

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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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

10:15 - 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

January 2020

As I write this I am pondering the fact that these are the last few days of the decade. It's a time to pause as we reflect on a score of years since the new millennium started and so we are poised to enter another decade.

Yes we're all a little older, and hopefully wiser and perhaps a little worse for wear! We've had joys and trials, new life as well as loss. In all this we experience the words of the weeping prophet: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, yeah new every morning, Great is Thy Faithfulness! We rejoice in the Lord's provision for us individually and collectively. How wonderful indeed that we have our own campus. What exciting and challenging ministry does the Father have for us in the coming decade? Whatever it actually is, it will involve all of us **praying, worshipping, fellowshiping, giving and serving**. Never cease **praying**: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **Worship** the Lord with gladness! Let sweet unity in **fellowship** be the hallmark of our church. Let us **give** as much as we can, in time, talent and treasure to the work of God. Serve the Lord with patient conviction for He Who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it!

Pastor Edward

Church Wide Prayer Meeting

Please plan to join your brothers and sisters in Christ on Sunday, January 26th, at 6 p.m. We will be praying for our church and our community.

The Well

Will meet on Monday, January 6th, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



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.

Shawn Stewart Visit

On Sunday January 19th we have the pleasure of a visit from Shawn Stewart, missionary with World Outreach. Shawn (Lisa) served in Waynesville at First Presbyterian Church as Youth Minister when they first returned from Bolivia. Shawn will share again about his work in World Missions. And we are excited that Lisa is working as a Lactation Consultant for young moms at the Haywood County Medical Center a few days a week while also working in the same capacity at Mission in Asheville. Shawn will make a presentation in Sunday School that morning and also preach in the worship service.

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2020

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow

Phil Inglis

Class of 2022

TBD

TBD

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Nursery: Mandy Mills

Important Meeting for All Providence Members

Sunday, January 5th, following our morning worship, we will hold our annual Meeting of the Corporation and the Congregational Meeting. During the Congregational Meeting the budget for 2020, as approved by our Session, will be presented to the congregation and then the Pastoral Call will be presented and voted upon by the members of the congregation. We will hear from the Nominating Committee, who will put forward nominations for Elders and nominations for the 2020 Nominating Committee. These will be voted on.

Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank you.

The Open Door

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

Blankets

Bill Allsbrook, who is a Rotary member, asked on behalf of a Rotary endeavor, that we would consider a donation of a blanket to help those in Haywood County. Many in need have limited fuel sources and a blanket may offer additional warmth. If you would like to bring a blanket to church next Sunday - Bill will collect them. Thanks.



Mission News



From the McKays December Email

Merry Christmas and a Fruitful New Year to you
Like you, we are also astonished that 2019 is almost over! We are amazed and grateful for all that the Lord has done this past year and in the three plus years Engaging the Displaced among refugees here in Germany.

Please join us in prayer for our Christmas outreach at one of the camps. We will bring gifts for the children and seek to bring some joy to the refugees.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT IN THIS IMPORTANT MISSION , WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!

His peace, *The McKays*



Update from the Luptons

"I have come to the point where I can now say that I am a sinner and that Jesus is my unique savior."

There's no reason, humanly speaking, that I should have heard those words come out of Nathaniel's mouth. He's in his early 30s and is the son of a former Colombian presidential cabinet member.

He grew up all over the world and considered himself an agnostic when we first met. His dad has been helping me navigate Colombian bureaucracy complicated enough to make me want to curl up into the fetal position. We've been working on this important church legal matter for five years with nothing to show for it. At least until now...

The paperwork we've been trying to secure has been a drama-filled disaster. Could it be that these past five years haven't been about protecting the church's property rights, but about God saving a secular family? Nathaniel visited our church looking for answers. He was surprised to learn that not only can Christians can be serious thinkers, but that the answers he sought after are found in a person, his "unique savior" Jesus. Now Nathaniel is eager to become a member of our church and these days his whole family attends nearly every week.

There's no reason we should know Nathaniel as a new brother in Christ except that God's plans are more beautiful than our plans. God's loves e like Nathaniel by making a year-end gift?

Gratefully, his people more than our paperwork.

We've been encouraged to see three more stories like this of new faith during these two difficult months. We're so thankful that our God is at work in difficulty. These are your stories because this is your ministry to the nations and the next generation.

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



Want Ads

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

For Sale: One of our church members has made a donation to our Mission Yard Sale. A King size, Level Sleep Memory Foam mattress designed for lumbar support and back pain sufferers - medium firm. Retail value of \$1275, selling for \$400. Very clean, kept fully covered during the 90 day trial period. Contact Barb - 770-883-3936.

Wanted: If I gave anyone my recipe for the chili cook off, I would appreciate getting a copy of it - I lost mine. Glenda White, (828) 235-1897 or glendarwhite@outlook.com.

Yard Sale: The Mission Committee is collecting items for a spring yard sale. Contact TJ Anthony or Renee Mitchell.

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

December 31st Update

Revenue	200,160
Expenditures	<u>165,283</u>
Cash Increase (decrease)	34,877

January Volunteers

Snacks

Jan 5	LuAnn Davis team
Jan 12	Paula Rhodarmer team
Jan 19	Glenda White team
Jan 26	Susan Kingshill team

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Jan 5	Renee Mitchell
Jan 12	Glenda Brouwer
Jan 19	LuAnn Davis
Jan 26	Lisa Rhodarmer

Counters

Jan 5	Wally Cook Sam Mitchell
Jan 12	Bill Armstrong Phil Inglis
Jan 19	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
Jan 26	Bruce Kingshill Thom Morgan



Communion

Linda Roberts

Open/Close/Usher

Jan 5	Phil Inglis
Jan 12	Bob Dresdow
Jan 19	Sam Mitchell
Jan 26	TBD

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5  10:45 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Congregational Meeting	6 5:00 PM The Well	7 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Mary Ellen Fawcett	8 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group Bob Dresdow  New Year's Day	9 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	10 Cook & serve at Open Door Carole Torpy	11
12 Malcolm Spink	13	14 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	15 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	16 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	17	18 Edward Brouwer
19 Shawn Stewart visit Margaret Allsbrook Matt Kirby	20	21 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	22 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	23 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	24	25
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