

THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation

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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 right.

From Clyde: 19/23 to exit 105, right on Jones Cove Road, then as above.

Worship and Church Activities

Sundays

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am - Morning Worship. with nursery and Children's Church

Mondays

4:30 pm - Revelation Study Group

Thursdays

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

August 2014

The Search Process : Part VI

The Search Committee continues with interviews of candidates. Once the Search committee selects a candidate, the committee will extend a call to that candidate. If the candidate accepts the Call, the session of Providence Church will be notified. After that the Ministerial committee of the Local Presbytery will conduct a called meeting and examine the candidate's Biblical Views as well as conduct a thorough back ground check.

After the candidate has been "cleared" by the Ministerial committee, the candidate will appear before the entire Presbytery of the Southeast and will be available to that body for questioning. Upon approval by the Presbytery, Providence Session will announce a Called Congregational Meeting, with a two week notice, where the candidate will be presented by the Search Committee to the Congregation for their approval. The Committee continues to ask for your prayers for our discernment to do God's will for Providence Church.

Now let's digress to a topic that generates a lot of conversation in today's world: What does the Bible say about social justice? Before discussing the Christian view of social justice, we need to define terms. Social justice is such a politically charged concept that it can't really be divorced from its modern-day context. Social justice is often used as a rallying cry for many on the left side of the political spectrum. This excerpt from the "Social Justice" entry on Wikipedia is a good definition of this concept:

"Social justice is also a concept that some use to describe the movement towards a socially just world. In this context, social justice is based on the concepts of human rights and equality and involves a greater degree of economic egalitarianism through progressive taxation, income redistribution, or even property redistribution. These policies aim to achieve what developmental economists refer to as more equality of opportunity than may currently exist in some societies, and to manufacture equality of outcome in cases where incidental inequalities appear in a procedurally just system."

The key word in this definition is the word "egalitarianism." This word, coupled with the phrases "income redistribution," "property redistribution," and "equality of outcome," says a great deal about social justice.

Egalitarianism as a political doctrine essentially promotes the idea that all people should have the same (equal) political, social, economic and civil rights. This idea is based on the foundation of inalienable human rights enshrined in such documents as the Declaration of Independence.

However, as an economic doctrine, egalitarianism is the driving force behind socialism and communism. It is economic egalitarianism that seeks to remove the barriers of economic inequality by means of redistribution of

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Providence Church Divisions

Our Session

Class of 2014

Bob Dresdow - Worship

Pat Inglis - Clerk

Class of 2015

Sam Mitchell - Building & Worship

Class of 2016

Luann Davis - Education

Jim Spencer - Missions & Congregational Care



Music Director

Renee Allsbrook

Sunday Morning Prayer

The session would like us to gather regularly to pray for God's guidance and wisdom as we venture into His call for us as a church. Specifically, we would like to pray for:

- 1) Providence church
- 2) Search committee
- 3) Call of new pastor
- 4) Call of interim pastor
- 5) Session
- 6) Pastor Josh, Sara, & the kids

When: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Media center back by the Sunday school rooms

We would like this to be ongoing. As Alan Wildsmith from Presbytery charged us: "pray, pray, pray!" Let's do that as the body of Christ. Hope to see you Sunday.

Humbly seeking Him,

Your Session

wealth. We see this implemented in social welfare programs where progressive tax policies take proportionately more money from wealthy individuals in order to raise the standard of living for people who lack the same means. In other words, the government takes from the rich and gives to the poor.

The problem with this doctrine is twofold: first, there is a mistaken premise in economic egalitarianism that the rich have become wealthy by exploiting the poor. Much of the socialist literature of the past 150 years promotes this premise. This may have been primarily the case back when Karl Marx first wrote his Communist Manifesto, and even today it may be the case some of the time, but certainly not all of the time. Second, socialist programs tend to create more problems than they solve; in other words, they don't work. Welfare, which uses public tax revenue to supplement the income of the underemployed or unemployed, typically has the effect of recipients becoming dependent on the government handout rather than trying to improve their situation. Every place where socialism/communism has been tried on a national scale, it has failed to remove the class distinctions in society. Instead, all it does is replace the nobility/common man distinction with a working class/political class distinction.

What, then, is the Christian view of social justice? The Bible teaches that God is a God of justice. In fact, "all his ways are justice" (Deuteronomy 32:4). Furthermore, the Bible supports the notion of social justice in which concern and care are shown to the plight of the poor and afflicted (Deuteronomy 10:18; 24:17; 27:19). The Bible often refers to the fatherless, the widow and the sojourner – that is, people who were not able to fend for themselves or had no support system. The nation of Israel was commanded by God to care for society's less fortunate, and their eventual failure to do so was partly the reason for their judgment and expulsion from the land.

In Jesus' Olivet Discourse, He mentions caring for the "least of these" (Matthew 25:40), and in James' epistle he expounds on the nature of "true religion" (James 1:27). So, if by "social justice" we mean that society has a moral obligation to care for those less fortunate, then that is correct. God knows that, due to the fall, there will be widows, fatherless and sojourners in society, and He made provisions in the old and new covenants to care for these outcasts of society. The model of such behavior is Jesus Himself, who reflected God's sense of justice by bringing the gospel message to even the outcasts of society.

However, the Christian notion of social justice is different from the contemporary notion of social justice. The biblical exhortations to care for the poor are more individual than societal. In other words, each Christian is encouraged to do what he can to help the "least of these." The basis for such biblical commands is found in the second of the greatest commandments—love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:39). Today's notion of social justice replaces the individual with the government, which, through taxation and other means, redistributes wealth. This policy doesn't encourage giving out of love, but resentment from those who see their hard-earned wealth being taken away.

Another difference is that the Christian worldview of social justice doesn't assume the wealthy are the beneficiaries of ill-gotten gain. Wealth is not evil in a Christian worldview, but there is a responsibility and an expectation to be a good steward of one's wealth (because all wealth comes from God). Today's social justice operates under the assumption that the wealthy exploit the poor. A third difference is that,

under the Christian concept of stewardship, the Christian can give to the charities he/she wants to support. For example, if a Christian has a heart for the unborn, he can support pro-life agencies with his time, talent and treasure. Under the contemporary form of social justice, it is those in power within the government who decide who receives the redistributed wealth. We have no control over what the government does with our tax money, and, more often than not, that money goes to charities we might not deem worthy.

Basically, there is a tension between a God-centered approach to social justice and a man-centered approach to social justice. The man-centered approach sees the government in the role of savior, bringing in a utopia through government policies. The God-centered approach sees Christ as Savior, bringing heaven to earth when He returns. At His return, Christ will restore all things and execute perfect justice. Until then, Christians express God's love and justice by showing kindness and mercy to those less fortunate.

The goal of this article was to present you with the basic differences in The Social Justice Conversation.

Thanks for listening, Thom Morgan

Providence Happenings



Thank you

6/20/14

Dear Providence Church family,
Thank you so much for hosting the potluck ("pitch-in" picnic)! We very much enjoyed seeing so many of you. It was a delight to share fellowship with you again. We miss you all very much and are so thankful for your prayers. You have been such a blessing to our family over the years and continue to be. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to our Lord, your witness in Haywood County, and your gift of hospitality & kindness. We love you! The Cole Family

Pulpit Supply Information

August 3rd	-	Bob Dresdow
August 10th	-	Brian Thomas
August 17th	-	George Callahan
August 24th	-	Nathan Turner
August 31st	-	Zach Washburn

Mission Trip

Sam & Renee Mitchell are leaving for Sumatra on August 4 for a short term mission trip through World Outreach. They have asked for prayer for travel mercies, cultural sensitivity, and discernment for their future role with World Outreach. They will be gone Aug. 4-26. (See attached Prayer Schedule).

Haywood Christian Emergency Shelter

The new shelter project is a finalist for a large grant. Part of the process of qualifying is garnering votes through Facebook. If you haven't voted in this last round, you only have until July 31st. Copy and paste this link:

https://www.facebook.com/guaranteedRate?sk=app_671920742868488&brandloc=DISABLE&app_data=dl-1

The winner will be announced August 1st.



Mission News



Mideast Update

Ramadan: Night of Power - Thursday, July 24th. Muslims believe that the "Night of Power" is the most important night of the year with this night of prayer equaling 1000 months of prayer. It commemorates when the heavens were opened and the Quran was given to the prophet Mohammad in a dream. They believe this is the night where Allah will be most merciful and listen to the prayers offered during this month of fasting. May will remain awake all night in a posture of kneeling and prayer...begging to be heard.

As you see on the news...this region is a mess...ISIS, Gaza, Syria...with so much animosity happening in the name of Islam. Will you pray for Muslims on this day? Will you ask the Lord God Almighty, the Great Overcomer to reveal Himself to those who are earnestly seeking for one greater than Islam? PRAY with us...for He who is in us is greater than the one of this world (1 John 4:4). May our God heal the spiritual blindness of many in our city to know Jesus.

Life Upside-Down... Ramadan is always an unusual time as work suspends or has limited business hours. Most of our friends sleep all day during the hours of fasting, and stay up most of night eating and visiting friends. We start to visit around 9:30 PM. Grocery stores are packed at 10 PM and we've been in traffic jams at midnight. We have to be careful not to eat, drink, or chew gum publically during daylight hours. Around 4 AM as the sun rises...the city goes quiet again.

Slow Down a Little Bit... Another part of Ramadan...is that is a great time to take a break. Our family attended a conference in Budapest, Hungary. Our kids had a wonderful VBS camp week and we were really filled up with teaching on the life of Elijah and rubbing shoulders with others working all around the world. We also got to experience Hungarian goulash, riding bikes (our kids favorite activity), and a water park. It was a great time of refreshment for us!

We are thankful for your prayers!

Your friends,

Lance and Lisa

Fasting Rules of Ramadan:

1. Don't eat or drink during daylight hours
2. Don't swallow your spit
3. Don't swim
4. Don't have any type of nudity or intimacy
5. Don't breastfeed (days must be done later for mothers)
6. Don't throw-up
7. Don't smoke
8. Don't listen to music

Engage 2025

SE Presbytery has selected the Pashtun people group to "adopt" as their part of Engage 2025. They would like to have at least one person from every church in the presbytery to be part of a working group that will pray and work toward discovering how our presbytery can become involved in this vital gospel mission. The meetings are via teleconference once a month on Thursday evenings. If God is nudging you toward getting involved or you just want more information, please contact Renee Mitchell or Toni Cook.

Calling ALL Volunteers with a BIG Heart for Children!

We have been praying for more young families with small children to come to Providence Church. And God is delivering! It is important to have volunteers in place each week to lead Children's Church. We currently have 2 vacant spots on our 2 month rotation. Please consider working with these little ones. You will be thoroughly blessed! Please contact LuAnn Davis @ 246-2248 if God is calling you for this ministry.

Prayer Schedule for Sam and Renee's Envision Trek 2014 to Indonesia with
EPC World Outreach

August 3rd - Driving to Atlanta to prepare for the early arrival to Atlanta airport on Monday. (Pray for safe roads and team unity to form quickly.)

August 4th - Flight from Atlanta, through Dallas TX, Tokyo, and landing in Jakarta, Indonesia at 1:00am on Wednesday August 6th (Pray for our team to make all our connections, for us to be able to reflect Christ's love for those who we meet in our travels.) *Just a note we will be 11 hours ahead of Eastern Standard time while in Indonesia... so yeah, we will be landing at 2:00pm Tuesday August 5th Waynesville time.

August 6th - Once we land we will be staying at the airport for 7 hours as we catch our next flight to Bengkulu on the island of Sumatra. Once we arrive we will have some time for rest and recovery and meeting Sean & Angie, John, and Seth... the EPC Sumatra team. (Pray for us to find a way to rest before our 8:00am flight, and pray that we may develop a sweet bond with the Sumatra team.)

August 7th - We will have cultural training, tour of the city, see how one lives in this city of over 300,000 and begin meeting some of the Indonesians with whom the Sumatra team works.

August 8th - August 17th - Our schedule will include meeting some of those who are doing evangelism and outreach. Please pray for us to learn more about this, BUT not draw attention to ourselves, so that the church planting work might not be hindered. Pray for us to see how we might one day be of benefit with this, even though we currently do not speak the language. Also pray for our work with the sea cucumber fisheries work. Part of this will be a trip to Enganno Island, a 12 hour ferry ride out to this island. PRAY for great weather, for the need to survey ALOT of water for places for setting up netting, for finding sea cucumber broodstock for the team to use for breeding sea cucumbers. PRAY for our being on this island, for us to have good favor with all those who live there year around. We have heard they have a population of several thousand. Your prayers each day will surely be a blessing for us. For all of us on this team, we would love for God to use this for speaking to us about our calling in life.

August 18th - We will have some end of trip solo and debriefing time before we fly back to Jakarta. (Pray for the Holy Spirit to use this time for personal discernment.) That evening we will be in a hotel in Jakarta.

August 19th - Three of our team will fly back home back through Tokyo and Dallas and arriving in Atlanta at 9:15pm. They will be making their way back home by car so of course they need prayers for safety and alertness. Sam and Renee will be staying for an additional week. We will fly to the island of Bali, which is the only Hindi island in all of the 17,000 Indonesian islands. We ask for your continued prayers for our safety as we enjoy the people and places in Bali.

August 26th - The Mitchells leave Bali at 12:25 am! We fly to Tokyo, arriving at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday. We depart Tokyo at 12:30a.m. on Wednesday the 27th. Pray for our long layover in Tokyo... maybe we can visit with friends that Eric knew when he was in school there? We leave Tokyo and arrive in Seattle Aug 26th at 5:55 PM . (Not a typo .. it is the dateline business.. you arrive at your destination before you even leave!) We depart Seattle at 10:49 PM and arrive in Atlanta at 6:26 AM August 27th. to be reunited with Christine and Andrew (who just returns to the States from Kenya on August 16th. So please pray for his safe flights also.)

August 28th- Continue to pray for us today as we try to go to work after 48hrs of traveling.

Thank you for believing in us enough to support us with your support and prayers.

The EPC World Outreach Envision Trek Sumatra team.

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Community
Problems,
Community
Solutions.

**Help us raise
money for
Haywood Helps *
Old Hazelwood
prison conversion
project!**

**We will be having a live
and silent auction of items
donated from our local
artisans and other
desirable items from our
local merchants who are
all graciously coming
together to support our
initiative.**

**Heavy hors d'oeuvres and
entertainment!**

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AUGUST 28, 2014 HAYWOOD HELPS 2014 GALA EVENT

**Laurel Ridge Country Club, 49 Cupp Lane
Waynesville , NC 28786**

**Come join us for a night of summer fun and frolic, all for a
good cause! Business casual or LBD (little black dress!) your choice –
5:00 to 9:30 pm**

Cut out and mail in with your check.

Yes, we want _____ tickets at \$100 ea. Enclosed is our check.

Send tickets to:

Name _____

Address _____

Sinclair Uganda Prayer Update

July 2014



Greetings from Uganda!

June began on a high note before turning into a difficult month for us. After the semester ended and our son brought some friends over for a fun visit, Bruce went to Florida to spend



some time with his mom whose health is failing. While he was still there, we received news of the death of Dr. Gerald Sseruwagi, a 46-year-old Ugandan friend and colleague. Gerald planted the church where our family worships. He leaves behind a widow and four young children.

God buries His workers, but His work goes on. Please pray for those of us who are left to carry on the work of the advancement of God's Kingdom. Below are some special targets for your much-appreciated prayers.

Praise Reports

After years of work and considerable expense, the Bible College where we teach has received government accreditation as Westminster Christian Institute Uganda.

God blessed us with a great semester at the college and opened the door for Bruce to teach three courses this summer, one in Uganda and two in Kenya. We also rejoice that our daughter, Celeste had a positive year of teaching at Heritage International School and has decided to stay for an additional year.

Thank God for spiritual growth at New City Community Church where Bruce serves as Interim Pastor. The death of our founding pastor has motivated several long-time members to step up to the plate of discipleship and ministry. The church is also growing numerically; it was so packed Sunday that we did not have enough Communion cups to serve everyone!

Prayer Requests

Pray for Bruce tomorrow as he joins a team from Charlotte, NC for a week of ministry in Kenya. Bruce will be leading a pastors' conference and teaching Introduction to Grace.

Pray for New City Community Church as it enters the "post-Gerald" phase of its life and ministry. Pray especially for wisdom in ministering to the Sseruwagi family.

Ask God to provide for our ministry's financial needs. The MTW office has informed us that our account is in deficit. Please pray that sufficient support will come in, so that we will not have to leave the field before our planned Home Ministry Assignment next summer.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Bruce & Pam Sinclair

Benevolence Fund

There is a need of assistance in the community and in our own congregation. In addition to the minister's discretionary fund, Providence has a benevolence fund to help those in need. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, you can do so anytime and simply mark your gift for "benevolence." If you are in need of some assistance or know someone in need of help with heating, electric bills, medical bills, please let the Session know. Remember, such help is confidential.

Give God what's right – not what's left.

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information June 30, 2014

Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	68,084
Miscellaneous income	726
Designated giving	<u>426</u>

Total Revenue	69,236
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Expenditures (45,807)

Revenue over expenditures	23,429
Prior year bills paid	(2,709)
Bill yet to be paid	1,785
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>

Increase (decrease) in Cash	22,205
Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year	<u>237,538</u>
Cash-in-Bank End of month	260,043

Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	56,897
Building Fund CD	<u>203,146</u>
Total	260,043

August Volunteers

Snacks

Aug 3	Barb D, Jane L, Bonnie I
Aug 10	Rhonda L, Paula R, Renee M, Eileen B
Aug 17	Laura G, Jerry A, LuAnn D, Pat I
Aug 24	Susan K, TJ, Linda R, Jacque M
Aug 31	Wally Cook organizes men

Nursery

Aug 3	Rhonda Spencer, Heidi Davis
Aug 10	Paula Rhodarmer, Rhonda Spencer
Aug 17	Renee Mitchell, Susan Kingshill
Aug 24	Wally Cook, Gaby Lowell
Aug 31	Rhonda Spencer, Jim Spencer

Children's Church

Aug 3	Luke Allsbrook
Aug 10	Rhonda Spencer
Aug 17	Barb Dresdow
Aug 24	Liz Alley
Aug 31	Pat Inglis

Set Up/Usher Teams

Week 1:	Bob Dresdow, Jane Ladner, Wally & Toni Cook
Week 2:	Jim & Rhonda Spencer, Bill White
Week 3:	Pat Inglis, Mike & Eleonore Shelton
Week 4 :	Sam Mitchell, Mike & Rhonda Edwards Lear
Week 5:	LuAnn Davis, Sam & Renee Mitchell

August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Phil & Pat Inglis	2 Benjamin Lizarazu
3 10:45 AM Holy Communion Lance Lawrence Ally Mitchell	4 4:30 PM Revelation study Patricia Madison Michael McGlone	5	6	7 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Sunny & Patricia Madison	8	9
10 Toni Cook	11 4:30 PM Revelation study	12 Linda Roberts Buffy White	13	14 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	15	16
17	18 4:30 PM Revelation study Joe Morrow	19	20 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door Lorraine Conard Robbie Hargrove	21 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Bill & Glenda White	22 Ellie Lizarazu	23 Chelsea Davis Bob & Barb Dresdow
24	25 4:30 PM Revelation study	26	27	28 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	29	30

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