

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 & 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

Spring is in the air and I am glad of it. This winter has been a colder one than usual. The seasons come and go yet the faithfulness of our God is new every morning. Sometimes it's hard to see the cold bite off new growth but there is always the promise of new growth. Which got me thinking about some losses that our fellowship experienced recently. For one, when Alan and Jordan Cheney took jobs in Atlanta I was sad to see them go, such a lovely and vibrant young couple, and I was concerned for our youth ministry. And then, Wil and Christina stepped up and offered to serve! I know our youth are going to love them. What a blessing! There is a time to weep and a time to laugh. There is a time to mourn and a time to dance! I pray that each of us will see with faithfilled eyes the encouraging signs of growth and health in our fellowship. We are entering into a season of vision and discernment. Let us earnestly seek the Lord for His call on our lives and our fellowship. We thank God for several new families that have been worshipping together with us. Let us pray that the Lord will make us faithful in little that we might be faithful in much.

Pastor Edward



From
the Pastors Desk

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) In the near future, a small group will be held using the second installment of Behold Your God by Dr. John Snyder. Stay tuned for further developments.
- 2) Will And Christina Roberts have taken over the Youth Ministry with the exodus of the Cheney's. Sounds like exciting times ahead for our young people.
- 3) An ad hoc committee was formed to look into property acquisition from HCA or other alternatives. The committee has been charged with evaluating the options and communicating with HCA representatives. As sailors would say "Land Ho".

Providence Happenings



Shower for Wesley Roberts and Emily Alexander

Please join us on Sunday April 29th to celebrate the upcoming nuptials of Wesley (son of Linda Roberts) and Emily and to shower them with love as they look to begin their lives as a married couple. Following our morning worship we will serve lunch and then encourage and support them as their church family. You can view their registries at weroberts.wedding

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

Worship in the Woods!!!

Providence Camping Trip to Davidson River

What ? : Church wide camping trip to Davidson River Campground

Why ? : Fellowship, Fun, Food, Flowing water and Furry Creatures to be enjoyed in God's creation

When ? : Thursday May 31 4 pm - Saturday June 2nd
Check out at Noon

Where ? : Beautiful Davidson River Campground, Pisgah National Forest, Brevard NC - a mere 1 hr drive from Waynesville

How ? : So far we have 4 sites reserved. We have space already for 1 more travel trailer and 2 tents (or 4 tents and no trailer) so let us know ASAP if you are planning on camping.

We have sites on Applewood Loop 34, 35,36 and 37 reserved.

Additional sites are almost all taken so **ACT QUICKLY** if you want to reserve another nearby site. Check in is Thursday at 4 pm. Check out is Saturday at Noon

If you want to reserve an additional site:

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/davidson-river/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70204>

Please call Renee Mitchell (828) 734-8791 or Pat Inglis (828) 246-5956 if you plan to camp on the sites we already reserved or if you have reserved an additional site.

You may also contact Jeffery Alt (828) 246-8443 or Will Roberts (828) 506-1202 for further information about the event.

Those not able to camp are welcome to come for the day to enjoy in the activities. Just let us know ahead of time.

SWING DANCE

April 28th

6:00 PM



Presented By:

PROVIDENCE CHURCH

**1400 Old Clyde Rd.
Clyde, NC 28721**

Instruction 6:00 to 6:30 pm.

Free Dance and Refreshments 6:30-8:30 pm.

Come by yourself or bring a partner!

Music

JAZZ * BLUES *** ROCK**



Mission News



McKays Update

Apparently someone forgot to tell the weather here that it is Spring now, we have had snow four or five times in the last few days! We join you in the prayer that this will indeed be a season of hidden life springing forth in your lives and ours. Despite the reality that Germany has greatly slowed down the influx of refugees, we continue to meet new ones here in the Bodensee region. They share vastly different stories with the common thread of seeking hope and new beginnings.... both of which seem to be slow in coming.



I (Adger) was privileged to receive an invitation from a Syrian friend recently to come over to his apartment for a visit and some tea. Upon arriving, I realized that there were six other Syrian men with him... and it was for a meal (they had to wait for me to begin, ironically). It was a rare opportunity to be one of the 'boys' for a while and I was warmly included in all the festivities. As I visited, and they left the room one at a time to take their rug into the next room and pray, I prayed that the Lord of All would reveal Himself to them and keep giving us this access and wisdom to share His life-changing love. There is so much emptiness in the M.'s lives.

One Syrian man we know has been away from his wife and child (who remained in Syria) for three years. As the relationship began to break down (more) due to distance, he would share his complaints with me. This past week, he told me with a smile, "Ich bin verheiratet!" I am married... to a new wife. He was all smiles as the weight of that decision for him and for his (former) wife and son sunk in to me. His parents found the wife for him in Syria and are now looking for a way to get her here to Germany... I am not sure if they have ever met before. We covet your prayers.

While most of our work is with Afghans, Syrians and Iraqis, the Lord has opened up a new 'country' for us in the last few weeks, and we have prayed for this people to come into view.. We will share more in the next update.

We continue to meet with our Syrian believing couple and their son for Bible studies and to lay some ground work. She has recently met a woman and her son from Syria who just arrived 2 months ago to Germany to join her husband and other son. He now no longer wants to be married to her and has moved onto another relationship. Needless to say she is distraught. Our friend is hoping to connect with her and invite us all so we can also meet them.

Prayer/Praise:

- We have been granted new visas! Sandra for 3 years, the boys for 2... and I am waiting... but they took my money so that is a good sign!
- We are beginning to regularly meet with some Afghan teenagers to work on English
- Prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide us in inviting people to our weekly study/discussion group
- There is still a monthly shortfall in support of over \$1,000
- Sam and Ian seem to be doing well, despite eating constantly

Thank you for being a part in making a difference!

His peace, dger, Sandra, Sam & Ian



Prayer

- *Praise God for the great work He has done at our Men's and Women's Retreats. At the men's retreat, we spent the last night of the retreat in 3 hours of men confessing sin and praying over one another. It was a powerful time where the Spirit of God brought freedom and forgiveness. The women experienced the same thing at their retreat the following weekend.*
- *Please pray that our students will continue to "walk in the light as He is in the Light that we would have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)*



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Above Left: Most of our work was taking out old, moldy insulation and sheetrock, spraying for mold, and installing insulation and drywall.

Above Center: Alexis (in pink shirt) and her family in the middle.

Above Right: Our whole team of 20 students and staff that went to Houston to help with Hurricane Harvey Relief!

Good News, Good Deeds

As we labor in sharing the gospel with college students, we care deeply about students growing in their love of God and in their ability to share the love of God with others. We often train students in evangelism and discipleship, and this spring break was no exception. Matt had the privilege of taking 20 Bobcats to Houston, TX to help in the recovery efforts from the devastating flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. **We learned that 80% of the homes hit by flooding did not have flood insurance, leaving many families reliant on soon-ending FEMA support. Cru decided to rally students from all over the nation to come for 4 consecutive weeks in joining in the rebuilding efforts.** One of the houses we served was a 3 bdrm, 2 bath home occupied by a Alexis and her family of 7!

We tore out their moldy insulation and drywall, sprayed for mold, and installed insulation and drywall, but we weren't there just to get dirty. The students rallied for 5am morning devotionals in the word, and got to minister to Alexis and her family. After one day of work, we circled up with Alexis and her family to pray, and her eldest son, Cody, prayed: thanking God for sending us, and thanking God for the humility to receive help. **It was a privilege to serve alongside these Bobcats who used their Spring Break to serve others rather than use their break on themselves!** There was great bonding, prayer, and worship!

So much happens on these trips where we build relationships with students, have meaningful conversations, spur one another on in our love of Christ, and take the Good News of Jesus to others. We are thankful to have another opportunity like this to help lead a summer mission to East Asia this summer (May 25th-July 2nd).

Thank you for your prayers for this trip. Three men have signed up since our last prayer letter! **Of the 8 students going with us, 5 of them are Bobcats**☺ 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. We are still \$3000 short in our support to cover the cost of our airfare, visas, and passports for this summer. Would you please pray that the Lord would provide for us financially for this summer mission? Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership in the gospel!

Want Ads

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

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

April Volunteers

Snacks

Apr 1	Church
Apr 8	LuAnn Davis team
Apr 15	Susan Kingshill team
Apr 22	Eleonore Shelton team
Apr 29	Men: Wes/Emily shower

Sunday School/Children's Church

Apr 1	
Apr 8	Phil Inglis
Apr 15	Renee Mitchell
Apr 22	LuAnn Davis
Apr 29	Glenda Brouwer

Counters

Apr 1	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Apr 8	Alan Bush Bill White
Apr 15	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell
Apr 22	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis
Apr 29	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis

Set Up/Close/Usher

Apr 1	Luke Allsbrook Sarah Altman
Apr 8	Bob Dresdow
Apr 15	Sam Mitchell
Apr 22	Wally Cook
Apr 29	Thom Morgan

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:00 AM Sunrise service Will Roberts	2 Sidney Indgin	3 Lisa Lawrence Ian McKay	4	5 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Art Altman	6	7
8 10:45 AM Holy Communion	9 Eric Lizarazu	10 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	11 Calvin Allsbrook Eric & Emily Lizarazu	12 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	13	14 Kari Morgan
15	16	17 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	18 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	19 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Sommer Davis	20	21
22	23	24 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	25	26 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	27	28
29 12:00 PM Lunch & Wes/Emily wedding shower	30					