jesus.

Praise and prayer:

- Praise for continued favor with refugees
- Praise for renewal of our visa/permit for another year!
- Prayer for new open doors to meet more refugees and wisdom about which ones to invest in
- Prayer for our weekly meetings with our Syrian couple to add more to the group
- Prayer for a continuing opportunity to meet with Afghan students for English

Thank you for joining us in Engaging the Displaced!

Much love,

The McKays



Five Years!

We took the picture at left five years ago today as we loaded up our boy, dog, and belongings to embark on this exciting adventure. Since then, we've added two sweet girls, new



ministry roles, a few grey hairs, and many dear friends and followers of Jesus. We thank God for you and for his faithfulness to us as we reflect on our time ministering to the nations and the next generation. Will you pray with us that the next five years will be as full of fruit and joy as the last?

Support Update

We weren't sure what to expect when we pressed send on our year-end giving email in December. Would we end the year in the black? Would we need to plan for a support raising trip? Your generosity overwhelmed us as we watched extra gift after extra gift hit our support account. Thank you for helping us meet and exceed our large year-end need! Some of you even joined our regular support team so that we're not in the same position next year. We can't thank you enough.

Student Ministry Update

The last time you heard from us we sent out an urgent prayer request after the tragic death of Jaime, one of our students. We felt your prayers as our students and community came together to grieve the death of this beloved teenager and hear about God's hope. Our interns and the Baxleys have done a beautiful job caring for our students. Jaime's family was at our church every day this weekend. I (Andrew) didn't realize the sermon I was preparing on Christ's nearness in suffering was being prepared for their hearts on their first Sunday at a protestant church. They mentioned that they hope to attend going forward. Will you pray for these dear people as God ministers to them through his church?

Here are some other ways you can pray:

For our marriage conference February 23-24. Dr. Jimmy and Tricia Agan are coming down from Intown Community Church in Atlanta to lead our families for the weekend.

For a VBS the weekend of March 17th. Pray for a large turnout, for children in our community to hear and respond to the gospel, and integrating many new families into our church.

For the launch of the Bogotá Counseling Network. We'll give you more details about this later, but we're very close to creating a hub for great biblical counseling resources in our city.

We treasure you and your partnership with us in the gospel. Thank you again!

Warmly,

Andrew, Laura Kate, Fox, Evie Jude, & Lucy



Left: The Bryan Drake Show Outreach held on campus on Feb 6th.



Right: the 50 students at our "Go Night" hearing vision about Summer Mission.

Prayer

- Please pray for continued healing for MeeHee and her family.
- Please pray that Aaron would continue in conversation and be softened by the Gospel.
- Please pray for our Men's and Women's retreats happening **this weekend** and next (Feb 16-18 and 23-25). Often at these retreats, students start walking in the light through confession of sin and growing in humility and bonding with other students! Please pray that the gospel would penetrate into hearts!



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Outreach and Preparing for Summer

Matt and a student leader (Derek) had the opportunity to sit down with a student named **Aaron from Washington this week who is adamantly opposed to Christianity and organized religion**. We discussed his viewpoint, and asked him some questions. As the conversation progressed, he could tell that we weren't there to argue, but to hear him out and exchange viewpoints on how believing in Jesus is reasonable. Aaron was one of the students who would normally not come to a Cru meeting, but came to an outreach event we did called "The Bryan Drake Show." Bryan Drake is a Christian illusionist who gave an awesome show, and then shared his story about his searching for truth leading to Christ. **About 600 students came to the show, and we received cards from people interested in talking more.** Please pray for Aaron and the other students that we would have fruitful ongoing discussions and that he/they would come to know Jesus.

We have the joy of mobilizing students to invest their summers into growing closer with Christ, and getting trained in evangelism and discipleship. Over these years, you have heard us speak often of going on Summer Mission (Lake Tahoe, the Middle East). The beauty of these missions, is that students get a taste of living in community of others who are taking their faith seriously (growing in competency in the Word), they learn how to share their faith, and learn how to help others grow in a relationship with Christ. Summer Mission is kind of like a "greenhouse for spiritual growth." We recently invited 50 students to consider investing their summer on mission and growing in Christ (what we call our "Go Night"), and so far, **43 of them have applied for summer mission!** Often when students come back from these trips, they get so excited about what God is doing in their lives, they learn how they can live out their faith in the workplace, and their passion is contagious on the new students.

We are still planning on helping lead the summer mission to East Asia this summer. **East Asia is our global location that we like to raise up Bobcats to take the Gospel (it is in the 10/40 Window, many students in this place have never met a true Christian, and yet many students are very responsive to the gospel).** Would you take a minute and pray for this summer mission, and pray that some student men would rise up to the challenge to join us (so far only student gals have applied)? Also, you will notice if you try to give us gifts on our Cru giving link that our picture and info has been taken down. That is to decrease our chances of getting denied a visa because we are missionaries, but the link still works for us.

Thank you for your kind words we have received for MeeHee from her mom's passing. We are thankful for you, and thankful for your prayers and encouragement!

Want Ads

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

I have a dozen Pampas grass plants that are looking for a new home. Pastor Edward.

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 December 31, 2017

Tithe/Offering collections	195,434
Miscellaneous income	66
Designated giving	<u>1,863</u>
Total Revenue	197,363
Missions	28,800
Church Operating Expenses	<u>174,889</u>
Total Expenditures	203,689
Increase (Decrease) in cash	(6,326)
Carryover of Benevolence Funds	200
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>238,456</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	232,330
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	20,279
Savings Account	<u>212,051</u>
Total	232,330

March Volunteers

Snacks

Mar 4	Susan Kingshill team
Mar 11	Eleonore Shelton team
Mar 18	Glenda White team
Mar 25	Paula Rhodarmer team

Sunday School/Children's Church

Mar 4	LuAnn Davis
Mar 11	Phil Inglis
Mar 18	Renee Mitchell
Mar 25	Glenda Brouwer

Counters

Mar 4	Curt Sevig Alan Bush
Mar 11	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell
Mar 18	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis
Mar 25	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis

Nursery

We are looking for a volunteer to be with Brianne in the nursery on Easter Sunday during the worship service.

Set Up/Close/Usher

Mar 4	Luke vAllsbrook Sarah Altman
Mar 11	Bob Dresdow
Mar 18	Sam Mitchell
Mar 25	Wally Cook

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4  10:45 AM Holy Communion	5 T J Anthony	6 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	7	8 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	9 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	10
11 Penelope Godfrey Bruce Kingshill	12	13 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	14	15 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	16 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	17
18	19	20 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	21 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door Jason Davis	22 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	23	24
25 Talya Morgan	26	27 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	28 Carole Douglas-Spink	29 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 9:00 AM Cook/serve at Open Door 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday service	30	31
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