

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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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

October 2020

We just completed a sermon series in the life of Jonah--the freshly appointed and erstwhile unwilling prophet of God. Jonah seemed to be down with God's mercy for him but wasn't cool with God extending similar mercy and forgiveness to people whom he deemed to be unfit or undeserving. God appoints a storm of adversity to get his attention--and appoints a fish to swallow Jonah. Then he appoints a plant, a worm, and a hot wind to drive home a point about His covenant mercy and grace. The big object lesson for Jonah was that he was pleased with the shade God afforded him from his perch above the city (where he'd hoped to witness divine justice coming down from heaven). The worm destroys the plant, the hot wind and blazing sun make Jonah faint with exhaustion. He's a drama queen for sure when he tells God he just "wants Him to take his life". So many questions God has for this servant. But the last question is a cliffhanger at the end, a rhetorical prompting of sorts, that we, today, must answer for ourselves. For as Jonah disappears/fades from the scene, this question, hurled like an arrow at the reader, asks us: if we have received this mercy how are we transformed by it enough to care for the lost--enough to be passionate ambassadors of the gospel of peace in our family, our community, our nation, and the world?

Pastor Edward



Providence Happenings



Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again, and children across the globe need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ more than ever. Providence Church will once again collect your shoe boxes (November 15 & 22) with dedication on the 22nd. We will have Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes and brochures available at the church this month, but we will not have a "packing party" so you need to begin collecting items now. If you do not feel comfortable shopping in stores, you can always order online, or you can even have Samaritan's Purse pack one for you. Please use the guidelines listed when choosing your items.



SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Washcloths
- Combs



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

Open Door: This Friday, the 2nd of October, is our time to cook at the Open/Door. We will be cooking and will have a small clean up. Serving is done at another location with the Salvation Army food truck. 9-11:15 is when we need help. IF you can serve in this way, please let Phil and Pat know at 828-476-5130. Thanks for your faithfulness.

Nursery Opening

We are opening up our childcare on Sunday October 11th. Mandy Mills and a church volunteer will watch our little ones. The newly refurbished nursery has been moved upstairs and down the hall. Come check it out, it's painted and well-appointed. Though we might have to do things differently to get through all of this, we want to ensure our families that we will use multiple safety precautions to keep our children safe and healthy.

We will do a wellness check before the child enters the church building, the church has purchased a no touch thermometer. Mandy will wear a mask when in the classroom with your child. Children are not going to be able to stay six feet apart, so we will need to enforce lots of handwashing and toy sanitizing. We also want to make sure parents are aware of all the symptoms of COVID 19, different symptoms can possibly pertain to children.

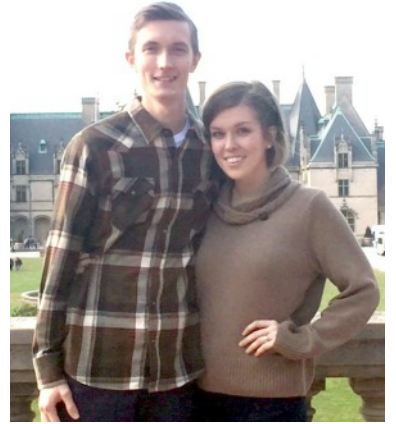
- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of smell or taste
- Nausea or vomiting
- New cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Diarrhea

If your child were to be experiencing any of these symptoms, we would ask you to keep them home.

Letter from Harrison Northey

Dear Partnership Program Supporters at Providence,

Greetings to you all from these first cooler days of autumn! I hope this update finds you all safe and well, and that you in Haywood County are getting as beautiful days as we are here in Black Mountain. I feel like it has been ages since we saw you last, but I have been hunkering down on studies during Covid-19.



Unless I'm mistaken, I believe the last week of September is technically Tolkien week, in which fans of J.R.R. Tolkien especially celebrate his books. I haven't gotten to do anything special for it, but I suppose the week isn't over yet, so perhaps I have time. I am waiting to read the Lord of the Rings trilogy again next fall to celebrate not being a Gordon-Conwell student anymore.

Speaking of which... I am now back in the normal groove of classes, of which I have three: Healthy Relationships in Ministry, Readiness for Ministry Seminar, and Preaching as Narrative. To be completely honest, I'm not thrilled about them, but if I had to pick a favorite so far it would be Preaching as Narrative. The professor is very interesting and the books we have read so far are good. Mostly I feel like I have seminary senioritis. I just want them to give me the assignments so I can do them, turn them in, and get the grade, and move closer to May. So, yeah. Apart from my schoolwork, I have been doing a bit of reading in the Apostolic Fathers. These are a collection of the earliest known Christian writings outside of the New Testament. Some of them are even likely dated from the first century, possibly in a contemporary time to when John composed the Book of Revelation. I am also slowly working my way through the original Dracula novel by Bram Stoker. And Sam and I are reading a book together called The Lamb's Supper, by Scott Hahn, in which it is argued that the best way to understand the Book of Revelation is through the lens of historic Christian worship, rather than as a codebook or cipher for the future. Quite interesting...

This past weekend we had the great pleasure of going to Wilmington to be present for the ordination of my friend Kevin to the priesthood in the Anglican Church. We were glad to be there to celebrate and worship with him and his family. We also got to spend a nice weekend with Sam's parents. Also this week my wonderful wife turned 26. I'm quite glad she was born.

Well, my dear friends in Waynesville, let me say many thanks to all of you again for your continued support of us while I finish my M.Div. at Gordon-Conwell. Thank you for your prayers, check-ins, and financial contribution to the Partnership Program. As I get nearer to graduation, I am increasingly thankful that I'll finish without debt. Thank you, thank you, thank you for making this possible.

Til next time,

Harrison



Mission News



Update from the McKays

I can never tell if this year is going by quickly... or taking forever! Nevertheless, it is Fall. This means that we are getting back into the full swing of things here in southern Germany since all things routine-wise become very challenging in the summers. Sam and Ian are back in school (for the last 2 weeks) on-site and wearing masks, but we are very glad for them to be there... and hope it lasts! Both of them seem to do better with their friends and 'face-to-face' with the teachers. The chill in the Autumn air has arrived.



It was a great joy recently to visit some Iranian friends with a couple with whom we work and some other refugee friends (who had their first child two days ago) from Balochistan (in the Iranian part). We sang some songs with them in Farsi and shared a brief Biblical lesson, also translated. It was a first foray into what we would love to become a Farsi group which meets to look into the truth of who Jesus is. Sadly for us, the couple with which we have been working for the past year or so will be leaving to another field soon,... along with his 13(!) languages and wonderful twin infants.

Our dear sweet friend A. from Afghanistan, who has been mentioned here before, has been going through many health issues. She is only around 40 years-old and the mother of 5. Most recently, she fell and woke up unsure of why she was in the hospital. She is better now and is scheduled for some outpatient surgery soon. Please pray for the opportunity to pray for her (there are strict visiting rules in the hospitals here) and further share His love. She and her family have been waiting for 5 years for her husband to join them in Germany. All paperwork has been done but due to Covid-19 the embassy is now closed...further waiting.

Our International Gathering launched anew last Friday after the holidays. It was a joy to be back together and we look forward to watching the Lord build it this coming year. Unless the Lord build the house.... We plan to continue to meet every two weeks at this point alternating between a fellowship and study/worship format and a meal which will be more accessible to non-believers and refugees of all varieties.

We are sad to have missed seeing so many of you this summer in the U.S. We still have our eyes on late year, if possible. I (Adger) may have to come alone for a part of due to the school schedule.

Thank you for being part of our mission and life. We cannot do it without your prayer and support!

Much love,

Adger, Sandra, Sam & Ian

Praise/Prayer:

- We need more like-minded laborers for the harvest
- We are trying to minister from a place of peace and His presence... trying!
- Deeply thankful to be here in this mission amidst so many needs
- 13,000 refugees in Greece are homeless after Camp Moria burned, may get more here.

Like so many on the field, we are currently experiencing a deficit in monthly support due to the speed in which we got to the mission here in 2016, as well as due to attrition and some changes in giving by those who chose to give for the first three years only (we are immensely grateful to you all, you got us here!!). Will you prayerfully consider financially supporting us in Engaging the Displaced among refugees in Germany. There is yet much crucial work to be done 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 September 30, 2020

Tithes/Offering collections	129,316.00
Budgeted Expenditures	(116,269.00)
Collections over expenditures	13,047.00
Bank accounts:	
First Citizens	12,350.00
Home Trust CD	12,000.00
Money Market balance	74,995.00
Checking account balance	16,738.00

October Volunteers

Snacks

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Counters

Communion


Open/Close/Usher

Oct 4	Phil Inglis
Oct 11	Bob Dresdow
Oct 18	Sam Mitchell
Oct 25	Sam Mitchell

Cleaning

Oct 4	Mitchells
Oct 11	Edward/Jason
Oct 18	Edward/Jeffery
Oct 25	Linda/TJ

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>4</div> <div> Holy Communion</div> <div>Rhonda Lear</div>	5	6	7	<div>1</div> <div>6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group</div> <div>Natalie Lawrence</div>	2	<div>3</div> <div>Jefferey Alt</div>
<div>11</div> <div>Luke Allsbrook</div>	12	13	14	<div>8</div> <div>6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group</div> <div>Aiyila Altman</div>	9	10
<div>18</div> <div>Jacque Morgan</div>	19	20	21	<div>15</div> <div>6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group</div>	16	<div>17</div> <div>Jerry & Julie Rager</div> <div>Julie Rager</div> <div>Will & Christina Roberts</div>
<div>25</div>	26	27	28	<div>22</div> <div>6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group</div>	23	24
			29	<div>29</div> <div>6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group</div>	30	31
						<div>Anniversaries</div> <div>Birthdays</div>