

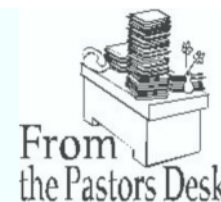
THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



April 2021

I am giving space to my good friend and pastor colleague (Tom Owens) with the following article...



Recently, I have been thinking deeply about the Genesis story, longing to experience the original goodness of creation. I also feel that the Holy Spirit has imparted a memory of Genesis in our hearts. It is a strange feeling and very difficult to describe, yet I cannot ignore it. Deep within our souls exists a memory, a recollection of sorts, a certain knowledge that tells us that our very lives could be understood as a journey of reaching for that goodness or, in other words, to find our souls' home. This yearning is a hope for the future and a remembrance of the pattern of our pursuit of this reality reflected in our human history.

N.T. Wright puts it this way; "human beings regularly experience the world as a whole as something that ought to make sense." Whether we are conscious of it or not, many of us weigh our satisfaction of life upon whether things in the world unfold in a way that makes sense. When they don't, we feel let down. When that happens, and we do not take the time to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us from faith, we can act in ways that contribute to the brokenness rather than in a way that heals.

So how then can we ever hope to experience a world that reflects God's intent for creation? As Wright reflects in our upcoming worship series study, "part of the Christian faith from the start has always been the conviction that the God revealed in and through Jesus, is precisely the Creator of the world and that he has promised to put it right." And not only has God promised to put the world right, but God has also invited each of us to participate in that healing. Yes us. This unruly

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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

Tuesday

10:15 - Women's Zoom Prayer Group

Thursday

7:30 am - Men's Zoom Prayer Group

Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday service Thursday, April 1, 6:30 pm

Easter service Sunday, April 4, 9:45 am

Providence Happenings



part of creation that seems to miss the mark time and time again, we are the ones whom God has chosen to work in and through to set things right.

So, where do we start? How could humanity hope to come together in such divisive times? The first step is often in owning the woundedness that we have inflicted upon one another because, without cleansing, these wounds fester. This is true on an intimate relational as well as a communal basis. Significantly, the first chapter in Wright's book *Broken Signposts* is about justice, specifically God's justice. Wright notes that "justice matters, but even in the best systems, mistakes are made, innocent people are convicted, criminals get away with a hit, and we start to distrust judges, juries, and the whole system." As a spiritual community, we seek to anchor our faith in the sense of God's Justice, which transcends our limited understanding of this critical facet of our shared lives together. To do that, we must name injustice when we see it. Proverbs 12:18 reads, "rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." We should pray for God's wisdom when we use our words so that we may be a force of healing and restoration. We have gotten to a place where underneath our institutions' growing distrust is a devastatingly harmful distrust in one another. It is a trust that must be restored if our world is to look anything like a reflection of our soul's home.

Restoration of these sorts cannot be instant, and indeed, it will not be easy, but it must begin in the hearts and lives of each of us. Restoration can begin by taking a deep look at what binds us together underneath the layers of division that have been heaped upon our relationships. By exploring the themes of justice, relationships, spirituality, beauty, freedom, truth, and power, we invite ourselves into space where these shared human themes might create a foundation for unity and healing. Though we often reach for an understanding of these things in our history, we so often get them wrong, which is why Wright calls them "Broken Signposts." Yet still, Wright contends that "when we understand the Christian message [as it relates to these themes], we will see that it does indeed 'make sense' of our world because it helps us both to understand the world the way it is and to be able to contribute fresh 'sense' through our own lives."

Perhaps in the light of God's goodness and Grace, these "Broken Signposts" may indeed help lead us home.

Rev. Tom Henderson Owens

Open Door: This Friday, the 2nd of April, is our day to cook at the Open Door. While Open Door is no longer able to serve meals, we are still volunteering to cook the meals on the first Friday of each month as an ongoing commitment of Providence Church to the least, the last, the lost and the lonely of our community. If you can help, please let Phil and Pat know at 828- 476-5130. .

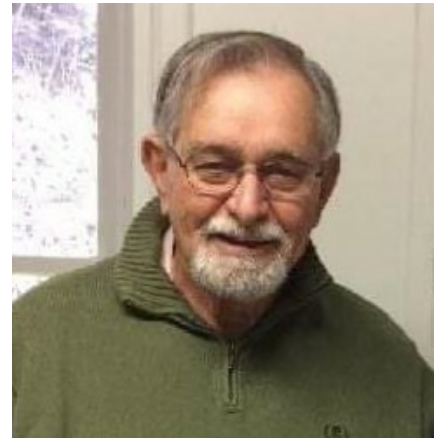
Mountain Area Pregnancy Services

\$424.68 was raised with Mountain Area Pregnancy Services through our recent fundraiser. Thank you to all who participated!

Walter 'Wally' Cook, 78, passed away on March 22, 2021, in Asheville, NC. He was born on December 20, 1942 in Leesburg, FL. He grew up in Pansy, Alabama and attended Ashford High School.

Wally served in the Navy for two years immediately upon graduating high school. After completion of his service, he moved to central Florida. His work history in Florida included sheriff's deputy at the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

Wally and Toni got married in 1975. Soon after that, Wally dedicated his life to Christ and became an active member and elder of First Presbyterian Bartow. Wally and Toni later moved to Waynesville, North Carolina in 1981. Wally was an active member of Providence Church of Clyde, North Carolina and served as an elder for many years. Wally was affectionately known as "Uncle Wally" to many because of his love for children. You could always find him holding a baby or making kids laugh and he touched the hearts of many people through his kind and fun-loving character.



Wally worked in the pest control industry in Haywood County for 30 years, most recently owning and operating C&C Pest Control with his son Stacey. Wally was an avid sports fan. He loved golfing, playing softball, and watching Florida Gators football and Duke basketball.

Wally is survived by his wife of 45 years, Toni Cook; children, Rhonda Cook of Stow, OH, Stacey Cook (Karan) of Canton, Richard Morrison of Waynesville, and Taylor Cook (Kristin) of Columbus, GA; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leon Cook and Mildred Taylor Lewis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Providence Church – Missions.

Dear Providence Family,

How can I express my gratitude for your many acts of kindness and love shown to me and my children, not only in the past ten days but also during Wally's illness? Your outpouring of food, visits, calls, and offers of support is amazing. But most importantly, your prayers on our behalf have been heard by our loving God and answered in abundance. I am blessed to be part of such a loving fellowship. Please continue to pray for my children as this has hit them the hardest.

Your sister in Christ, Toni Cook

As I mentioned Sunday a few of us are in this production and we invite all of you to come and attend...Pastor Edward

Live Drive-Thru Easter Story, Good Friday, April 2 and Holy Saturday April 3, 6:30-8:30 pm

Come experience the story of Easter with nine live scenes via the comfort and safety of your cars. All scenes will include live actors and animals. Scenes include Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, the Passover Meal, Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, the road to crucifixion, the group of women discovering the tomb was empty, and more. Participants will tune into an FM signal to hear the Easter stories while slowly driving through all the scenes. EVENT IS VERY FAMILY FRIENDLY!

The drive-thru Easter experience will take place on the Long's Chapel church grounds located at 133 Old Clyde Road, Waynesville, NC 28785. There is no charge to attend. If you have any additional questions, please contact the church office at 828.456.3993.



Mission News



News from the Luptons

What a strange, yet strategic, 12 months it has been! While 2020 wreaked havoc on our ministry plans and nearly every area of our lives, God used last year to renew our ministry focus on multiplication. We need your prayers



as we actively work toward multiplication through two new church plants (see below for more). But we wanted to take this moment to tell you how God has already given us an opportunity to multiply by equipping servants for the cross-cultural mission of God. Among the many cross-cultural servants we want to train and deploy, counselors are especially needed on God's mission. Enter Matt King.

Matt will pioneer our dream to train, license, and deploy recently graduated counselors to serve short-term in our counseling center before sending them off to other fields desperately in need of counselors. Matt has served with us over the years at various missionary care events, including our first Asia Area Retreat where Matt grew up as an MK himself.

But we share another special connection with Matt. He's family. Matt's mom and Laura Kate's mom grew up in the same small Tennessee town. Eventually Matt's mom's sister married Laura Kate's mom's brother. So Matt and Laura Kate share the same aunt and are (sort of) related.

In addition to resourcing missionary families in our region with our NEXT team, Matt will labor locally as he counsels those dealing with trauma, mental illness, relational distress, addictions, and other destructive behaviors. We cannot stress enough how rare a resource like Matt is in our context. Will you please pray for Matt as he serves with us and is equipped, Lord-willing, for a lifetime of cross-cultural missions?

Additionally, we'd love your prayers for:

A Spanish-speaking church planting candidate to be identified for a future church plant out of our English-speaking church, UCB. I am connecting regularly with church planters and other catalyst leaders throughout Colombia through a new Redeemer City to City movement. Please pray for God to provide the right person, perhaps even by our next newsletter!

An English-speaking church planting candidate to be identified for a sister international church, ideally in Medellin.

Our health and energy. Andrew has some lingering fatigue and other issues, presumably from Covid-19. Pray also that upcoming scans for my artery injury 2+ years ago would finally show full recovery.

Gratefully, *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 Linda Wilson.

Anybody that wants to exchange garden plants give me a call." *Pastor Edward*

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow

Phil Inglis

Class of 2022

Luke Allsbrook

Bruce Kingshill

Class of 2023

Jason Edwards

Will Roberts - Clerk

Elder Emeritus

Kent Roberts

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Linda Wilson

Nursery: Mandy Mills

Providence Church

Summarized Financial Information

As of March 28th, 2021

Tithes and Offerings	\$35,396.85
Expenditures	(36,494.67)
Collections over expenditures	(1,097.82)
Checking account	13,114.12
Savings account	75,041
CD	12,000

April Volunteers

Snacks

Sarah Altman

Nursery

Apr 4

Pat Inglis

Apr 11

Calvin Allsbrook

Apr 18

Rhonda Lear

Apr 25

Glenda Brouwer

Counters

Linda Wilson

Bruce Kingshill

Open/Close/Usher

Apr 4

Luke Allsbrook

Apr 11

Phil Inglis

Apr 18

Will Roberts

Apr 25

Bruce Kingshill

Cleaning

Apr 5

Edward/Jason

Apr 12

Edward/Jeffery


Apr 19

Linda/TJ

Apr 26

Mitchells

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4  9:45 AM Easter service Holy Communion	5 Art Altman	6 10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group	7	8 7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group	9 Eric Lizarazu <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Drive thru Easter Story 6:30 - 8:30 pm </div>	10
11 Calvin Allsbrook Eric & Emily Lizarazu	12	13 10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group 7 PM Session	14	15 7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group	16	17
18	19	20 10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group	21	22 7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group	23	24
25	26	27 10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group	28	29 7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group	30	3 Lisa Lawrence Ian McKay