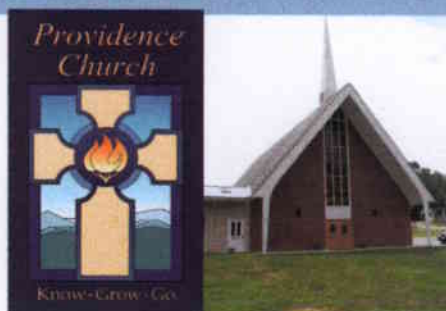


# THE PROVIDENCE POST

*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 Providence (On 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

### **Mondays**

4:30 pm - Revelation Study Group

### **Thursdays**

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

## July 2014

### **The Search Process Part V**

The Search Committee has been diligent. The committee has been busy conducting numerous interviews and hopes to be in a position, to make an announcement before long. Allow me to digress for a moment and ask - what kind of church would you like Providence to be? My vision for Providence is to be a place where "We as a congregation exhibit our Faith by attempting great things on behalf of The Kingdom of God, with the very real expectations that God will prosper our efforts". A place where the individual members live their lives as if they have some small understanding of the Great Cost of their redemption. It has been the specific purpose of the committee to look for a Pastor who is serious about reflecting the "Love of Jesus" to those around him.

And now some food for thought- An excerpt from a recent articles read.

"No church leader has said to me, "Our church really doesn't want to do the Great Commission." I've worked with many churches, though, that proclaim the Great Commission but never get around to doing it. Here are my conclusions about why churches so often fit this description..

1. Church leaders talk the language without letting the biblical texts "sink in." They speak about the Great Commission because the Bible so obviously commands it (Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:45-47, John 20:21, Acts 1:8). I suspect many leaders, though, echo the words out of evangelical habit more than out of heartfelt burden. When we proclaim the message without obeying the command, the words have not settled firmly in our heart.

2. Pastors are themselves not committed to this task. Again, leaders whose ministries are built on the Bible often do proclaim the mandate. I cannot say these words strongly enough, however: I have never seen a Great Commission church led by a pastor who was not himself deeply committed to the task. Unless a pastor bleeds for his neighbors and the nations to know Christ, the church he leads will not live out this burden, either.

3. Churches see the Great Commission as a task for full-time ministers or missionaries. This finding is reflective of a problematic clergy/laity divide in many churches, but we church leaders must take some responsibility here. Because we so often choose not to make disciples and delegate responsibilities, we propagate the idea that only "paid folks" can do this work.

4. Churches do not really believe nonbelievers are lost. If you want to find out what your church members believe, survey them anonymously. Ask them if they believe good people without a relationship with Jesus will go to heaven when they die. Find

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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

out what they believe about the fate of those who die without hearing about Jesus. You might discover many church members have a theology that does not require taking the gospel to the nations.

5. Some leaders settle with partial obedience to the Great Commission. The Great Commission passages resound with proclaiming the Word, making disciples, teaching obedience, reaching the nations, and relying on the Spirit. Some churches focus, though, on evangelism while failing to teach believers. Others emphasize discipleship but do not evangelize. Some influence their community but never touch the nations; others focus on global needs but miss their local community. These congregations may be partially obedient to the Great Commission – but partial obedience is also disobedience at some level.

6. Churches tell members to do the Great Commission without teaching them how. Most churches are guilty here. We tell folks to share the gospel with their neighbors but seldom train them to do so. We speak about discipling others, yet expect members to learn on their own how to do it. Likewise, we challenge folks to go to the nations without adequately assuring them of training and support. When we tell without teaching, we shouldn't be surprised when our churches only talk about the Great Commission.

7. Church members fail to see the world around them. The world is among us – as our neighbors, our co-workers, our store clerks, our teachers – but we fail to see them as sheep without a shepherd (Matt. 9:36). Somehow, we hear the words of the Great Commission without recognizing the opportunities around us to develop gospel-centered friendships. At a minimum, seeing our neighbors with God's eyes should cause us to pray for the world represented among us.

8. Church members don't know missionaries. We know that mission work matters – after all, the Bible tells us so – but many church members have never "put on a face on" that work. They know no international missionaries. They seldom even think about "missionaries" serving in North America. Thus, they know few stories of the amazing work of God around the world. Frankly, I lay this responsibility at the feet of church leaders as well: Great Commission pastors will introduce their church to Great Commission people.

9. Churches confuse "sheep swapping" with the Great Commission. Transfer growth among churches is not always negative, but it is seldom Great Commission growth. If a church is not reaching non-believers, baptizing them, teaching them to obey Jesus' commands, and taking the gospel to the nations, they are not doing the Great Commission. They may, in fact, be only talking about it.

Looking forward to being part of a Providence that reflects The Relevance of The Gospel in every day life. Thanks for allowing me the News Letter space over the past several months.

Sincerely

Thom



## Pulpit Supply Information

July 6th

July 13th

July 20th

July 27th

Edward Brouwer

Zach Washburn

Robert Hunt

Nathan Turner



# Providence Happenings



Dear Providence church May 28, 2014  
Friends,

There is no way we can express our love and appreciation for each of you and the love you showed us on last Sunday. Our too brief time at Providence was a time of joy as we worshipped and fellowshipped with you. You reached out to us and made us feel so welcomed as though we had always been there. We will always have a love for you and the ministry at Providence. Our prayers will be with you as you continue to search for the man God has to lead you into the future.

Please keep us in your prayers as we seek God's guidance to find a place of worship and service near our new home.

May God bless each of you ~~too~~ as you have blessed us the last few years.

We love you,  
Shirley & Joe

## 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.

## Open Door Volunteers

More volunteers are needed for The Open Door. Providence works at The Open Door every third Wednesday at 11:15 am, when we only serve and clean up. We also work every fifth Thursday cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Cooks usually arrive at 9:30 am. The past few months we have been working very short-handed, which it makes it difficult to serve everyone and clean up in a timely manner. We really would appreciate more volunteers, even if they can't come every month. An extra pair of hands makes such a difference when serving about 80 people. For more information contact Rhonda Spencer at (828) 627-8373 or [rspencer1000@gmail.com](mailto:rspencer1000@gmail.com)

## Food Assistance

Haywood Christian Ministries' food pantry needs non-perishable food items. We ask you to buy an extra item when you shop each week, and leave it in the barrel outside the sanctuary door. Items especially needed are sugar, corn meal, and flour (all 2 pound bags) as well as canned meat. Another item in demand is any size of children's underwear.



# Mission News

## MidEast Update



Recently, we've been reading in Revelation as a family. The girls are a bit weirded out with the symbolic images...but the theme of worship overwhelms us. One day, EVERY knee will bow to Jesus. He will overcome and bring peace to our region of the world always at unrest. There will be Arab worshippers before His throne. This is our prayer...this motivates us to be here.

- Ramadan June 28-July 26th - Pray during this upcoming month of Islamic fasting from sun up till sun down. It's always a time of greater spiritual fervor in the lives of our friends. May the Lord enable us to have opportunities to share in deeper ways.
- Pray for Lisa as she continues work treating patients at a rural clinic for Bedouins. We are seeing increased number of patients at this clinic. Pray that some of these most unreached will have opportunity be touched by the love of Christ.
- For over 3 years, we have been asking or prayer for our believing friends who have faced persecution for following Jesus. They have relocated to another Arab country and after another season of struggling we are so thankful they both have steady employment, and even Jill received a raise. They have had to leave their home country and extended family behind...the Lord is providing. Pray for the Lord to enable their two young daughters to get registered for schooling and the resources they need to thrive.
- Pray for Lance planning a two week youth camp for 102 Arab youth this August. This is a community-based initiative to invest in underprivileged youth and their families. May the Lord open doors for relationships with families and impact the lives of these students.

**Thank-you!** We are so thankful for the ways you remember us and pray! Please let us know ways to pray for you as well.

Your friends, *Lance & Lisa*

### Update from the Luptons



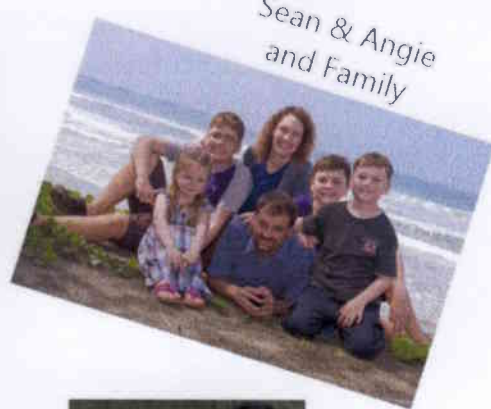
The last five months have been thrilling! From welcoming a new little one into our family, to launching new ministries, to seeing God at work in the hearts of our students and families here in Bogotá, to traveling and being a part of God's global mission to make disciples among the next generation, we are one thankful family.

Was it all a breeze? Of course not. Learning the rhythm of life and ministry with a newborn and a now potty-training tot has been exhausting. We've had a number of painful goodbyes over the last few months as our first GYFM intern Asia Morris headed back to the States in February and our closest local friends and coworkers, the Parsons, just bid us farewell for a new season of ministry.

Regardless, as we head into a summer in which we'll have a chance to catch our breath and see family, we want to make sure we thank you for praying for us and supporting us over the past semester! You are vital to God's work here in Bogotá and beyond and we are grateful for you!

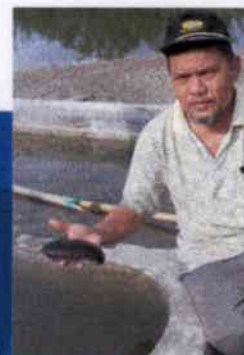
In a few weeks all of us will head to the States to visit family, some supporting churches, and to lead two conferences for MTW MKs at Ridge Haven. Once we've attended Laura Kate's brother's wedding and after we've had our fill of Krispy Kreme and Root Beer, we'll gather with our GYFM teammates from around the world for a GYFM-specific retreat. We work at all the retreats we attend, so we are really looking forward to a time of being refreshed and equipped with our teammates. We eagerly anticipate seeing some of you as we travel and serve this summer.





Team Members-  
Sykarri (Lt) and Casey (Rt)

Discovery Bible Study



Mariculture  
Sea  
Cucumber  
fingerling  
ready for  
market

Team Members-  
Sam (Rt) and Renee (Lt)

Shawn Stewart -  
Team organizer



Going Where The Church Isn't. . . Engage 2025 Goal and Core Values!

The goal of the Engage 2025 EPC World Outreach initiative is to see ten Church planting teams sent out by EPC churches to some of the 220+ Unengaged Muslim People Groups by 2025. We believe small networks of Churches banding together are the most effective way for us to see these teams become a reality. We operate by these core governing values:

- We go together to hard places where others are not.
- We build Biblical community in culturally relevant ways.
- We meet needs.
- We strive for spiritual growth.
- We pledge transparency.
- And we do it all for the glory of God.



Dear Providence Family,

Slightly less than three times the size of Texas, Indonesia is now the world's third most populous democracy, the world's largest archipelagic state, and home to the world's largest Muslim population. Indonesia's 245,613,043 (July 2011 est.) people are 87% Muslim. With those statistics in mind, Indonesia was chosen by the EPC WO for the first enVision Trek. So what is enVision Trek and why are we going?

EnVision Trek 2014 is extension of Engage 2025 to allow participants an intentional journey for more exposure among Muslim focused church planters. So you ask, "Why are Sam and Renée going?" First, because we were asked by Shawn Stewart, EPC WO mission facilitator to go. Second, because after trying to say "NO" for four months, God seemed to indicate that our answer should be "YES". Third, we hope to have an intentional journey for more exposure among Muslim focused church planters, like Sean and Angie. Our intent would be to better understand the vision of 2025 for Muslim outreach for ourselves, Providence and the Presbytery of the Southeast. We hope to be an encouragement to Sean and Angie who have been in the field since 2011 as well as our team members who are considering becoming mission candidates. We may also have the opportunity to help in the Mariculture Sea Cucumber project and the outreach to the area University Students in Bengkulu Sumatra. Foremost, we hope to glorify God in some way which we are yet to understand.

HOWEVER, we dare not attempt to go on this Trek without YOUR help. Sam and I are keenly that one of the most important aspects of trek preparation is to gain PRAYER SUPPORT. We are asking, if you are a prayer warrior and feel led to support us that you would call or email us (dvm@charter.net) so that we can keep you abreast of our current needs. For those who are already praying.. THANK YOU... WE HAVE TICKETS!





**Left:** Our last Cru Weekly meeting of the year. We had a great opportunity to pray for our seniors and the 30 Bobcats being sent out on Summer Projects this summer!

## Prayer

- *Please praise God for the students He has brought to Himself this year. Please join us as we give Him glory for the great things He has done!*
- *Please pray for us as we help give leadership to the Lake Tahoe Summer project. Please pray that the Lord would give us wisdom as we train and equip these students coming from all over the country.*
- *Please pray for the students on the project, that the Lord would stir their hearts' affections for Him and for sharing His good news.*
- *Please pray that MSU students would continue to grow in their faith over the summer!*

## Ending One Chapter And Beginning Another...

As the 2013-14 school year closes, we have much to be grateful for. The Lord has continued to show Himself faithful to us and to the ministry at MSU. I think back to the 220 students who came to our Fall Retreat in October, the 70 students who worshiped in the New Year at our Cru Conference in December, the 300+ students involved with us in our weekly meeting and weekly bible studies, and we continue to be amazed at the goodness of our God. He has done great things. Over the course of the 2013-2014 school year, the Lord has made it possible for us to get into 767 personal spiritual conversations with students, and share the Gospel with 359 students! We also presented the Gospel in large group outreaches to 820 students! But the next stat is one of the most encouraging. **Through the Gospel being spread at MSU this year, 30 students indicated decisions for Christ!** It is so encouraging to be part of a movement of God where the Gospel is proclaimed and students are finding hope in Christ alone.

Currently, we are in beautiful South Lake Tahoe with the 67 students who are here for the **Lake Tahoe Summer Project**. Matt is directing the student side of the project and Lisa is coaching an intern with Cru. This project is instrumental in the lives of these students who will be working full-time, all the while getting training for evangelism and discipleship. The hope is that students will learn how to be light and salt for Christ where they work so that after college, they will be equipped to be light and salt wherever God calls them to go after college. We are excited and hopeful for what the Lord will teach us this summer as we study the gospel of Mark, as well as Tim Keller's "Jesus the King." Every year students and staff see God do big things on these summer projects. Many students will learn how to study the Bible for the first time, while others will learn how to share the Gospel for the first time. What a privilege it is to come alongside these students in their growth in the Lord this summer!

We thank the Lord for you as our partners in the Gospel! Thank you for your encouragement, your prayers, and your support in the ministry that helps make all of this possible!



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# **The Good Samaritan Clinic**

**Of Haywood County**

*cordially invites you to our*

## *Open House*

*to celebrate and welcome our new provider*

***Chelsea N. Batten, PA-C***

**Tuesday, July 8, 2014**

**Drop In**

**4:00-6:00pm**

**34 Sims Circle, Waynesville, NC**

**828-454-5287**



Chelsea is originally from Florida where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She is a recent graduate from Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA, earning a Masters degree in Physician Assistant Studies. Chelsea's desire has been to be able to practice medicine in a setting that addresses both spiritual and physical needs. She is thrilled to be part of the GSC family, where "real kingdom work is being done in the name of Christ, the only true great healer."

Chelsea's vision is to "restore people and bring them hope". She is looking forward to serving our community.



God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

### 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.

### Providence Church Summarized Financial Information May 31, 2014

#### Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	55,942
Miscellaneous income	774
Designated giving	<u>193</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>56,909</b>

#### Expenditures

	<u>(40,280)</u>
Revenue over expenditures	16,629
Prior year bills paid	(2,709)
Bill yet to be paid	1,719
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>

Increase (decrease) in Cash	15,639
Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year	<u>237,538</u>

Cash-in-Bank End of month	<b>253,177</b>
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#### Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	51,032
Building Fund CD	<u>202,145</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>253,177</b>

### July Volunteers

#### Snacks

July 6	S. Kingshill, TJ, L. Roberts, J. Morgan
July 13	G. Lowell, C. Douglas-Spink, E. Shelton, R. Allsbrook
July 20	D. Bush, R. Spencer, L. Alley, T. Cook
July 27	R. Sevig, G. White, K. Cook, J. Bryant

#### Nursery

July 6	Paula Rhodarmer, Rhonda Lear
July 13	Open, Rhonda Spencer
July 20	Renee Mitchell, Susan Kingshill
July 27	Wally Cook, Gaby Lowell

### Children's Church



July 6	Paula Rhodarmer
July 13	Open
July 20	LuAnn Davis
July 27	Glenda White

### 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



# July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group <i>Dean &amp; Eileen Bartlett</i>	4 Independence Day 	5 Matt Davis
6  10:45 AM Holy Communion	7 4:30 PM Revelation study	8	9 <i>Phil Inglis</i> <i>Garrett Walston</i>	10 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	11 Jerry Allsbrook	12 Earnest Faulkner
13	14 4:30 PM Revelation study <i>Chris &amp; Rebecca Locker</i>	15	16 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	17 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group <i>Alex McKay</i>	18 <i>Joshua &amp; Sara Cole</i>	19 Torpy Skinner
20	21 4:30 PM Revelation study <i>Bill White</i>	22 <i>Luke &amp; Renee Allsbrook</i>	23	24 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	25 <i>Matt &amp; Lisa Kirby</i>	26
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