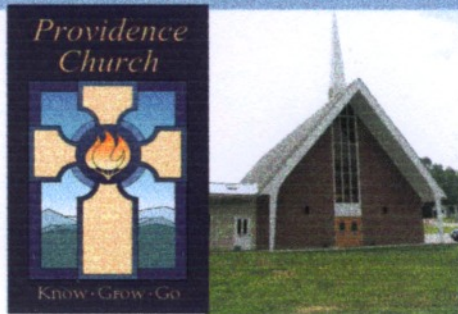


THE PROVIDENCE POST

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

Sunday

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages

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

Monday

4:30 pm - Women's Bible Study

Tuesday

12:00 pm - Lunch with Pastor

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group



March 2015

Set clocks forward one hour
2 am Sunday, March 8th.

Lent is the 40 day period prior to Easter when we as believers focus on the great love of God in Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. Many Christians around the world give up something during this time to focus their spiritual journey of discipleship. When we consider that Christ came down from His heavenly throne to the utter humility of the manger and all that it stands for, we are reminded that we too are sojourners. As we travel this path of faith we understand that He did not die so that we could live in comfort and self fulfillment--but rather so that we could be freed from the chains of slavery to self, the world and the enemy of our souls. We have been set free to live selfless lives to His honor, glory and praise. Take time to contemplate His sacrifice. Think about His love. And may Christ's **passion** become our passion.

Pastor Edward



Your Session at Work

- 1) Revision of Membership Rolls - Session members have been contacting members who have not attended worship in the past year to confirm their membership status. It is an annual process to keep our church roll accurate.
- 2) Child Protection Policy - This policy has been revised for the protection of both children and volunteers in all church activities at Providence. Implementation of policy to happen hopefully in the near future.
- 3) Committee Assignments for Active Ruling Elders - Ruling Elders will decide which of the 3 standing committees they would like to work on as liaisons: Congregational Care/Nurture, Discipleship, and Missions.
- 4) Student Pastoral Intern Update - Julian Bacon will be a student pastoral intern here at Providence from June 15th through August 15th this summer and will be shadowing Pastor Edward.
- 5) Women's Ministry - Leadership for a Women's Ministry at Providence is being sought to coordinate activities.
- 6) Special Offering for Good Samaritan Clinic - A representative from this local mission has been invited to present a minute for mission during Sunday worship.

Providence Happenings



New Group meeting with Pastor Edward at noon Tuesdays in the Waynesville Library conference room to discuss preparation for the following Sunday's sermon. Bring a brown bag lunch.

Dear Providence Church.

I cannot believe it's already been a year since Taylor and I got married. This year has been fantastic: we've learned lessons, overcome obstacles, and laughed endlessly together.

As Taylor and I look back over the past year, we are overwhelmed with how wonderful you all have been as a church family. You've welcomed me into your congregation with open arms, you've blessed my husband with being an elder, and you have surrounded us with constant support.

That being said, Taylor and I want to thank you all for loving on us, supporting us, and being part of our family. We are thankful for each one of you. We'd also like to thank everyone for the gifts they've given over this year. We had a constant flow of wedding presents up until the last month or so, which was an enormous help. We tried to get thank-you cards out, but if we missed anyone, please know that your gifts were much needed and much appreciated. We feel so blessed by all of you!

Love in Christ..

Taylor and Kristin Cook

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer , **Pastor**

Our Session

Class of 2015

Luke Allsbrook

Sam Mitchell

Class of 2016

LuAnn Davis - Clerk

Jim Spencer

Class of 2017

Taylor Cook

Curt Sevig

Music Director

Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Alley

Friday Night Skiing at Cataloochee

Some scenes from the February 20th ski trip to Cataloochee.





Mission News



Haywood Pathways Meal Preparation

The Mission Committee is exploring interest in Providence volunteers preparing a meal at the Pathways center once monthly. Meals are served at 6:00 pm. Volunteers will plan the meal for approximately 40 people (they may go to the center earlier to see what is available), prepare it, provide a devotional, and serve the meal. No cleanup after the meal is necessary, as the clients did that at 7:00 pm. A focal point is needed to coordinate with volunteers and the Pathways center to select a night for service. If you are interested in serving as coordinator or volunteering to help prepare the meal, contact a member of the Mission Committee for more information: Phil Inglis, Jim Spencer, Renee Mitchell, Toni Cook, or Glenda White.

Women's Ministry

At the February Session meeting, the elders whole-heartedly supported the development of a Women's Ministry here at Providence Church. We are asking everyone to pray earnestly for God to raise up the right leaders for this program. Is God calling you to step forward to lead this ministry? Please contact Pastor Edward if the Lord is whispering your name!

February Update from Adger McKay

Blessings to you from icy South Carolina, where I was awakened last night to the loud crack of a neighbor's tree breaking in half and our bushes are flattened, though beautiful. (Maybe there is a life lesson in there somewhere?!) We are doing well and continuing on the support trail for the Black Forest and Beyond. I have continued to preach as invited and am enjoying the challenges of the Lord in this. I finished up the series on the Wilderness last month and felt obligated to share some encouraging news of the Lord's purpose in it so I am now developing/preaching on "Glory Moves In," a timely reminder that He is always on task and at work beyond our understanding. I am being stretched in my understanding of His glory and ways as I pray and study through this.

My lovely bride is pretty much back at full steam, I know this because she has resumed the mad workout schedule for the most part. Samuel (who will be trying lacrosse this spring) and Ian are wonderful, learning German on Saturdays as we try to practice at home, as well. We are thankful that a friend has been kind enough to send out a missions appeal email for us to our Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, with whom I am ordained. Hopefully, that will stir some more interest in the mission.

On a side note, some of you expressed interest in the Wilderness message series from January (since you are living it)...it is now available in Dropbox (as are some other messages)that I can send to you, I just need an email from you to let me know and I will send you the invitation to the audio dropbox.

Thank you for your interest in our lives and calling, we are grateful for your love and support, *Adger, Sandra and boys*

For now, contributions are processed through the kindness of Plumtree Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 65, Plumtree, NC 28664

"Geeks for God" gathering in 2015

What does it mean to have "Spirit Led Technology?" That was the question that over 60 people came together to try and answer for the 7th annual International Conference on Computing in Missions- Europe (www.ICCM-Europe.org) Conference. Courtney was the leader and head planner for this conference. He along with his team put together a time of encouragement, rejuvenation and technical training with overarching emphasis on how the Holy Spirit leads us on this convergence of missions and technology.



Another year approaches

It is hard to believe but we have been here in Germany for 8 years and we are approaching the end of our second term. We are planning one year back in the US beginning in mid-June. Missionaries call this time Home Ministry Assignment (HMA), the old fashioned term is furlough. The main goal of this time is connecting and reporting to our partnerships, increasing funding, serving our home church, recruitment to our mission and ministry and retooling for the next go-around. Normally, most missionaries get a real break from their overseas ministry responsibilities, but as you can imagine in our particular ministry Courtney will need to be juggling both the needs, work and leadership of the ministry in Europe on top of all the "job" functions of being back in the US. Although we are delighted to reconnect, and eat good Mexican food again, it can be a really stressful time for us. So we appreciate your prayers and thoughts for wisdom as we plan this time.

Prayer Requests

- Krista would appreciate your prayers for her Women's Bible Study. Due to us being gone next year, there is a big effort underway to find someone to replace her as Teaching Director. We're looking to see what the Lord provides. It may be someone for just next year or someone to take over permanently. It would especially delight us if a German woman would step up into this role.
- Pray for us to have wisdom as to the right educational choice for Alex next year, he will be in 9th grade. HIGH SCHOOL!
- eDOT is having its annual Strategic Planning this February 24-26. This is being done virtually, as we have team members on 2 continents. Courtney is leading this time as we search out the fantastic opportunities God has prepared for our ministry next year.
- Pray for a single lady that is raising support to join eDOT in Germany. She will be an invaluable asset to Courtney on the administrative side. Also pray for another family, already here, at risk of having to leave the field to raise more support. Each plays a significant role in where eDOT is headed as a ministry.



MidEast Update



Recent things happening - Friends working with Syrian refugees escaping ISIS tell of more openness to the gospel as basic needs are being met in the name of Jesus. People displaced by war are having opportunity to hear the gospel often for the first time. Muslim friends who have contacted us after the killing of the Jordanian pilot are increasingly disillusioned by the extremism of Islam and more open to talking about their discontent with Islam. Pray with us that God would use these unsettling times to draw Arab Muslim people irresistibly to Him.

Your friends, *Lance and Lisa* (In the US until June 2015)

Update from the Luptons

We sure are enjoying ministering on your behalf to reach the nations and the next generation. This is a regular topic of conversation in our home these days, especially since the first year and half of our ministry here was rather difficult. Since August we have seen all sorts of excitement played out in this mission that we're all a part of together.

What's next? We're headed to serve Team Honduras next week in sunny La Ceiba. The impact this team is having on the coastal communities they serve is one of the most dynamic ministries happening in Latin America and we love being a small part of resourcing these servants. We'll spend the majority of our time ministering to the 12 MKs that are a part of this team. We'll also have quality time with many of the parents as we encourage them in their parenting.

Here are a few pictures from our local work here in Bogotá over the last two months:



Members of our high school youth group goofing off at our annual Christmas party. LeBron James showed up for the white elephant exchange.



United Church of Bogotá hosts a ministry to at-risk children called "Promise" every Saturday. Andrew was privileged to give the devotional (in Spanish!) at their Christmas party this December.



We hosted our first marriage conference this month. Steve & Connie Larson did a wonderful job leading 25 couples to strengthen and repair our marriages in the gospel. Pray for us and the session at UCB as we follow up with many of these couples.



We welcomed new members in February! Join us in praising God for the incredibly rapid growth UCB has experienced over the last 6 months.

Want Ads

For sale - automatic bread machine. Make an offer. Call Gaby Lowell, 828-246-9692, for more information.

Rachel Brouwer is looking for a summer job. If any of you have connections please give her a call @ 828-545-7871.

Free - Several years of Taste of Home, Southern Living, & Cuisine at Home magazines. Take whatever you want. Glenda White, 828-235-1897.

Items you wish to buy, sell, or trade may be submitted to Bill White or Liz Alley. They must be received by the 22nd day of the month before the issue in which they are to appear, and will appear in that issue only. They may appear in more than one issue but must be resubmitted

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information January 31, 2015

Tithe/Offering collections	10,888
Miscellaneous income	255
Designated giving	<u>525</u>
Total Revenue	11,668
Expenditures	<u>(20,142)</u>
Revenue over expenditures	(8,474)
Prior year bills paid	(2,940)
Bill yet to be paid	1,933
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(9,481)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>287,562</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	\$ 278,081
Breakdown of Cash:	
Checking Account	27,628
Building Fund CD/Savings	<u>250,453</u>
Total	\$ 278,081

March Volunteers

Snacks

March 1	Diana Bush team
March 8	Rita Sevig team
March 15	Barb Dresdow team
March 22	Rhonda Lear team
March 29	Men's team

Nursery

March 1	Gaby Lowell Wally Cook
March 8	Renee Mitchell Susan Kingshill
March 15	Paula Rhodarmer Rhonda Lear
March 22	Gaby Lowell Wally Cook
March 29	Renee Mitchell Susan Kingshill


Children's Church

March 1	Luke Allsbrook
March 8	
March 15	LuAnn Davis
March 22	
March 29	Pat Inglis

Set Up/Usher Teams

Week 1	Taylor Cook team
Week 2	LuAnn Davis team
Week 3	Curt Sevig team
Week 4	Sam Mitchell team
Week 5	Luke Allsbrook team

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion 	2 Bill & Jan Sterrett 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	3 12:00 pm Pastor lunch group Alan Bush	4	5 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group	6 Abigail Cole Lacey Sterrett	7
8	9 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	10 12:00 pm Pastor lunch group	11 Penelope Godfrey Bruce Kingshill	12 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group	13	14
15	16 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	17 12:00 pm Pastor lunch group	18	19 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group	20	21
22	23 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	24 12:00 pm Pastor lunch group	25 Talya Morgan	26 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group	27	28 Carole Douglas-Spink
29 Palm Sunday Jeanette Price	30 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	31 12:00 pm Pastor lunch group Jason Godfrey				