

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



December 2019

I sit in my study this beautiful Thanksgiving Day and reflect on God's incredible goodness to us in Christ. Let gratitude fill your heart and may thanks ever be on your lips to the praise of His glory. For me, I am so grateful to God to be your pastor! We move from a season of thankfulness to a season of expectation. Advent speaks of anticipating the arrival of the hoped for Promise. Advent points to the coming of the Messiah. The Savior. Of the establishment of His government there shall be no end. In this culture of political drama, we are reminded that no earthly government can claim our true allegiance as Christians--that we are aliens and strangers to this culture and that we are passing through with our eyes on the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem, the City of our God. Paul wrote to the church at Philippi that it was his earnest desire, his genuine hope, that he would not be put to shame (by flagging in his zeal) but that he would have sufficient courage--so that now as indeed always, Christ would be exalted in him. Whatever your troubling circumstance in life, may you hold fast to Christ even as He is holding fast to you. May you experience the fulfillment of your deep longing that Christ be glorified in your life, in word and deed, in thought and in action. Beloved of Christ: Grace and Peace!



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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

10:15 - 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

Safety Notice

The Clyde Police contacted Pastor Edward at 11:40 pm to tell him that on a routine check of our Church on Wednesday night, November 6th, they found 3 doors unlocked.

We all need to take extra care when we are "the last person out" to double check to make sure that all the doors are locked when we leave the church.

This will make our property safer but also safer for the next people who enter the church. Thank you.

Pastor Edward

Providence Happenings



Please remember that we are actively seeking commercial renters for our extra space upstairs and/or the admin building. If you hear of anyone looking for space to rent, please give them TJ Anthony's name and phone number (828-230-6501) so she can show them around and give them all the details.. Thanks

Christmas Luncheon

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 15th, for a Christmas luncheon following our morning worship service.

The church will be providing ham and turkey. We are asking the congregation to fill in with side dishes and desserts.



Susan Kingshill is spearheading this event and is looking for volunteers to help set up and/or cleanup.

Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Questions? See Susan.

Yard Sale

After the success of our last yard sale, the Mission Committee is planning another one for the spring to benefit missions. They are now starting to collect items. Contact TJ Anthony or Renee Mitchell with questions.

Want Ads

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

The Well

Will meet on Monday, December 2nd, at 5:00 p.m. In the fellowship hall.

Providence Family,

Please accept this very humble gift for your gracious support and offering of the church for Dad's memorial service. I am forever thankful for the love and support that my family has been blessed with, through each and every one of you. I am filled with peace, joy, and gratitude knowing that God surely had a most beautiful plan in bring Mom to you, which has blessed all of us.

Many blessings and an abundance of love,

Laura Ladner Jefferis

Christmas Bell Ringing

This Christmas, our Church will, once again, participate in the annual Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing. We will ring on Tuesday, December 3 at the food/pharmacy entrance to Wal-Mart.(same as in years past). This is a rewarding experience and has only 4 requirements: (1) smile, (2) ring a small bell, (3) say thank you, and (4) say Merry Christmas! We will ring in 1 hour slots beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. This is a great experience and hopefully we will have a large participant turnout. Sign-up sheets will be posted at church in a couple of weeks. Thank you for your consideration.



SEE BILL ALLSBROOK IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS



Mission News



Roes Update

Share the Gospel using your phone

eDOT's original mobile app, C2C Story App, is getting revised. Version 4 is about to be released allowing for easier navigation and use. We're finishing up testing and should have it rolled out within the month. Currently, with 10 languages and 2 more in the works, this new version will allow us to add languages without having to do a new version of the app because you will now download "language packs". Get it free on the iOS Appstore and on Google Play.



Community Bible Study Deutschland

Last May, Krista took on the challenge to serve as the National Director for CBS Germany. To be frank, the ministry was in difficulty with a whole leadership team stepping down at the same time and years of misunderstandings and difficulties. So we're starting fresh with 12 existing classes, a new leadership team, new policies and procedures and fun new projects to develop. The goal is to get some healthy momentum and focus and to find and develop a new German to take over as National Leader.

This Winter Krista and her co-Director Kathy will be visiting all the classes, encouraging and giving them some equipping/training. We're working on 5 new translation projects as well as improving 18 old studies. We're partnering with German-language work in Switzerland and Austria. Krista created her first website ever (www.cbsdeutschland.org). - And no, she does not have the technology gene Courtney has :) - So far it's been a joy and a fun learning experience.

Prayer Requests:

GSM Films is a team that is a part of the group Courtney oversees. They're promoting a new movie called The Traveler. Please pray as they're already translating it into a multitude of languages with more requests coming in. It's a lot of work and they're already fully going into their next project.

Please pray for Alex's semester exams at University and for God's presence to be tangible to our family as we won't be together this holiday season.

Pray for a friend of Krista's that she is mentoring. She has deep life issues and needs to see the Lord at work. her name is Elaine.

Pray for our search for a National Director for Community Bible Study Germany and that like Samuel, God would give us eyes to see the hearts of people who might fill this role.

We are thankful for those who have given \$2000 toward our car need. We are looking for God's direction and timing on when to replace our car. We are trying to balance getting the last bit of life out of it vs. being proactive and not being broken down on the side of the road.

Please pray for the rollout of our C2C Story App version 4. Pray it goes smoothly and that many more will use this tool to share the Gospel around the world.

Will You Please Pray?

If you've followed the news in South America lately, you've seen Chile, Ecuador, and Bolivia in political uproar. Add to that the crisis in neighboring Venezuela, some think that Colombia is a tinderbox waiting to explode. That explosion may happen tomorrow during the national protest.

Protests are nothing new to our city. We regularly hear tear gas cannons from our apartment and are occasionally trying to blink the nasty stuff out of our eyes. But protests that are this well organized coupled with built-up, anti-government angst aren't as common.

Will a peaceful protest turn violent? Almost certainly. Will some of our famous Marxist groups try to escalate and leverage anti-government sentiments for their own purposes? Most likely. Will copycats target and ignite churches as they did in Chile? Will frustrations be aimed at foreigners as they were six years ago? Will the vulnerable in our city be made even more vulnerable? Will the day-long protest turn into weeks-long protests as they have in neighboring countries? We hope not, but that's why we're asking you to pray.

Lord-willing, tensions will subside in time for 500-600 people to flood our church on Saturday for our annual Thanksgiving community meal. As you pray, please also pray that community would form, that the gospel would resound clearly and sweetly, and that God's church would grow through this important outreach event.

An update on the unrest in Bogotá

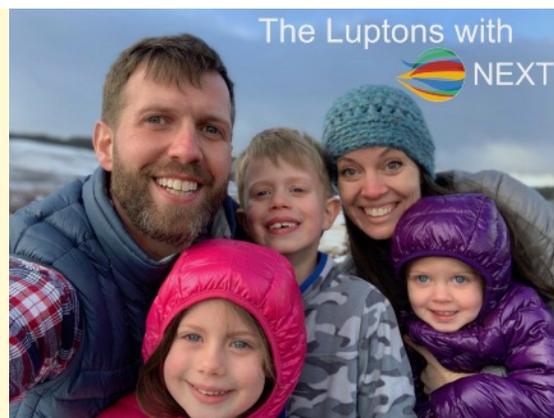
We can't thank you enough for your prayers. Thursday started out peacefully, but by the afternoon violence, vandalism, looting, and fires ensued. Peaceful protestors beat pots and pans from their apartments or marching on the streets until nearly midnight. This cacerolazo is typical of other Latin American countries, but is a first for Colombia. My family used to do that on New Year's Eve to celebrate. Colombia does it to lament. Every clank and ding is a longing for reform, ultimately resonating for the sort of reform that only Jesus can bring about.

Yesterday was considerably less peaceful and more scary. Videos circulated of looting, stolen buses crashing through store fronts, police being knocked off their motorcycles and beaten with sticks and bricks. The citywide curfew made for an eerie environment. Only Christmas morning is that silent in our neighborhood. But not everywhere. My phone was buzzing with scared church members whose neighborhoods were being attacked. People gathered at their gates with broomsticks and machetes to defend their neighborhoods. A groggy city wakes up to conspiracy theories about who was behind the citywide attacks. The only sure thing is that things are deteriorating.

We canceled our Thanksgiving outreach meal tonight. We'll worship, Lord-willing, on Sunday morning with a church full of fearful, exhausted congregants. Our mission families feel safe, but many we serve do not. Pray for the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts and overwhelm our city.

Gratefully,

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



The Open Door

Providence cooks, serves, and cleans up at the Open Door Friday, December 6th. Anyone who wants to help cook should arrive around 9:30, servers at 11:00. Please come to bless and be blessed.

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

Nursery: Mandy Mills

December Volunteers

Snacks

Dec 1	LuAnn Davis team
Dec 8	Paula Rhodarmer team
Dec 15	Christmas Luncheon
Dec 22	Susan Kingshill team
Dec 29	Men of the church

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Dec 1	Renee Mitchell
Dec 8	LuAnn Davis
Dec 15	Linda Roberts
Dec 22	Lisa Rhodarmer

Counters

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

Communion

Rhonda Lear

Cleaning

Mitchells/Cooks

Open/Close/Usher

Dec 1	Bob Dresdow
Dec 8	Phil Inglis
Dec 15	Sam Mitchell
Dec 22	Thom Morgan
Dec 29	Wally Cook

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information October 31, 2019

Tithes/Offering collections	129,100
Designated income	<u>8,897</u>
Total Revenue	137,997
Missions	11,173
Church Operation Expenses	<u>130,892</u>
Total Expenditures	142,065
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(4,068)
Current Liabilities	2,132
Cash in Bank Beginning of Year	<u>64,875</u>
Cash in Bank End of Month	62,939
<u>Breakdown of Cash</u>	
Checking Account	62,939
Savings Account	0

November 30th Update

Revenue	174,176
Expenditures	152,339
Cash Increase (decrease)	21,837

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  10:45 AM Holy Communion Lydia Lizarazu Sam Mitchell Christina Roberts	2 5:00 PM The Well	3 Salvation army bell ringing 	4 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	5 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	6 Cook & serve at Open Door	7
8 Glenda White	9 1:00 PM Shoe box packing	10 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	11 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	12 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	13	14 Natalie Brouwer Thom Morgan Michael & Eleonore Shelton
15	16	17 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	18 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group Jennifer Alt	19 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	20 Wally Cook	21
22	23 Julian Bacon	24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25	26 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Thom & Jacque Morgan	27	28
29	30	31				