

THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation

Located on the Haywood Christian Academy senior campus - 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde



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Directions to HCA campus 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 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

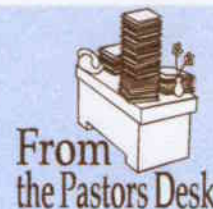
10:45 am - Morning Worship. with nursery and Children's Church

Thursdays

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

August 2013

American culture has endless ways to tell you what your purpose is. You are a consumer. Your purpose in life is to buy more and more products. You are a producer. Your purpose in life is to be a contributing member to society. You are part of a voting block -- a white Protestant from the mountains of North Carolina. Your purpose is to make sure a particular political party gains power or remains in power. You are an audience. Your purpose is to be entertained.



From God's point of view, these are all false. Your purpose is to be in relationship with God. To Enjoy the presence of God. To glorify Him. Forever. The first question of the Westminster Catechism asks this:

What is the chief end of man?

To glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Your chief end, your purpose, the reason you are here is to worship God. Worship is the heart of our being. Worship is what God desires. Worship is what God requires.

It is true that all of life can be worship. You can worship in your work. You can worship in your leisure. You can worship at home. You can worship on the mountain top. But God especially desires his people to gather together, to congregate together, to assemble together, and worship him. That is

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Providence Church Divisions

Josh Cole, Pastor - Education & Outreach

Our Session

Class of 2013

Khris Locker - Building & Worship

Jim Spencer - Mission

Class of 2014

Bob Dresdow - Education & Finance

Pat Inglis - Clerk & Congregation Care

Class of 2015

Sam Mitchell - Building & Outreach



Music Director

Renee Allsbrook

what we do every Lord's Day, every Sunday. We gather as God's people. We gather as those who belong to the Father through Jesus. We gather as the Spirit filled community of faith. And we remember God's mighty acts of creation. We remember God's mighty acts of redemption. We remember what he has done for us in Jesus. We worship.

Worship is corporate. But worship is also personal. It is intimate. It can be wrapped up in emotion and feeling. That is why worship style is such a divisive issue--one that has split many churches asunder. Some are moved by an organ solo or a choral piece. Others are touched by electric guitar and drums. Each believe that theirs is the only way to worship. But is this how we should be about worship? Is God pleased by this?

Session Notes:

The session met on Monday, July 29th, and opened with prayer for the congregation. Pastor Josh gave a report of the General Assembly that met this past June. In addition, the session discussed worship, growth, and hiring administrative help for Pastor Josh. The session will meet again on Wednesday, August 28th, at 7:00 pm.

Vacation Bible School

Providence will complete its Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, August 7th, from 5:30 - 8:00, with a pool party at the home of Thom and Jacque Morgan.

Beginning September, we will pause our study of Mark's gospel and I will begin a three month sermon series on worship. We will look to the Scriptures to see what worship is. We will look to see how God desires us to worship him together. And we will look at the different aspects of worship -- word, sacrament, prayer, giving. In addition to the sermon series, there will be a small group meeting every Tuesday to further discuss worship. This will serve as a chance to respond to the sermon, discuss specific issues about worship, and ask questions. I hope you are excited about this opportunity to learn more about God's eternal purpose for our lives.


Shalom,

Josh



Providence Happenings



 **Art Group** *ArtGroup is recessed for the summer, and will resume meeting again in September. To receive a monthly e-vite with information about the upcoming presenter, visit lukeallsbrook.com and follow the link to ArtGroup.*

Sermon Series

August 4	"The Sower"	Mark 4:1-20
August 11	"A Lamp"	Mark 4:21-25
August 18 Rev. Wirt Skinner	"The Hope of the Gospel"	Psalms 139: 7-18, Colossians 1:15-29, Luke 10: 38-42
August 25 Edward Brauer, Pastor of Adult Discipleship, Christ Community Church Montreat	"The Kingdom is Like"	Mark 4:26-34



Mission News



Do you sometimes find it hard to find a way to fulfill the "GO" portion of Providence Church's "KNOW, GROW, GO"? Well, we have a fun and fulfilling opportunity in store for you.

Millard Fuller, co-founder of Habitat for Humanity International, described the essence of Habitat as an opportunity to "let your light shine". In other words, putting your God given talents to practical use in helping others. Join Providence in becoming involved in the Haywood Co. community on a Habitat work site on Saturday, Aug 24th, from 8am -2 pm. We can find tasks for any workers over 16 years of age. If you don't feel like you want to swing a hammer, dig a ditch or paint.... maybe you could be on a lunch fixin' crew! No matter how you join in, we promise it will be a rewarding and fun experiences.

If you are interested, contact Renee Mitchell at dvm@charter.net. Details of the exact tasks we will be doing, will be known once we get closer to the work date.

MidEast Update: Ramadan, July 10-Aug 9

In the heat of 110 degree weather, a Muslim must not drink or eat, swallow spit or shower, during daylight hours (5:30 AM-7:40 PM). They must focus on their religious duties of devote prayer, giving to the poor, and reading the Quran. Some don't take it seriously, but it is strongly enforced in the community and forbidden to be caught eating or drinking. They believe the angel on the left shoulder writes down all the "bad" deeds. The angel on ones right shoulder writes down all the "good" deeds. It is a time of heightened spirituality and devotion.

If you are on east coast time...will you pray at 12:40 PM (breaking of fast time here in the evening) during your lunch time...for God to move in our CITY this month? Set your phone alarm...and offer up a prayer for God's glory to be seen in this barren place. We need a move of God!

We value the ways you pray for us! *Lance & Lisa*



7 Churches in 7 Weeks

This summer, we've gotten to see many of you as we've been at a different church every week. In between Sundays, we've gotten to see many of you individually over meals. We have so loved seeing what God is doing here in the United States and hearing your stories. Krista's Bible Study on the book of Daniel has been fantastic. We're a bit exhausted but it's so great to see all the things God has been doing in and through so many of you. We continue to pray for you and ask that you continue to pray for us.



Excerpts from Emily Lizarazu Letter

Burr, the mountains look beautiful here in Cochabamba, but the cold mornings and nights have us shivering!

This month started with a visitor from the states who helped us freshen up on our Kayak skills and train others as well. We really enjoyed a safe camp and a trip to the touristy town of Villa Tunari for the finale in the rivers around there. Then we slid in to constant meetings about how to deal with our staffing issues at camp. We have had to do some major overhauls to the way we run camp and how we pay our staff. Trying to complete all the country and mission requirements has been a challenge and has not yet totally been resolved. There has been some other staffing issues that have our hearts heavy. We had to dismiss our long time friend and care giver *Ciro* and his family from our camp staff. This has caused some legal implications as his wife reacted negatively and stirred up some problems for the camp with the locals. The committee and the mission continue to have meetings with the with the officials in charge. This Saturday is yet another one and it is a bit scary for us. **This is a BIG prayer request.** As some of you know who have been supporting camp for years, the relationship between camp and the locals has always been difficult. Yet, for some reason, that is for God's Glory! Just as in the story of Moses. But, please pray for the meetings and for the new staffing issues. It has proven difficult to find people to replace *Ciro*.



As for the construction... We are bound to a committee and rules of the mission. Tthe mission wanted us to do the whole building with 20 percent. When it was finished, we would be given the other amount... The contractors refused. Saying it wouldn't pay for supplies and the food they would need on their tables. It was not enough. And then the committee froze. The mission agreed to review this issue but it will probably be August, after these camps, and teams coming down that the committee will be able to discuss this issue again. So we sit in square one again – nothing – waiting.

Oh, I need to add our little country church to your list of prayers. There are no trained and consistent teachers. There is no one willing to stick to teaching these 50 + kids that show up. Our numbers have dropped and I fear the kids don't come and it will become a habit or way of life for them to not show up. Eric and I end up teaching most Sundays but we are out at camp sometimes and then there is no one to do it.

I need to thank you all for your extra support these last few months. I bought Julia some almonds (a very expensive item here and her favorite food) as a treat. She is of such small stature and has broken her arm two times that I saw it as medicinal and a yummy treat. Yet, it was special. Thanks! Also, we have been using the extra money on our house to add doors and floors. Our workers are no longer coming due to, well, Bolivia, so when the camps truck broke down and needed to be hauled in the camion we had the money on hand to pay for it and the repairs. So, thank you. Thank you for trusting us and praying for us and believing in us and partnering with us. *Emily Lizarazu*

J U N E 2 0 1 3



Left: The life change in Hazen (second from the left) reminds us of Colossians 1:13-14; "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son in whom we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins."



Above: We already have a Christmas present for Alli: a cute baby brother or sister due December 26th!!!



Prayer

- Please praise the Lord for the life change in Hazen
- We are in Fort Collins, CO this summer getting training on how to be effective Missional Team Leaders to lead our staff team at MSU. It has been incredible training so far. Please pray that the Lord would help us learn more and more so that we can be the most effective as we lead our team in reaching MSU students with the Gospel.
- Please join us in praise to the Lord as we celebrate finding out we are pregnant with baby #2! We are due December 26th. Please pray for the health of the baby, and for Lisa (MeeHee) as she has been having morning sickness.

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"You would not believe who I just saw at the gym..."

Max Murphy, one of our part-time staff said this to me as we were in our staff meeting at the end of the school year. "I just saw Hazen, and he is doing awesome...I think he became a Christian!" This was absolutely shocking to me (Matt) as I easily recalled our last conversation with Hazen. This last fall, Max and I met Hazen through our dinner line survey outreach. This outreach gives us approximately 1400 contacts to follow up throughout the year. Max and I had a stack of these cards for the North Hedges dorm last fall, prayed that God would use us to share the gospel with someone, and then knocked on Hazen's door. He reluctantly opened the door and we asked him if we could talk with him about spirituality and God. Through this process, we learned that Hazen grew up in a Christian family in Billings, MT, but did not want to follow Christ because of hypocrisy he saw in the church...and the fact that he was using drugs. We utilized the "Would you like to know God Personally?" booklet with him to share the gospel, and he stopped us halfway because he "already knew all this." We shared with him the importance of Jesus as Lord, told him that we would pray that he would reach the end of his rope and that he would see his need for Jesus.

So when Max shared with me the news about Hazen right after Easter, I was completely shocked and so thankful. That week, Hazen came up to me at our weekly meeting beaming from ear to ear, full of the joy of the Lord. It was true! Hazen surrendered his life to Jesus and is full of the joy of the Lord after he "reached the end of his rope." It has been so incredibly awesome to see how our Lord is continuing to change lives. I even get texts from Hazen quoting the scripture that he is engaging with and what he is learning. It is such a joy!

Thank you for partnering with us in the gospel. Your investment is helping students like Hazen hear the gospel, and have an opportunity to become a Christ-centered laborer. Please join us as we pray that the Lord would grow Hazen more and more in the faith and even use him to help other students come to know Jesus.



Benevolence Fund

There is still 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 Pastor Josh know. Remember, such help is confidential.

Online Giving

You can donate to Providence through Paypal. Go to our website (www.providence-epc.com), or our Facebook page, and look for the "donate" button.

Providence Church

Summarized Financial Information

June 30, 2013

Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	70,274
Miscellaneous income	843
Designated giving	<u>1,837</u>
Total Revenue	72,954

Expenditures

	<u>(87,913)</u>
Revenue over expenditures	(14,959)
Prior year bills paid	(32)
Bill yet to be paid	3,761
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>

Increase in Cash	(11,230)
Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year	<u>217,210</u>
Cash-in-Bank End of month	205,980

Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	16,113
Building Fund CD	<u>189,867</u>
Total	205,980

August Volunteers

Snacks

August 4	Abby & Sara Cole
August 11	Susan Kingshill
August 18	Shirley Morrow
August 25	Toni & Wally Cook

Nursery

August 4	Paula Rhodarmer Becky Locker
August 11	Rhonda Lear Heidi Davis
August 18	Susan Kingshill Renee Mitchell
August 25	Pat Inglis Phil Inglis

Children's Church

August 4	Luke Allsbrook
August 11	Rhonda Spencer
August 18	Barb Dresdow
August 25	Liz Alley

Set Up/Usher Teams

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

