

# 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**

10:15 - 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

## **March 2020**

Set clocks ahead 1 hour  
at 2 a.m. on March 8<sup>th</sup>.



Missions. Why bother? Many don't. Well, missions isn't a tag on to the gospel. It's a natural extension of it. Jesus told disciples then and now to... "Go therefore and make disciples". It's the great commission and is connected to the great commandment--because we truly love our neighbors near and far when we care enough about them to tell everyone about Jesus. Our church is invested in local missions and international missions. Aside from the very important work of living the gospel out in our work and leisure, we also reach out to our community. Last month Ben Weimar told us at church about the kids in the local school who became believers--and we came up beside him and prayed for him and made a commitment to encourage him with his ministry in Youth For Christ. Shawn Stewart preached about missions near and far last month. This summer we are partnering again with The Vine of the Mountains to host Created for a Purpose, a VBS-like day camp that seeks to point kids to Jesus through art and Bible teaching. Don't forget that through our budget and through fund raising activities like the Community Yard Sale, we hope to send many thousands of dollars to missions efforts around the world. I love that Providence is a missions minded church and I pray that each one of us will take the time to look at the monitor in Fellowship Hall each Sunday so we can learn the names of our missionaries and what they are doing--so we can pray for them in a more well informed manner.



*Pastor Edward*

## **Session Highlights**

- 1 Providence's Annual Report was submitted to General Assembly.
- 2 We are continuing to search for options for leasing the upper floor of the education building.
- 3 A report of the 109th Presbytery meeting was given by those attending.
- 4 The church rolls were finished and recorded.
- 5 The workshops "Getting out of self for personal growth" to be presented by Sarah Altman were approved and encouraged.
- 6 Initial plans to develop a church library were received and approved. We are excited that Paula Rhodarmer will be serving as librarian. If you have appropriate books to contribute please let her know.
- 7 The session approved a revamped plan for providing snacks after worship each Sunday. It has an exciting difference for the 1st Sunday each month and will hopefully reduce the load on the ladies that have so graciously fed us each week.

# Providence Happenings



- Session Highlights continued -

8 Our next church wide prayer meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 29th at 6:00 pm.

**Communion** will be celebrated on March 8<sup>th</sup>, rather than March 1<sup>st</sup>.



## New Snack Schedule



The first Sunday of every month will be set aside as Outside the Box Sundays. We would like to do something different - Outside the Box. We would like to leave the building - Outside the Box. We would like to encourage our church family to reach out to each other, perhaps someone that you don't know well or someone in need of fellowship and have meals and fellowship in their homes or even go out to eat. Maybe your spouse needs some special time. Be intentional with your time on these Sundays. The first Sunday of the month is usually Communion Sunday as well. Communion has always been about a meal, a special meal, since the early church.

When there is a 5th Sunday - we will have a potluck meal. That would be 4 potluck meals per year.

Then there are 5 teams: 4 women's and 1 men's. With the first Sunday of each month out, 5th Sundays for potluck, we would then have the teams rotate. I mapped it out on a calendar and it works out to serving every 7-8 weeks. *Barb*

## Easter Schedule

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday service at 6:00 p.m. with communion

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunrise Service - 7 a.m. At Kern Porch, Lake Junaluska  
Easter Breakfast - 8:15 am  
Worship service at 9:45 am.  
**NO** Sunday School

## YARD SALE NEWS!!

**April 17 & 18, 8 am-3 pm**

We're so excited to be planning our 2nd Yard Sale for Missions!!

Please bring goods in as soon as possible and either carry upstairs and leave in the foyer or leave in the fellowship hall and we will get it taken up. Let us know if you need help getting larger items TO the church.

For clothing we are partnering with PocketSaver Consignment on South Main St. Monthly we will receive 50% of sales. They are already collecting spring items so Please drop off like new clothing (men's, ladies, & kids) on Monday or Friday's from 10:30-4 pm. Please make sure they are clean, without stains or damage, and folded nicely to be hangar ready. You can drop off up to 20 pieces at a time. Any items that don't sell will be donated to local charities. Belts, scarves, shoes and purses can be brought to the church for now. If you have winter things perhaps you can hold onto them until late summer.

Thanks in advance for all your donations and hard work. If you're able to help sort/display/ price items please join us on Tuesdays or Wednesday's before or after Pastors Circle and Women's Prayer.

Paula will be heading up the children's bible craft area. We need someone to man the coffee & donut (NO Bake Sale) area both days as well as cashiers, and room "monitors" so be thinking about what job you're willing to tackle. Thanks again and call me with any questions, complaints, suggestions, etc.

In Christ,

*TJ Anthony 230-6501*

**The Well will not meet in March or April**

## Prayer Meeting

There will be a church wide prayer meeting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Board Game Night

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Refreshments and snacks provided. If you have a favorite game feel free to bring it. Please contact Will Roberts with questions.



**L**uke Allsbrook, Elder in charge of Congregational Care, would be pleased to hear from anyone in the congregation that has an idea for a church event or activity. He would like to help facilitate scheduling, announcements, funding etc.

## The Open Door

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

*Thank you*

*Many thanks to our church family for the prayers and gifts of food during our family illness! We are all finally healing except for some lingering coughing and the girls still have runny noses. May God richly bless you for your kindness!*

*Mike and Rhonda Lear, Russ and Jessica Edwards, Blakely and Saylor*

## REFRESHED Women's Retreat

Mar 13 (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

Saturday, Mar 14 (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)

Montreat College, Graham Chapel  
396 Geneva Place, Montreat, NC 28757

**How can we change our daily pace from overwhelming hurry to intentional rest? How do we stop chasing the wind of comparison so we can live meaningful lives? This retreat will help us discover how to nourish our worn out and wilting souls with God's healing goodness by planting small, rooting deep, and bearing LIFE!**

This year's speaker will be Heather DeJesus Yates, a wife, mama, business owner, speaker, blogger, author, and occasional lawyer and legislative advocate. She is an agent of transformation, calling women out of small stories of competition and comparison into God's grand story of reconciliation and redemption. Learn more about Heather at [heatherdejesusyates.com](http://heatherdejesusyates.com).

Cost is \$30. Includes breakfast, lunch and snacks. Some complimentary registration fees are available. Please do not let cost prohibit you from coming!

Event registration will close 3/8/2020. Childcare available upon request for nursery - 5th grade.

**Questions? See Glenda Brouwer**

**Visit [cccmontreat.org/upcoming-events](http://cccmontreat.org/upcoming-events) for more info and to register online.**

So what is Lent? Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is often described as a time of preparation and an opportunity to reflect on your relationship with God. This means that it's a time for personal reflection that prepares people's hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter. The preparation for Easter through Lent is different from Advent's excitement, as we are remembering what Christ did for us on the Cross and examining our own hearts. Ash Wednesday was February 26 this year.

2 Corinthians 4:7, calls families to take a small moment each of the 40 days of Lent to: Listen, Be Still, Act, and Pray together. The given Lenten prayer is, "Jesus, walk beside me. Live in me. Help me find you today. Forgive me. Fill my life with everything you know I need, for that will always be enough. Amen."



# WORKSHOPS

## Getting Out of Self for Personal Growth

Getting out of self for personal growth is a series of four workshops. Each class is designed to move us from worry, anxiety, and fear to a life of direction and clarity that will help us to grow and have better relationships with others. These workshops are sponsored by Providence EPC in Clyde. The workshops are free to the community with childcare available and are presented on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon; arrive at 9:30 am to register. The church is located at 1400 Old Clyde Road. Light snacks will be provided. Please see schedule below for dates. Questions and to reserve your spot and childcare – please contact T. J. Anthony at 828-230-6501

March 14: **Healthy Relationships verses Codependency:** This workshop will define codependency, how it hurts us and others, what we can do about it and how to have satisfying relationships.

April 11: **Self-Efficacy and How not to be a Victim:** This workshop teaches how self-efficacy and taking care of self, increases our ability to make and reach our life goals.

May 9: **Being Pro-active and the process of change:** this workshop explores how looking ahead helps us to be inner directed and gives understanding on how we change.

June 13: **Developing a Life Filled with Peace, Serenity and Love:** This workshop will pull key points from the previous workshops with additional knowledge to gain the peace and love we all seek.



## Providence Library

Did you know that the apostle Paul liked to read? 2 Timothy 4:13 says, "When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books and above all the parchments."

While the Bible is our primary source for guidance and knowledge about God's will and plan for our lives, Christian literature and reading the wisdom (and wit) of other believers can also help us grow in our Christian walk. With that in mind, we are starting the PROVIDENCE LIBRARY. We are so grateful that Paula Rhodarmer, who was librarian for HCC for years, has agreed to be our librarian. At this time we are accepting donations of Christian commentaries, works of fiction, non-fiction, youth material etc. Each book will have a library card to be signed and placed in the "on loan" file. While we anticipate books will always be returned, we will be working on the honor system and hoping books will not be misplaced. However, that said, if you have a book that you are especially attached to, keep it at home. If you have books you desire to donate, you may place your name on the inside front cover of any book you donate, so if we have two of the same book or if we ever need to purge books, we can ask you if you want the book returned to you. Please place donated books on the designated shelves in the church library/ prayer room.

## Delays, Detours and the Coronavirus

**Delays:** After a planned trip to Sierra Leone in early January fell through, I found myself with the opportunity to spend some time stateside to catch up with partners, churches and supporters who I see far less often than I would like. While my trip to Africa was canceled due to a number of reasons, the great news was that our national leaders were able to step up and lead the training in our absence. After 4 years of partnership, this was an incredibly exciting development as we seek to help our national partners become increasingly self-sufficient. We will be with them again after the summer.

**Coronavirus:** Due to the outbreak of the coronavirus, we had to cancel our upcoming trip to Vietnam. The city of Hanoi has already quarantined over 10,000 people, and our travels required us to pass through airports in China and South Korea which remain hotspots for the outbreak.

**Detours:** *When one door closes, another opens!* This cancelation of our Vietnam trip has now allowed me to travel instead to **Sudan** and **Ethiopia**. In Sudan I will be working with my ITEN colleague Mike Kuhn to provide faculty training to a local college. And we will both join Bruce Anderson in Ethiopia to meet with pastors and local leaders engaged in church planting among the Muslims.



## Prayer Requests

- Turnaround time for these trips to Africa are very tight. Please pray that all the details of new visas, plane tickets, and itineraries are made smooth by our Father
- Please also pray that airlines and hotels are gracious in potential refunds (or vouchers) for our canceled trips
- Sudan remains very high on the persecuted church list. Please pray for our protection, and that Mike and I might bring much needed encouragement to our suffering brothers and sisters.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as we engage with our partners in Ethiopia regarding the next steps of our ministry plan with these faithful ministry leaders.
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## Financial Update

***Thank you to all of our new partners that have joined in 2020!*** In addition to the great number of faithful supporters who have been with us from the beginning, God has provided a handful of new individuals and churches who are joining the work of our family and the ministry of ITEN around the world. We are incredibly grateful.



# Mission News



## Lizarazu update

I have been reading some really neat prayers and here is one I want to bless you with.

Forgive me Lord, for these Thy gifts, were taken quite for granted. My harvest could have been so full, if seeds of faith I'd planted.

Instead, I spent time "wishing" for the things that I had lost. When all the while you held for me, more blessings at no cost.

You waited oh so patiently, for me to just "let go", so there'd be room within my heart, to feel your blessings flow.

I never thought I'd say it Lord, but "thank you" for the thorn. It brought me to my knees in prayer, where Hope and Faith were born.

By Barbara D. MacAdam

It was a wonderful year down here in Bolivia (except the month long civil war) and we could not have done it without you. We ended the year on a good note but quite tired and with a busy, busy sort of stress. It was with your help and the Grace of God that Eric made it over the mountain so many times without being in a serious accident. The cars have been working fine and there has been food on the table (even during the unrest – some folks and orphanages on the other side of the mountain ran out of food and water). In spite of the fact that peace has returned and we LOVE our new intern president. There is still a sense of terror in the air. Everyone seems to be on hold for the next big event. This fear looms in the air and everyone is holding their breaths ready for the next wave of road blocks and violence to hit. In a similar way, there seems to be some unease at camp too. A lack of peace among the staff and workers. It is not easy to put our finger on what is the cause of this dis-unity, but it lingers in the air and we ask for your prayers for camp as well as Bolivia. Eric and I wish to be agents of peace while here.

Speaking of peace. I caused such a ruckus the other day in the Nursery. Eric and I had a visitor come to church with us. Our visitor had a new born and a 3 year old. I took the 3 year old to her class to help her pass the time. The class was full of babies and their moms. I go in and I choose a stool to sit on so that I could be with the little girl until she felt comfortable in her new environment. Then all of the sudden two children started to scream, diving behind their mom's and turning their stools over and knocking their moms off. The moms all smiled quietly to themselves and smothered their chuckles. When the children continued to escalate. The moms quietly took their kids out. One, after another most of them left. Fortunately for me, I knew the old wives tales...I'll share it with you. It goes like this: If you don't behave, the old white witch will come and take you away. She will never return you to me or daddy or your house. She will take you away forever. (Stretch the story any way you wish...). Yep, I was the old white witch... and I just about cleaned out the nursery that Sunday. OUCH!!!

During 2020, we need your prayers for continued perseverance as well as productivity. Pray: That the Lord will shine through us so that every person we meet (even the taxi drivers) will feel God's presence. And that the Lord will take us by the hand because we cannot do it by ourselves.

Another funny story about a supporter who was down on a work team: This fellow got a bit of Montezuma's revenge when he was here. It is very common to get a sick stomach while visiting Bolivia. Anyway --When the Alaska team was here, this fellow, was not feeling very good. I made a pot of soup and left it on the stove so that he could have something lite to eat after he took his nap. The rest of us, ate and were sitting around visiting when he woke up. He grabbed a bowl and went to the pot of soup. He ladled up a big scoop and stood staring at it for a bit – not quite sure if he was willing to eat the soup. He stood transfixed, staring at the strange contents of the goopy mixture. That's when I looked up and yelled. NO! NOT THAT POT. THAT IS THE DOG FOOD SOUP. Don't worry, he didn't hesitate to go for the chicken noodle soup in the other pot.



We are putting the roof on the bathhouse this next week (rain permitting) as well as hosting children's camp. Lydia and Julia will volunteer at children's camp this year with the team of volunteers while Eric works on finishing the roof and other projects. Later this month Eric hopes to finish the First Aid Courses and take a group of campers on an Adventure Camp.

The widow's project is fully funded this year and we are super excited about that. The ladies are on a break until the rains slow down. They all have to walk to the church and it isn't good if they get all wet. I will keep you guys posted on all this as time rolls on.

Our plans are to continue working at camp, patching the roof, cutting grass, clearing forests. We have some monster trees that need cutting and we just had one of those monsters fall in a rain storm. It is going to be a big clean up. Camp continues to see about 6,000 to 7,000 campers a year. It is a busy place! And, there is never an end to all the jobs that arise.

Our kids are well. Benji is doing well in his courses at the community college in Alabama. Lydia graduated from high school and will spend 9 months in a tech school here in Bolivia. She will learn to cut and style hair, paint nails and work as a massage therapist. We will see what she will decide to do after these classes. She does have a scholarship to UAA, but wants to stay with us for a bit longer. Ellie has braces and may get glasses. She is finishing up 10th grade in her home-school materials. Julia is such a little lady and Andrew is growing up so fast. Andrew was recently baptized and super excited about it too.

It is good to call you friends because you have been so faithful to this project and directly to us. Thank you.

This is our ending prayer:

Dear God: Enlighten what is dark in us. Strengthen what is weak in us. Mend what is broken in us. Bind what is bruised in us. Heal what is sick in us. And lastly, Revive what peace and love has died in us.

Sending our Love, *Eric and Emily Lizarazu*

## From the McKays Newsletter

### Happy 2020,

We pray that the Lord would indeed grant His people perfect vision in 2020. The work here continues to provide many opportunities to learn to adjust as the refugee situation and climate keeps undergoing changes. As wars continue to rage in many of their homelands, the reality of being away from family and homeland continues to play a major role for our friends from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran (we had some good interactions/discussions following the recent strife involving the US and Iran... most want the regime to fall).

In mid-December we visited one remote refugee multi-family home bringing gifts for the kids (although one older lady stared so longingly at the gifts that she got one too!) and sharing some Christmas songs and some worship songs in Arabic, Farsi, and German. The songs were printed out in these languages so that they could see what they were singing. This led to some good discussions. Not surprisingly, the M.'s particularly liked singing the part of a song in Arabic that declares that God is great! What a delight to share the joy of Christmas and its true meaning there in a challenging atmosphere.



### Praise/Prayer:

- join us in the call for souls to come to know Jesus and grow in Him
- We all still need local godly 'heart' friends
- Excited to see what the Lord is going to do here this year, harvest is ripe!
- We are really thankful to be here!

Joyful to be among the Displaced, *The McKays*

### Want Ads

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

**P**lease 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.

### Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

#### Our Session

##### Class of 2020

Sam Mitchell - Clerk, Building & Grounds

##### Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow - Youth & Family

Phil Inglis - Missions

##### Class of 2022

Luke Allsbrook - Congregational Care

Bruce Kingshill - Finance

**Music Director & Worship** - Renee Allsbrook

**Administrative Assistant** - Barb Dresdow

**Nursery:** Mandy Mills

### Providence Church Summarized Financial Information February , 2020

Tithes/Offering collections	26,691.00
Budgeted Expenditures	(25,997.67)
Collections over expenditures	693.33
<b>NET INCOME</b>	
<u>Cash Balance</u>	
Checking Account	23,255.41
Savings Accountnt	75,000

### March Volunteers

#### Snacks

Mar 1	Outside the Box
Mar 8	LuAnn Davis team
Mar 15	Paula Rhodarmer team
Mar 22	Julie Rager team
Mar 29	Potluck lunch

#### Sunday School/Children's Worship

Mar 1	Renee Mitchell
Mar 8	Glenda Brouwer
Mar 15	Linda Roberts
Mar 22	LuAnn Davis
Mar 29	Lisa Rhodarmer

#### Counters

Mar 1	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Mar 8	Bill White Luke Allsbrook
Mar 15	Wally Cook LuAnn Davis
Mar 22	Bill White Bill Allsbrook
Mar 29	Rob Dresdow Pat Inglis

#### Communion

Mar 8	Jerry Allsbrook
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#### Open/Close/Usher


Mar 1	Sam Mitchell
Mar 8	Bob Dresdow
Mar 15	Wally Cook
Mar 22	Luke Allsbrook
Mar 29	Phil Inglis

#### Cleaning

Mar 1	Toni/Barb
Mar 8	Toni/Barb
Mar 15	Edward/Jason
Mar 22	Edward/Jeffrey
Mar 29	Linda/TJ



# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	4 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	5 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group T J Anthony	6 Cook & serve at Open Door	7
8  10:45 AM Holy Communion	9	10 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	11 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group Bruce Kingshill	12 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	13	14 10:00 AM Healthy relationships workshop 6:00 PM Bosrd game night
15	16	17 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	18 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	19 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	20	21 Jason Davis
22	23	24 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	25 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group Talya Morgan	26 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	27	28 Carole Douglas-Spink
29 6:00 PM Prayer meeting	30	31 12:00 PM Pastor's circle				

Anniversaries

Birthdays