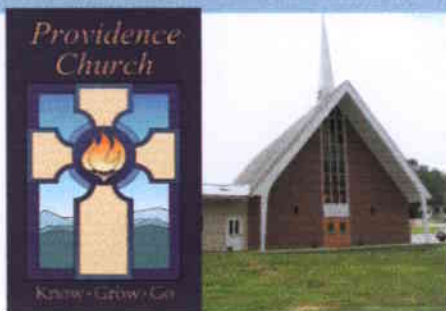


THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation

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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

January 2014

The Search Process: Part 1

Greetings fellow Providence Members. As a temporary writer for this space in the News Letter - I would like to share some of my thoughts with you about the Search Process. In so doing, please know that I am not speaking on behalf of the Search Committee. First, I feel you have selected a group of people with good qualities to represent you in the search process. I say this for several reasons. They are individually committed to The Lord and as such exhibit kind and gentle spirits - they aren't quarrelsome. They are committed to representing you to the best of their abilities and they have no hidden agendas. They are focused on doing the best job for you that their abilities will allow.

So how does anyone know that Providence has the position of Pastor open? Is it word of mouth? It's the age of the computer. The EPC has an opportunity (jobs available) site where it lists all the current opportunities (jobs) available. This is the site where Josh learned about the opportunity available in Indianapolis. Our available position of Pastor will be posted (listed) on this site.

Here's a glimpse of how the process works: You've selected a committee. They meet weekly and are in the process of completing a Church Information Form (CIF). This is a profile of how we see ourselves and our goals as a congregation. The potential candidates will review the CIF to see if it matches what they feel are their strengths (gifts) and interests. They will determine if the location, (Haywood County) is an area in which

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Providence Church Divisions

Our Session

Class of 2014

Bob Dresdow

Pat Inglis

Class of 2015

Sam Mitchell

Class of 2016

Luann Davis

Jim Spencer



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

they would like to live. The potential candidate (if so inclined) will then complete and send a Personal Information Form (PIF) to the Search Committee. The PIF is a profile of how a candidate views himself regarding his own skills, qualities and goals. The Session of Providence will formalize a Compensation Package (salary & benefits) for the position of Pastor.

You notice that the profiles (CIF and PIF) are self completed. What if the profiles, particularly the PIFs, are not accurate or reflective of the potential candidate's qualities? This is why our congregation and the Search Committee are in prayer seeking God's guidance and wisdom - on the front end of the process. To be sure - there is the Effort of Man involved. The Search Committee will put forth the necessary effort to visit, analyze and critique those potential candidates that it feels meets the criteria that it has established. The Search Committee will, to the best of its abilities, use all the tools it possesses - common sense, sound business practices and good judgement - in evaluating the candidates. The committee does not have the ability to see into the heart of another individual. Scriptures teach that "man looketh on the outward appearance but that God looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). We will continue to beseech our God to favor, bless and reward Providence Church and our efforts as a Search Committee as we continue this process in 2014.

This is a good stopping place. In the next article (Part 2) I will continue with the process involved in the search

Working On Your Behalf

Thom Morgan

Pulpit Supply Information

January 5th

Edward Brouwer

January 12th

**Shawn Stewart - 828-273-2009
shawn.stewart@epc.org**

January 19th

**Adam Boyd - 828-232-4106
adam@merri-mac.com**

January 26th

**Brad Bradford
h.bradford@comcast.net**

Providence Happenings



Art Group

ArtGroup will not meet in January. To receive a monthly e-vite with information about the upcoming presenter, go to www.lukeallsbrook.net and follow the link to ArtGroup.

This is what Santa was doing in the last hour of 12/24/2013 at the University Mall in Chapel Hill, NC. When I was a little boy growing up in North Dakota, my 2 older brothers encouraged me to try a new exciting experience. So I did put my tongue on the metal swing in our yard one cold winter day. This is an example of learning that once is enough. That is my conclusion of my Santa experience as well.

I hope to be feeling better sometime soon and look forward to sharing some humorous stories. Happy New Year,

Santa C. (wrt)



Lizarazu Visit

Providence was blessed to have the Lizarazu family to come and visit on Sunday, December 28th. Eric gave a short talk and slide show on their work in Bolivia. We were able to see progress on the reconstruction of the chapel, which was destroyed by tree damage in a storm last fall. There were also pictures to enjoy of smiling faces of the children at Bible camp as they played and learned about God's love for them. When the new chapel is completed Camp Kewina will be able to serve 300 campers per session.

We enjoyed having the entire family visit: Eric, Emily, Benji 12, Lydia, 10, Ellie 9, Julia 6 and Andrew 3.

Thank You

To all my Providence family: many thanks for all the food, visits, cards, and prayers during and after my recent surgery. They were greatly appreciated.

Robbie Hargrove





Mission News



eDOT in 2013

Here's a couple of the major things God has used eDOT for in 2013:



In the past few newsletters we've shared the progress we're making on the Creation To Christ (C2C) Story App for mobile phones (www.C2CStory.com). We received some grant money to continue mobile app development so we are working with partners to create a Turkish Bible concordance app with audio files. Many Turks are more familiar with learning through listening. This is the way they were often trained to study the Koran. So we're attempting to be more culturally relevant and create the option to study God's Word topically in an audio format. And of course it will be phone friendly, so it's easy to carry around. When we moved to Germany 7 years ago we could not foresee all the ways that God was going to intersect using Technology as a way to share the good news of Jesus, here in Europe and around the world. Courtney has had the privilege of being a part of the cutting edge leadership of those who use Technology in Missions. Next year Courtney will host the ICCM-Europe Conference (60-70 people) here in Germany. ICCM stands for "International Conference on Computing & Mission". Pray for him, those who will share at the conference,

Prayer Requests

- Alex just celebrated his 13th birthday in early December. We're so proud and thankful for this young man. Please pray for him (and us) as we enter these teenage years!
- Krista has an opportunity to further her German learning in the New Year. Pray for diligence and growth in this important area.
- We hope to have another new family here on our team in 2014. Pray for their support to come in and for the continued unity of the team.
- Courtney will have a heavy travel schedule first quarter of 2014. Pray for health and logistics to all work out.



Update from the Luptons

"Even though I don't always like it, I'm thankful that God brought my family to Colombia so that I could be with all of you."



We were overjoyed to hear one of the young people in our youth group say this to the others as she told us part of her story. We've seen how powerfully God uses the connection between these TCKs to

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produce spiritual growth, and we are praying that he continues to do that with the group of high school students that have been meeting in our living room for food, games, and Bible study since September. God has opened doors for us at several of the international schools in the city, and our youth group continues to grow. With students from all over the world, and all sorts of religious and non-religious backgrounds, these meetings have been full of great discussions, especially as students begin to articulate faith in Jesus more clearly.

Children's Ministry

Our church here has been without someone to direct children's ministry for several years, so we were eager to launch Sunday school for preschool, elementary and middle school students this fall. Andrew has been leading the middle school group in a study of the gospel according to YouTube along with our MTW teammate, Joanne Brown. Laura Kate has been going through the Jesus Storybook Bible with elementary students. We have been blessed with several talented volunteers who've helped us immeasurably in loving these kids and teaching them the gospel.

Family News

The month of November was a crazy one, as it started off with Fox spending 10 days in the hospital after undergoing an emergency appendectomy. You can read the gory details on our BLOG. Although this was the most terrifying and stressful ordeal our family has gone through to date, we are so thankful for all the prayers and love that were showered on us by you and by dear friends here throughout the process! The Lord's tender care for us was so clear, and we're grateful to report that other than a lingering phobia of anyone in scrubs, Fox is back to his healthy, active, never-stops-talking self.



As many of you know from facebook, we're expecting another Little Lupton to join our family in February. So far a high-altitude pregnancy has proven much more challenging, but both Laura Kate and the baby are healthy. Our doctor recently informed us that the baby is going to be "huge" - which we later learned means anything over 7 pounds in Bogotano terms. We can't wait to welcome our little lady!

GO - to the Open Door at 11:15 Wednesday, January 15, to help serve lunch.

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 the Session know. Remember, such help is confidential.

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information November 30, 2013

Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	134,732
Miscellaneous income	1,449
Designated giving	<u>4,025</u>

Total Revenue **140,206**

Expenditures (150,490)

Revenue over expenditures	(10,284)
Prior year bills paid	(32)
Bill yet to be paid	1,375
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>

Increase in Cash (8,941)

Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year 217,210

Cash-in-Bank End of month **208,269**

Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	14,469
Building Fund CD	<u>193,800</u>
Total	208,269

January Volunteers

Snacks

January 5	Glenda White
January 12	TBD
January 19	TBD
January 26	TBD

Nursery

January 5	Paula Rhodarmer Becky Locker
January 12	Rhonda Lear Heidi Davis
January 19	Susan Kingshill Renee Mitchell
January 26	Wally Cook Gaby Lowell

Children's Church

January 5	Luke Allsbrook
January 12	Rhonda Spencer
January 19	Barb Dresdow
January 26	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

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  New Year's Day	2 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	3 Carole Torpy	4 Michael Lear Billy Sterrett
5  10:45 AM Holy Communion	6 Helena Godfrey	7	8 Bob Dresdow	9 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	10	11
12 Malcolm Spink	13	14 Diana Bush	15 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	16 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	17	18
19 Margaret Allsbrook Matt Kirby	20	21 Sam White	22	23 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Michael & Samantha McGlone	24 Jennifer Smith	25
26	27	28	29 Rita Sevig	30 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	31	