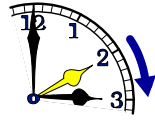


THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation
Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde



March 2019

**Set clocks ahead 1 hour at
2 am Sunday, March 10th**



From
the Pastors Desk

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Directions to Providence 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

10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am - Morning Worship with
Nursery & Children's Church

Tuesday

12:00 pm - Pastor's Circle

Wednesday

10:30 - Women's Prayer Group

Thursday

6:30 am - Men's Prayer Group
and breakfast

Every Other Thursday

7:00 pm Men's Group Study
7:00 pm Women's Group Study

"You are the salt of the earth" Jesus said. "But if the salt loses it's saltiness, what good is it?" "You are the light of the world" he continues, "but if you hide your light under a basket: what good is that?" Christ calls us to share the hope of the gospel with a lost and dying world, desperately in need of Truth and Hope. Jesus is that One Truth and the One Hope for us and for a lost world. At Providence we are a people that desire to live the gospel and to share the gospel. This month our mission team is taking the lead in helping us not just raise awareness, not simply raise money for missions, but to tangibly reach out to our community and reflect Jesus in our neighborhood and valley. On the weekend of March 24, we are hosting an event at our campus, collecting and selling items, celebrating together and drawing attention to our community, that we are a fellowship of believers that takes seriously our call to share the Hope that is within us. Get involved by volunteering. Show up and interact with the people that will come. Prayerfully ask the Father how you can be used by Him, in an individual and corporate way, to reflect Jesus to all whom we meet and speak with. Pray that people will enter our church, experiencing the aroma of Christ and desire to hear more. Be a "salty" Christian. Let your light shine. Pray that the Lord will establish His work and the work of our hands for His glory.

Pastor Edward



The Well

The Well will not meet in March and April.

Providence Happenings



Open Door Schedule Change

Open Door Soup Kitchen: is an ongoing commitment of Providence Church to the least, the last, the lost and the lonely of our community. Beginning March 1st, we will cook and serve lunch, talk with the guests and clean up on the first Friday of each month instead of third Wednesdays and fifth Thursdays. Sign up sheets are posted on the hallway bulletin board prior to each date. Please consider joining us to bless and be blessed.

Women's Retreat

Glenda Brouwer hopes that you will be able to join her in attending the Women's Retreat : Living Connected the the Heart of Jesus on March 15th and 16th in Swannanoa. Details can be found at:

<http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/2710/WomensRetreatBrochure.pdf>

We would like to carpool, and have rented a house for an overnight time together of Providence women.

Would you please let Glenda know if you are interested by Sunday March 3rd? Just click below and send her a reply.

glendajbrouwer@gmail.com



Providence Money for Missions Yardsale



IT IS THIS MONTH !!!!!!!

Thursday to Saturday March 21, 22 and 23 from 8:00 am to 2 pm

We have had a wonderful response so far of donations to our yard sale. Thank you! Now, we have a great need for help sorting and pricing. We also need folding or card tables. If you can help, please contact Barb or Toni.

Now is the time to clean out your garage, pare down your bulging closet and gift your items to help make **CHRISTMAS** a reality around the globe. From Jordan to Jonathan Creek , from Uganda to your neighbor, Syrian refugees in Germany to Open Door patron in Frog Level, people from all walks of life, from all nations need to hear the good news of Christ. Your gently used, donation items, your gift of time serving at the yard sale,

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making baked goods for Saturday's bake sale or inviting a new neighbor to the Community Outreach free hot dog luncheon, all of these are ways to help spread the gospel through missions around the globe and here at home.

Already we have collected almost \$1,000 in online sales of donated items and we have just begun. Ask your neighbors, your co-workers and your families to donate items. It is a great way to spread the word about Providence and our desire Know, Grow and GO!



WE NEED YOU!

Want to get involved in the Yardsale and Community Outreach?

1) Pray that we will glorify God in our outreach and help us find new ways to encourage people who don't know Christ.

2) Pray for the Community Outreach and the Children's Bible Story/Craft time on Saturday, March 23rd.

2) Sign up to help: At the sale Thursday, Friday and especially Saturday.

- Bring items for the yardsale.
- Bring items for the bakesale (Saturday March 23)
- Come help Monday , Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the yard sale.
- Pass out flyers, soon to be distributed, to everyone who even might be receptive.
- Come extend a hand of friendship and a smile to a new person who might come to the yard sale/outreach.





Mission News



McKays February Update

We are finally seeing some subtle signs of the elusive Spring that we so crave here... still have the feeling Winter is not quite finished. The climate among the refugees in Germany continues to change as well, as the years pass and public opinion about the past mass influx continues to vary widely. We rejoice to be here in this place, at this time.



In case you haven't picked up on the somewhat prominent theme of food in our reports,... it remains the focal point of so much of our relational interactions among the various cultures the Lord has blessed us to serve. One consistent trend is that the refugees, whether from Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq or Iran... do NOT like to eat food from any other culture than their own. Well, for the first time in our mission here, we have accomplished the unthinkable! We convinced an Afghan family to come to our apartment to eat,...Mexican food! They were impressed, and we look forward to what He has in store for this family.

One very seldom sees a single refugee girl/woman here in our region in Germany in the 18 to 30-year-old category. That is definitely not the case with males, as thousands of single young men fled to Germany to avoid forced military service or try to find a better life with more prospects for the future. In a recent conversation with a young Syrian man, he expressed how deeply he misses his family (as he is here alone in Germany) as he tries hard to please them and make them proud. He recently came close to losing his father in Syria, through prayers he miraculously recovered! M. has a perspective on Syria that does not make the major news networks, if friends post the truth about the situation there on Facebook, it is immediately deleted by the government. He is saddened by the fact that his country no longer belongs to his own people and sees little hope for much change any time soon.

Praise/Prayer:

- the challenges of gathering refugees for group meetings
- Sam and I (Adger) are planning to be at General Assembly this year in Denver, CO!
- our car is back in service!
- new doors to open... or close as He wills



In 2001 the EPC had high hopes for a new project. We sent a team of EPC families led by Greg and Sally Livingstone to live and work among the 17+ million Malays of Malaysia who were without a single church reaching their own people. 13 years later the Pacific Presbytery (now Pacific Northwest) adopted the Malay of Malaysia as their Engage 2025 focus, and began partnership with the reconstituted WO church-planting team led by Jeff and Lynn.



In 2016 we looked back at our fifteen years of costly, difficult work and inventoried the results - we had zero churches, zero Bible studies, and zero conversions! Our global workers in Malaysia were

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fulfilling their responsibilities - learning language well, sharing their faith, and inviting Malay neighbors to discover God in the Bible -- but there was zero response.

So, in the fall of 2016 World Outreach called our brothers and sisters throughout EPC churches to a Year of Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough Among the Malay. At almost the same time a visionary Chinese Malaysian pastor, Raymond Koh, began to lead a national movement of Malaysian Christians (from Chinese, Indian and Tribal ethnicities) to pray for the same thing. We waited expectantly for the breakthrough

On February 13, 2017, Pastor Koh was abducted out of his automobile in broad daylight, in full view of private CCTV cameras. He has not been heard or seen since. Sadly, much of the Malaysian Christian momentum for spiritual breakthrough among the Malay was lost, but at Jeff's urging "to fill the gap" EPC World Outreach led a denomination-wide recommitment to prayer for the Malay.

Last year short-term teams from the Pacific Northwest and Midwest presbyteries began to arrive in Malaysia to pray on-site. Our EPC global workers recommitted themselves to do the work of evangelists and significantly increased their gospel sharing. They increased their partnerships with Chinese, Indian, and Tribal Christians in Malaysia to pray for and share good news with their Malay neighbors. And through online advertising and social media they're connecting with thousands of Malay and making the scriptures available.

We believe our prayers for spiritual breakthrough shook the gates of Hell, and the first result was a violent backlash by demonic forces. We believe millions of Malays in the depths of their spiritual dungeon are hearing the faint din of battle outside. Now is not the time to withdraw.

Our field team leader, Jeff, urges those of us who can to fast and pray on the First Monday of each month for:

- The release of Pastor Raymond Koh (and other Christians who disappeared at the same time)
- First encounters of Malays with Jesus through dreams, visions, and miracles
- First Malay people of peace ("Lydias" and "Corneliuses") connecting with our team
- First discovery bible studies started with Malays in each of the 52 zones of Malaysia
- First churches of Malay believers

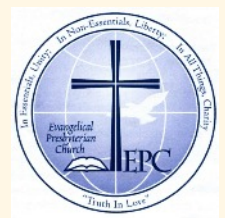
After 18 years of sowing now is the time to cry out to the Lord of the Lord of the Harvest for spiritual breakthrough.

EPC on Abortion

publicly to recent legislation in New York that loosens restrictions on abortion, as well as judicial action around the country that has weakened protections of the unborn.

Like you, I—and all of us at the national level of the EPC—am grieved and frustrated over the expanded assault on the unborn.

Please know that we strongly affirm Scripture's very clear message that abortion is nothing other than the taking of an innocent life. At the same time, as Christians we are called to love and support those who have experienced the physical, emotional, and spiritual



wounds that result from a terminated pregnancy—whatever the reason. Many of you have written to me recently to ask if the EPC as a denomination was going to respond

The National Leadership Team has approved release of the following statement, which is being posted to our public communication channels today (February 18):

"In light of recent legislation at the state level regarding abortion, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church continues to strongly and unequivocally affirm the dignity and value of every human life—born and unborn.

The EPC's Position Paper on Abortion states that the Bible does not distinguish between prenatal and postnatal life. It attributes human personhood to the unborn child. This extends to the unborn child ex utero as no less a human being than the child in the mother's womb.

Since abortion was legalized in the United States in 1973, more than 61 million Americans have been denied the rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." This concept is such a fundamental principle that it appears in the very first sentence of the Declaration of Independence, written almost 250 years ago.

Yet even more fundamental is the truth of Scripture, which was written more than 2,000 years ago and very clearly teaches that life begins at conception. To wit:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5 NIV).

"My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth" (Psalm 139:15 NIV).

"Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name" (Isaiah 49:1 NIV).

"for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born" (Luke 1:15 NIV).

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit" (Luke 1:41 NIV).

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church grieves over the murder of more than 61 million unborn children who were made in the image of God. We also stand in strong opposition to the legal and political decisions that have led to this tragedy. At the same time, we will continue to offer a loving and supportive community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds as a result of undergoing an abortion (or placing a child for adoption), and support those groups, parachurch ministries, and sponsoring agencies that offer viable alternatives to abortion."

Please feel free to post this statement on your church website, personal blog, or any other forums you feel would be appropriate. Click here or go to www.epc.org/files/abortionlawsstatement201902 to download the statement in printable, PDF format.

Thank you, and may God bless you and your ministry for Jesus Christ.

Jeff Jeremiah

Steve Woodworth: ITEN, World Outreach - Southeast Asia

It has been just a little over 2 weeks since I returned from Southeast Asia. Almost enough time to feel a bit more "normal" and able to reflect on the trip with a little clarity. In the email that follows you'll have a chance to get a glimpse into the countries I visited, hear about all the amazing ways God is moving in those regions, and what role ITEN might be able to play in building up leaders, empowering national partners, and spreading the gospel among the un-reached in the coming months and years.



Close to 90% of the entire population of one country identifies as Buddhist. The picture above was taken in my hotel room where copies of The Teaching of Buddha are left for guests in the same way Gideon Bibles are often found in hotel rooms across the U.S.

While Buddhism remains incredibly strong throughout the country, a growing minority of Christians are seeing increased freedom to share the gospel, worship, and even participate in politics. In fact, during December of 2017, it experienced the first public celebration of Christmas in their country in over 50 years!

During a week of ministry we continued to focus our attention on the further development of the Reformed Theological Seminary (MRTS). In addition to teaching some courses, we were also able to sign an official MOU that will link MRTS and ITEN more intentionally in the coming years.

Additional ministry opportunities included 2 days of teaching among a combined group of churches called the Reformed and Presbyterian Fellowship and spending a day among the faculty of the Baptist Convention, the largest Christian denomination there.

After a week there, we traveled south. We spent the majority of our time in the capitol city, where we were meeting with the leadership of the Bible College (HBC) to continuing developing an innovative approach to theological education.

In a country long dominated by folk religion (75% of the country), Christianity is spreading. While exact numbers are hard to come by in a strict communist country, HBC estimates that there are thousands of Christ followers in rural regions to the north.

Since many of the pastors in these regions cannot afford to travel to the capitol (we visited 2 churches that were 3 hours away from the city), the vision of HBC and ITEN is to bring education to the pastors by selecting 20 outstanding HBC graduates who can become equipped trainers, and commissioned to travel throughout the north as itinerant educators. It is a bold vision that will be unfolding in the months to come. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

Prayer Requests

A fruitful time of teaching in Albania

A focused season of work this spring as I give attention to things that require more time at my desk than on a plane

Wisdom and discernment about our new site in Vietnam

Strength, God's constant presence, and patience for Carrie and our boys while I travel to speak & teach

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2019

Wally Cook - Congregational Care

Thom Morgan - Finance

Class of 2020

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow

Phil Inglis

Our Diaconate

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Bill Allsbrook - Class of 2021

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information December 31, 2018

Tithes/Offering collections	177,982
Miscellaneous income	<u>190</u>
Total Revenue	178,172
Missions	25,651
Purchase of HCA	151,760
Church Operating Expenses	<u>168,266</u>
Total Expenditures	345,677
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(167,505)
Designated Givings	50
Cash in Bank Beginning of Year	<u>232,330</u>
Cash in Bank End of Month	64,875
<u>Breakdown of Cash</u>	
Checking Account	64,875
Savings Account	<u>0</u>
Total	64,875

February 28th Financial Update

Revenue YTD	25,724
Expenses YTD	28,461
Difference	-2,737

March Volunteers

Snacks

Mar 3	Susan Kingshill team
Mar 10	Carole Spink team
Mar 17	LuAnn Davis team
Mar 24	Church
Mar 31	Men

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Mar 3	Linda Roberts
Mar 10	Glenda Brouwer
Mar 17	Renee Mitchell
Mar 24	Jenny Alt
Mar 31	LuAnn Davis

Counters

Mar 3	Bill Allsbrook Bob Dresdow
Mar 10	Pat Inglis Phil Inglis
Mar 17	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Mar 24	Bill White Luke Allsbrook
Mar 31	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell

Open/Close/Usher

Mar 3	Bob Dresdow
Mar 10	Phil Inglis
Mar 17	Sam Mitchell
Mar 24	Thom Morgan
Mar 31	Wally Cook

Cleaning Team Mitchells/Cooks

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:45 AM Holy Communion Alan Bush	4	5 12:00 PM Pastor's circle T J Anthony	6 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	7 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	8 1	2 Cook & serve at Open Door
10	11 Bruce Kingshill	12 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	13 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	14 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	15	16
17	18	19 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	20 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	21 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Jason Davis	22	23 Women's Retreat Community Outreach
24	25 Talya Morgan	26 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	27 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	28 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Carole Douglas-Spink	29	30 Yard Sale 8 am - 2 pm
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