

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

May 2018

**Congregational Meeting after
worship service on May 6**

Do you want to become a Blessed Church here at Providence? The Session has been asking, discerning and praying about becoming a more blessed church. We are entering a season of greater discernment for the future of Providence as we prayerfully consider the offer of Haywood Christian Academy to purchase the facility that they have so graciously allowed us to use with them these past 10 years. Please join us on Sunday May 6 for our congregational meeting to let your voice be heard in this blessed opportunity. This step of faith will involve a profound commitment and a longing for deeper spiritual growth, both on an individual and corporate level. In his book *Becoming a Blessed Church--Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence and Power*, Graham Standish invites us to consider the call to experience more of Christ's presence in our lives. To know Him and the power of His resurrection in our lives through repentance and faith. Believing that He wants to indwell us more by His Spirit and walking in the fullness of that reality. What then is a blessed church? "It is a glimpse of what a church can be. It is a vision, a glimpse of a healthy church uniquely grounded in a relationship with God that allows blessings to flow through it". Let us pray that God will so fill us that we will more and more be a place of gospel transformation--where we reflect the welcoming heart of God, where the gospel is preached and lived and where a community of His people may know his presence, his power and his singular purpose for Providence to a world that is desperate to hear and live the Good News.

Pastor Edward



Session Highlights

- 1) Each year the session files an annual report to General Assembly about the status of the church including membership, outreach activities, and finances. This report was submitted at the end of March.
 - 2) The big news: The session has joyfully and unanimously voted to recommend to the congregation that Providence accept the generous offer of HCA to purchase our current church building. Informational forum and prayer meetings were scheduled for Sunday evenings of the 22nd and 29th at the church. A congregational meeting and vote will occur on May 6th following morning worship.
 - 3) The session will begin a study of the book *Becoming A Blessed Church*
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Providence Happenings



- Session Highlights continued -

by N. Graham Standish prior to each session meeting, with the desire to grow the church spiritually and discern vision for Providence.

4) The 104th presbytery is the weekend of May 4-5. Phil Inglis and Sam Mitchell will attend. Your prayers for the meeting are coveted. If you are an elder in our church and would like to go to future presbytery meeting, please let the session know. You don't actively have to be serving on the session to serve as a commissioner for our church. Next meeting is Gen. Assembly in Memphis, TN. (lots of BBQ and blues)



Welcoming as New Members on Sunday, April 29th : Brian and Kathy Forrestal Brian plays guitar with the worship team.

Dear Church Family,

Thank You
Thank you all for your support, love & generosity towards Emily and I throughout the years. All of your gifts and prayers are cherished. We can hardly wait to start our life together with the gifts you gave us. We feel truly blessed. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Emily and Wesley

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

Vacant

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

Our Diaconate

Jeffrey Alt - Class of 2018

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Vacant - Class of 2020

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Congratulations, graduates

Boyd Allsbrook - Tuscola High School

Rachel Bacon - masters in social work

Matt Brouwer - NC State, biomedical engineering

Clair Turman - (Matt's fiancée) Berry College, nursing

Emily Alexander - (Wes Roberts' fiancée) UNC Charlotte



New Bible Study

In the 17th chapter of John, Jesus prays for the believers he will be leaving behind when he is crucified, resurrected, and ascends to heaven. Part of his prayer defines the attributes of a healthy church: Joy, Truth, Holiness, Mission, Love, and Unity. Specifically in verse 17 Jesus prays, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." With the knowledge that understanding God's truth is essential in our lives individually and the life of Providence Church, we are offering a study of Galatians through the summer. We will probably meet Tuesday evenings during June and July, but if you want to participate and would prefer a different time, please indicate what day/time would be more convenient. Please call, text, or email Toni Cook (telephone: 226-1679), email: cook81050@gmail.com

Wedding shower for Wesley and Emily





Mission News



McKays Update - Engaging the Displaced in Germany

Hello to all,

Spring is in full bloom here in southern Germany and we are excited about the possibilities of new life springing from seeds as we continue to plant and water and trust Him to bring the growth. Sandra and I are constantly looking at each other and noting how much things are changing in the refugee situation here. We are so privileged to pursue people He loves and created to share the truth of the cross and the power of His resurrection... Wow!



We mentioned in the last update that the Lord has opened up access to refugees from a new country for which we have prayed and they are B. and E. from... Iran! The Lord absolutely dropped them into our laps when we were visiting some Afghan friends we had not seen in a while and they mentioned a new family with two sons in wheelchairs. Since they could communicate between the Dari and Farsi languages, they were helping out. We went to visit them and were warmly welcomed... we will stay in contact and plan to drop by today after school with Sam and Ian.

During our meeting with our Syrian believers last week, we were praying together with a 19-year-old man from Syria who has been going through a difficult time as his mother and brother recently came to Germany to discover that his father has a girlfriend and no longer wants to be married to her (as mentioned in the last update). As he prayed in Arabic, our hostess friend suddenly buried her face in her hands and began to sob aloud. He prayed for much longer than we expected... and after he left we asked her what he had said. She replied that he had said that he wanted to give the Lord his whole heart and follow Him fully!! We have since met with him again and trust the Lord to open more opportunities for discipling and encouraging him in ministry.

On a humorous note, we went to visit some Syrians recently and while sitting with them the husband decided he wanted to show me something. He went to the back room and proudly brought out a spray bottle of perfume... 'Bellissima.' After letting me smell the (decidedly feminine) fragrance, he determined that if he likes it... I must also... so he promptly sprayed me three full times across the front of my chest, leaving Sandra and I gasping for air! The entire room was permeated with it as I silently prayed that it would miraculously dissipate. Eventually I just removed my shirt and spent the remainder of the visit in my more manageable T-shirt!

Prayer/Praise:

- My visa has also been granted for three years!
- Wisdom in knowing where to sow seed and when to let doors close.
- Prayer for the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us in inviting people to our weekly study/discussion group
- Support needs
- Summer travel plans for the West and East Coast

Much love and with thanksgiving,

Adger, Sandra, Sam & Ian

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

May Volunteers

Snacks

May 6	Glenda White team
May 13	Paula Rhodarmer team
May 20	Church
May 27	LuAnn Davis team

Sunday School/Children's Church

May 6	Renee Mitchell
May 13	Phil Inglis
May 20	Glenda Brouwer
May 27	Luann Davis

Counters

May 6	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
May 13	Alan Bush Bill White
May 20	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell
May 27	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis

Set Up/Close/Usher

May 6	Luke Allsbrook
May 13	Mitchells
May 20	Bob Dresdow
May 27	Cooks/Rhodarmer/ Roberts

May 2018

1	12:00 Pastor's circle	2		3	6:30 Men's prayer group & breakfast 3:30 Women's prayer group	4	5	Paula Rhodarmer
6	10:45	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	12:00 Congregational Meeting				6:30 Men's prayer group & breakfast 3:30 Women's prayer group			
13	Wirt Skinner preaching	14	15	16	17	18	19	
				11:15 Serving at Open Door	6:30 Men's prayer group & breakfast 3:30 Women's prayer group	Pat Inglis		
					Chuck Torpy			
20		21	22	23	24	25	26	Makayla Lawrence
			12:00 Pastor's circle	Steve White	6:30 Men's prayer group & breakfast 3:30 Women's prayer group			
27		28	29	30	31			
		Charlotte Allsbrook	12:00 Pastor's circle		6:30 Men's prayer group & breakfast 3:30 Women's prayer group			
					Cook @ Open Door Camping to 6/2			