

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

9:45 am - Morning Worship

Wednesday

10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

July 2020

I was reminiscing about the fact that Glenda and I have been in our Canton home for 5 years now, having moved in on Father's Day weekend 2015. So many of you had come to get us settled, and since then we have had the privilege of having so many of you as guests in our home....here is what I wrote 5 years ago and it is every bit as true today as it was back then.



"We are finally moving to our new home this month. It's hard to believe that more than a year has gone by since you called us to serve and more than 6 months since I became your pastor. I keep pinching myself and asking if this is a dream! Providence has been such a loving and gracious place for us in ministry and you all have made it so. We have seen the Lord's hand in bringing our church closer to God and closer to each other. We have been challenged by the Lord in reaching out to the least, the last, the lost and the lonely. We have prayed for refreshment in the Spirit and He is answering our prayers. He has added to our fellowship and poured out the grace of welcome upon us. The summer is before us and the Lord has called us to share the gospel in many ways. I am thrilled about our summer intern Julian Bacon coming this month to serve. The first weekend of July we have the joyful privilege of the Imani Melele choir and dance troupe from Uganda coming to our community. This will be a time of fellowship and blessing for all of us. In July we also have our VBS, and opportunity to share our faith with our community's children. In these things and in many more, let us shine like stars in this dark world for the glory of Jesus Christ."

Pastor Edward and Glenda

Providence Happenings



Holy Communion

We will NOT be observing communion together in July. Hopefully we will be able to resume in August, depending on the COVID-19 situation.



News from the Yard Sale Crew:

To date we have raised OVER \$5,800.00 to help support our missionaries, who are carrying God's message around the world. We have really thinned our inventory but want to have AT LEAST one more big 3 day sale (Covid permitting) the weekend of July 16,17, & 18. We will need all possible help for the 3 days so mark your calendars now and we can work on your commitment time closer to the date.

In the meantime, we could use some help condensing inventory if you're able to pitch in a few hours.

With God's help we will be able to surpass last years funds but the most important thing is all that we are able to accomplish because of your donations and hard work.

If you're able to help please give me or Renee M a shout and we'll be glad to put you to work. Thanks again, Tj

P.s. We are still offering private shopping days for you and/or family & friends.

Dear Providence family,

Thank you

You have been such a blessing to me throughout these last few months and the process of my cancer battle. "Thank-you" doesn't seem adequate to express my appreciation and love for you all. God has given me a new understanding of what his church is supposed to be. Your gifts, cards, calls, texts, visits, and emails have encouraged and strengthened me. But I'm most appreciative of your prayers. God has graciously heard and responded with an outpouring of his perfect peace. May he abundantly bless you all.

Toni



Thank you to all for your prayers and caring gestures for my recent hip replacement. God is good and while the healing process is slow, I know I am cared for by Him and you. Much love and thanks,

Barb



Just a note to say Thanks to all for your prayers, visits, support and food. It has been encouraging to know the love of my church family. Please continue to pray as I continue to heal. To God be the Glory.

Love to all from

Linda Roberts

Letter from Session

To the congregation of Providence Church,

On June 7th, we had our first worship service back in the sanctuary since March. It was so great to have the full worship team back on the stage and welcome people back into the sanctuary!

As a session, our main message to the congregation is this:

We love and support each one of you through this time!

We continue to evaluate the best way to proceed. The pews are configured so that there is plenty of room for everyone to spread out. As long as it is not too hot, we will open all the windows and doors and keep the fans running so there is plenty of fresh air. We will continue to have masks and hand sanitizer available. Sunday School and Fellowship time after church will be suspended for the time being.

In dealing with this pandemic, we are dealing with the future which is unknown. Every week, new facts emerge. Some people will tend to be more cautious, some less. That's OK. The people of the world judge

each other, but it's our joy as a community in the kingdom of God to love and affirm each other.

There are people in our congregation of all ages, each with different medical, childcare, occupational, and family concerns. Therefore, come to worship at the sanctuary when you are fully satisfied it is the right time for you and your family. When you come to the sanctuary, we want you to take the precautions that are right for you, keeping in mind the folks in our community who are at risk.

In the meantime, we are all together in spirit and rejoice to see everyone—both the faces in the pews and the faces on the screen of those of you at home.

-from the Session

Presbytery of the Southeast “Did You Know?” June, 2020

Information from the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery on Saturday, June 20, 2020:

The 110th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery was held at ChristChurch in Dalton, GA with commissioners observing COVID virus precautions. The meeting featured a compressed docket. All examinations and business items were conducted in three hours in the spacious sanctuary of the host church so distancing in seating could be observed.

The meeting was live-streamed through CCP technology and expertise of the church staff. This enabled persons from across the presbytery (including Sam and Renee in person, and your pastor-Edward Brouwer virtually) to observe the meeting. Thanks to ChristChurch for hosting the meeting on short notice and providing the live stream service for the presbytery.

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Daniel and Lesley (Armistead) Cheevers were presented as candidates for examination for pastoral ministry by the Ministerial Committee. The Cheevers will serve Bethany EPC (Kingsport, TN) and will be installed on Sunday, August 2nd by a commission of the presbytery. Daniel will be installed as Pastor and Lesley as Associate Pastor for Bethany Church.

The business of the meeting was conducted through a "Consent Agenda" this motion included:

Annual Report of the Trustees- the trustees received the 2018 & 2019 financial audits and recommended the report to the presbytery for approval,

Report of the Treasurer thru April 30, 2020- we are in good financial condition,

Report of the Minutes Review Committee- each Clerk has been notified of the status of the Session minutes for 2019,

Report of the Stated Clerk including the General Assembly of the EPC being postponed until September 17- 18 at Hope Church in Memphis, TN. The meeting will have a compressed docket with no leadership sessions planned for this year.

Report from Church Health and Growth Committee- included some of the many ways that our churches, pastors, Sessions and members have coped with the COVID-19 pandemic in worship, Bible studies and service to church members and to their communities. Our churches report that they have experienced growth in spirit and in members during the months of distancing. At this time most have resumed corporate worship observing health guidelines from individual states and church Session while continuing electronic distribution.

Approved Ruling Elder Bob Berry (Signal Mtn) to the Project 2028 Administrative Commission and approved TE Andy Cornett (Signal Mtn) as the Chairman of the AC. There are now 4 TEs and 4REs on this Administrative Commission.

The offering collected at this meeting was added to the Presbytery Tornado Relief Fund.

The 111th Stated Meeting of PoSE will be October 2-3, 2020 at Signal Mountain Church.

Did You Know?

Rev. Matt Christian was installed as Associate Pastor for ChristChurch (Dalton) on February 23 and,

Rev. Jay Miller was installed as the Pastor for Parkway PC (Cumming, GA) on March 23 and,

Rev. Steven Good's installation as the Senior Pastor for All Souls Fellowship (Decatur, GA) on April 26 was postponed due to COVID virus restrictions, it will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

First Presbyterian- Rome, GA has a Church Information Form posted on the EPC Ministry Opportunity website seeking a pastor. Cedar Springs PC (Knoxville) is in the call process of their pastor search. Please pray for each church as they are in different stages of the search process.

New Hope EPC (Kingsport, TN) is participating with the GO Center in a church revitalization project. They covet your prayers as they engage in this multi-year project. New Hope was awarded a \$2,500 grant from the presbytery to be applied to GO Center fees.



Mission News



Note from Shawn & Lisa Stewart

Dear Friends at Providence,

Shawn and I hope you are all well! What a crazy time it's been! We want you to know we are so thankful for your prayers and support, especially this year. God has been so good to always supply our needs, even in a pandemic.

He's also been so good to give us time for reflection and prayer and more time together. I work part time now over near you at Haywood Regional. :)



Shawn has missed traveling these past few months, but has been able to keep the ball rolling with mobilization and missions. He and I have had lots of Zoom meetings, interviews of potential workers and much brainstorming and planning for this work of sending folks out into the harvest. The world still needs Jesus!

Please pray with us as Jesus said "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." May we all be sent! Peace to you all,

Shawn and Lisa



Youth for Christ

Dear Ministry Partners,

Everything in our world has changed in a matter of a few months. Ministry through Youth For Christ Haywood County has adapted and changed as well. Alongside the rest of the world, we are in a season of waiting, reflecting, and planning; but our heart for engaging kids in Authentic Christ Sharing Relationships remains unchanged.

In this season we have strengthened our online engagement and plan to resume "in person" ministry with outdoor events this summer. As I write to you, I am recalling the joy that Campus Life brings to our community youth each week. I have shared below a few of their thoughts on "**What does Campus Life mean to you?**" Thank you for your continued support!

Ben Weimar

What has Youth for Christ Campus Life meant to you?

- *Youth for Christ means to me that youth are committing to Christ and I also got saved doing this and I will never forget that day.*
- *It has given me something to do on a Thursday morning when I am normally worn out. It brightens my day.*
- *Youth for Christ has been amazing this year! We learn more about Christ, we play games & we get food. Youth for Christ has been an amazing experience!*
- *Youth for Christ means a friendly environment that I can talk to adults about anything you need. Also learning about God in a fun way.*
- *This has meant a lot to me. Here I learn a lot more about God and Jesus. Here we have fun. Here*

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 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 As of June 30th, 2020

Tithes/Offering collections	82,811.00
Missions yard sale Income	6,027.00
Total Income	88,838.00
Budgeted Expenditures	(74,619.00)
Collections over expenditures	14,219.00
Savings account balance	75,006.76
Checking account balance	40,014.59

July Volunteers

Snacks

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Counters


Communion

Open/Close/Usher

Jul 5	Phil Inglis
Jul 12	Bob Dresdow
Jul 19	Sam Mitchell
Jul 26	Luke Allsbrook

Cleaning

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4  Independence Day
5 9:45 AM Worship service Matthew Brouwer Matt Davis	6	7 Glenda Brouwer	8	9 Phil Inglis	10	11 Jerry Allsbrook
12 9:45 AM Worship service	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:45 AM Worship service Torpy Skinner	20	21 Bill White	22 Luke & Renee Allsbrook	23	24 Yard Sale	25 Matt & Lisa Kirby
26 9:45 AM Worship service	27	28	29 Carson Alt	30 Barb Dresdow Lisa Rhodarmer	31	

Anniversaries

Birthdays