

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



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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 105, 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**

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group  
and breakfast

### **Every Other Thursday**

7:00 pm Men's Group Study

7:00 pm Women's Group Study

## October 2019

Thirty years ago this month, Glenda and I got married at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bluefield West Virginia. Glenda was a member there and had come fresh out of college (Columbia International University) as a teacher--invited to teach Bible in the public schools in the county. Her 5 years at Westminster ('83-'87) were rich and formative in developing her heart for missions. Glenda heeded the call to the Philippines in 1987 as a teacher at Faith Academy--a missionary kids school and the largest in the world. And that's where our paths crossed! I was working in missions (going to language school) and we met in Manila in 1988 through mutual friends. The rest (as they say!) is history. The 10 years we spent in that beautiful tropical country were amazing and during that time God expanded our family to include Natalie, Rachel and Matthew.

Eventually, we felt a prompting to return to North America, and as the Lord would have it, He directed us to North Carolina to a sweet, mission minded church nestled in a cove in the mountains. The 17 years we worked and raised our family in Montreat were some of the most memorable of our lives. I enrolled in seminary as I was seeking to discern a call to preaching and teaching. In 2011 I was ordained and my role at Montreat changed to focus on discipleship. When our youngest (Matthew) graduated from High School we sensed it was time to take on a new challenge and that is when Providence called. It has been an incredible journey and a true joy to be called as pastor here! I look forward to another 30 years of marriage to my best friend and the "best thing that ever happened to me" (outside of Jesus)....and more years (I pray) with the amazing people at Providence. Thanks for the joyful privilege of letting me be your pastor.

*Pastor Edward*



## **Session Highlights**

- 1) We are extremely pleased to have Calvin and Margaret Allsbrook joining our fellowship. Take time to welcome them into our family when you see them at church.
- 2) Courtney Roes, one of our EPC World outreach missionaries, will speak on Sunday Sept. 22. His is mission work with a modern twist. Come hear about a different method of evangelism.
- 3) Harrison Northey will be preaching on Oct. 6th, allowing Edward and Glenda to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

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# Providence Happenings



## Session Highlights continued

- 4) The Session and Diaconate are looking at ways that could enhance our church security.
- 5) The Session continues to ponder the elusive mission statement for our church.
- 6) Through the direction of our Finance Committee, the session will begin the initial development of Providence's 2020 budget. Please keep this matter in your prayers.
- 7) The 2020 Nominating Committee has begun their work seeking 2 Elders and 2 Deacons to serve in the upcoming class. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for the committee and that those the Lord wants for those positions will be led by the Spirit to serve.

## The Open Door

Providence will cook, serve, and clean up at the Open Door on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We have an ongoing commitment to do this on the first Friday of each month. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Phil Inglis.

## Fall Work Day

Calling all church members to set aside Saturday, November 2nd, from 9 - noon to work together on various improvements, repairs and general upkeep around the Providence property.



## The Well

Will meet on Monday, October 7<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. In the fellowship hall.

## Courtney Roes Visit

During our September 22<sup>nd</sup> visit from Courtney Roes he told us of the two major applications that have been developed to assist in the spreading of the Gospel.

One is the Creation to Christ (C2C) Story application that helps you to move from a secular conversation with someone to a spiritual one. In a series of 20 powerful images, the C2C Story App helps keep you, the story teller, stay on track, keep focus, and it gives the listener a visual display of the work of God that you are describing. The app is in several languages so you can use it to tell the story in your own words or let it do the talking for you, in their language.



The second application is Soul Connection. Have you considered spending a full day alone with God? Have you thought how to go beyond a short, daily devotional and wish to take 6-8 hours, or more, connecting with the Father? Soul Connection is designed as a tool for the Holy Spirit to lead you in a journey of spending a full day connecting with your Creator.



God has created everyone to connect with Him, but everyone is unique and God wants to connect with you in the way He created you. So Soul Connection is organized into seven different styles, or Pathways: Activist, Contemplative, Creation, Relational, Serving, Studios, and Worship. Within each Pathway are several Trails that will guide your day-long devotional experience with God. Each Trail is structured

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into five Steps: Prepare, Be Still, Engage, Reflect, and Live (Out). Within the five steps are Bible passages to read, ideas to ponder, suggestions for prayer, things to observe, and activities to consider so that God and you have a deeply spiritual, renewing time together.

The Soul Connection app is not designed to replace your daily Bible reading and prayer time, but to be an additional resource you can use periodically (once a month, once a quarter, or several times per year) to spend a day with the Father.

Both of these applications are available for Apple and Android smart phones on their respective download sites. Download, install, and enjoy.

## Yard Sale

After the success of our last yard sale, the Mission Committee is planning another one (or 2 or 3) in the future. Please hang on to those treasures, or if they're in your way, contact TJ (230-6501) to arrange storage at the church.



## Steve Woodworth Visit

Question: How are they to call on one they have not believed in? And how are they to believe in one they have not heard of? And how are they to hear without someone preaching to them? ( Sound familiar? That's Romans 10:14)

Answer: God's Provision ! (That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" Romans 10:15)



God uses many different "feet". Providence was blessed on Sunday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to host Steve Woodworth, whose feet carry him around the world for the gospel in his current role as the Associate Coordinator of International Theological Education Network . ITEN focuses on theological education and leadership training for nationals. Simply put, the purpose of ITEN is to develop teachers among unreached peoples who will develop teachers among other unreached peoples. ITEN works in tandem with World Outreach church-planting efforts among unreached people groups, particularly Muslims. Steve is charged with the task of helping to develop 10 pastoral training centers in 10 countries around the globe. A graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (MDiv & DMin.) Steve also serves as a staff writer for Think Christian and The Gospel Coalition. When he is not traveling overseas conducting site development, Steve regularly preaches at local churches, conferences, retreats and colleges.

I encourage you to go to the EPC website <https://www.epcwo.org/> and also the ITEN website <https://www.epcwo.org/iten/> to read more about how our denomination is going to the "ends of the earth."

You are already a part of this mission as we at Providence and the EPC support ITEN in :

South-Central Asia	Eastern Europe	Indonesia	Guatemala	Russia	Albania
Kazakhstan	Indonesia	Central Africa	Brazil	West Africa	Spain
Argentina	Southern India				

Want to be involved even more? Go to the EPC site <https://www.epcwo.org/malay/> and join in a group prayer effort to pray at least once a week for the people of Malaysia. Did you know that there are 20 million Malays in Malaysia without a single church with which to make disciples to reach their own people — one of the largest unreached peoples of the world!



# Mission News



## From the NcKays September Newsletter

As mentioned in recent updates, God has laid on our hearts to form a group to gather an international, multi-ethnic group to encounter the Lord in worship, study, discussion and fellowship. We have a definite mission to reach people from all nations including our M friends who are looking for a place to belong, even if they don't know Jesus yet!



This past Friday, we held our first International Gathering with 8 adults and 7 children representing 6 nations (incl. Syria).

We are excited to see what God is going to do!

We continue to visit the international Cafe at a local refugee camp in town. One of the ladies, whom we call 'Mama', has been in camps for the past 3+ years with no residency papers and she still speaks almost no German. Last week we noticed that she was wearing her nicest garments and a big smile on her face. In talking with her son, we discovered that, like others we have known, they were planning to leave the country in hopes of a better future here in Europe. For so many refugees, the situation is still bleak. And some think that the 'grass is always greener'....

During our summer break, we received a text message that an Iranian family that is dear to us had suddenly been moved from a multi-family home to another camp, after being there almost 2 years. The facilities at the 'new' camp are sub par. We visited them in their crowded room last Saturday and we could hear their pain. During the week, the husband has to stay with a single Iranian man in a small room with another roommate because his restaurant job is much closer to the previous home. He now only sees his wife and two special needs children on the weekend. The last couple of visits, we have had a very sweet prayer time with/for them. Please pray for them to come to know the Lord.

We have a special request for all of you who are called to and love to pray. We are re-forming a team of intercessors for our mission here since the Lord has been showing us our need to organize and expand the people who pray for us. If you believe you are called to join us in an intercessory role, please respond to us at this email address. [asmckay@att.net](mailto:asmckay@att.net) Thank you to those who have responded!

### **Praise/Prayer:**

- For this International Group to be salt and light
- Glad to have been able to see some of you at GA and this summer!
- That the Lord would raise up additional leadership here
- Sam and Ian seem to be enjoying the start of a new school year

**About that huge tax problem...** Our German 2017 tax bill is finally taken care of. Our professional tax advisor last year sent us a payment amount that was over 4x larger than what he had previously estimated. Adger had been pressing him for the previous 10 months out of concern that this could happen...and he assured us in February, 2018 that the tax estimates were accurate. If you want to help out with this, you can designate this through World Outreach. Unfortunately, due to our advisor's grossly low pre-payment estimates for 2018 (which we have already paid in full) we are encountering a (larger) problem this year (2019), as well. We owe approximately 1.75 times the normal German tax bill this year. Thank you all who have already helped toward this!!

### Want Ads

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

### 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 2019

**Music Director & Worship** - Renee Allsbrook

**Administrative Assistant** - Barb Dresdow

### October Volunteers

#### Snacks

Oct 6	LuAnn Davis team
Oct 13	Paula Rhodarmer team
Oct 20	Glenda White team
Oct 27	Susan Kingshill team

#### Sunday School/Children's Worship

Oct 6	Renee Mitchell
Oct 13	Lisa Rhodarmer
Oct 20	LuAnn Davis
Oct 27	Glenda Brouwer

#### Counters

Oct 6	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
Oct 13	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Oct 20	Luke Allsbrook Bill White
Oct 27	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell

#### Communion

Carole Spink

Note tha Communion will be observed on October 13<sup>th</sup> rather than the 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Cleaning

Roberts

#### Open/Close/Usher

Oct 6	Phil Inglis
Oct 13	Bob Dresdow
Oct 20	Sam Mitchell
Oct 27	Thom Morgan

### Providence Church Summarized Financial Information June 30, 2019

Tithes/Offerings	79,450
Designated income	<u>6,750</u>
Total Revenue	<b>86,200</b>
Missions	10,950
Church Operations	<u>80,205</u>
Total Expenditures	<b>91,195</b>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(4,994)
Unspent Designated Giving	1,436
Cash in Bank Beginning of Year	<u>64,875</u>
Cash in Bank End of Month	<b>61,317</b>

### September 29<sup>th</sup> Update

Revenue	125,840
Expenditures	127,830
Cash Increase (decrease)	(1,989)

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Natalie Lawrence	<b>2</b> 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	<b>3</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Jefferey Alt	<b>4</b> Cook & serve at Open Door Rhonda Lear	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Alia Lawrence	<b>7</b> 5:00 PM The Well Edward & Glenda Brouwer	<b>8</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	<b>9</b> 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	<b>10</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	<b>11</b> Luke Allsbrook	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:45 AM Holy Communion	<b>14</b> Kristin Cook Benjamin Davis Columbus Day (Observed)	<b>15</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	<b>16</b> 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	<b>17</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Will & Christina Roberts	<b>18</b> Jacque Morgan	<b>19</b> Rachel Bacon
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	<b>23</b> 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	<b>24</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Taylor Cook	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	<b>30</b> 10:30 AM Women's Prayer Group	<b>31</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group		