

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation*

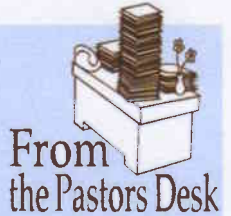
*Located on the Haywood Christian Academy senior campus - 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde*



## November 2013

**Set clocks back 1 hour  
at 2:00 am Nov. 3rd**

November is upon us. This is the month of Thanksgiving. And this is my final month as your pastor.



I have a difficult time writing those words. I have a difficult time processing those words.

Why? Because even though we are leaving, even though God has a new adventure in store for our family, we have been blessed every single day of our six year ministry at Providence. It has truly been a blessing to minister with and to you. Therefore, it is appropriate that November is our final month because we leave you with nothing but thanksgiving in our heart.

Thanksgiving for your faithfulness to the Lord Jesus.

Thanksgiving for your faithfulness to the Word.

Thanksgiving for your faithfulness to mission (both local and international).

Thanksgiving for the fellowship of Providence.

You are a strong, healthy, small church. You may not have multiple worship services. You may not have weekly programs for all age groups and interests. You may not even have your own building. But you are a healthy, small church. You have faithful leadership. You have faithful servants. You are a witness in the community.

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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

#### **Wednesdays**

7:00 pm - Worship Grow Group

#### **Thursdays**

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

## 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

And your fellowship is strong.

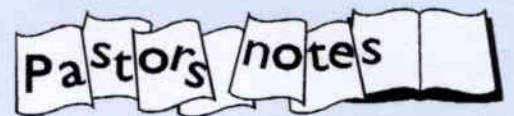
That is what our family will miss the most -- the relationships that we have built over the years. You are truly a welcoming, loving fellowship. All churches want to be. Many churches think they are. You are. That is the strength of a small church -- relationships. You can't be anonymous in a small church. I would encourage you to build on this. Build on your relationships. Grow in your relationships. Open up for new relationships. In this way Providence will grow. You will grow. Small churches grow disciples through relationships. I experienced this growing up.

We thank God for our time with you. We thank God for who you are and the future he has in store for you. And we thank God that our fellowship does not end here. We fully expect to continue our relationship with you. Yes, it will be different, but we have a bond in the Spirit that cannot be broken by distance. We will come back to visit. We will pray for you. And know that you are always welcome in Indianapolis.

But we also give thanksgiving that even though our relationship with you will change -- one day distance will not matter. One day we will all join together to offer thanksgiving to God for all eternity. On that day, our fellowship will be complete and never ending in glory.

Shalom,

Josh



## Wednesday Night Grow Group

Pastor Josh is leading a Grow Group every Wednesday at 7:00 pm through November, at the HCA Senior Campus. The Group follows the sermon series on worship and offers an opportunity for questions, discussion, and reflection.

## Administrative Assistant

The session approved the hiring of a part time administrative assistant for Providence Church -- up to 15 hours per week. The hours are flexible and this is a work from home position. We are beginning this search through a word of mouth process. Therefore, if you know anyone who might serve in this position, please let Pastor Josh know. A job description is available upon request.

## Sermon Series

November 3 "Lord's Supper -- Sign of the Covenant"

Exodus 24:1-11, Matthew 26:26-29

November 10 "Lord's Supper -- Our Passover"

Exodus 12, 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

November 17 "The Lord's Day"

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Luke 24:13-35

November 24 "Thanksgiving"

Psalms 136



# Providence Happenings



## Art Group

*ArtGroup will meet on Thursday, November 7th, at 7:00 pm. The presenters will be Tom and Peggy Root. They met at Ringling School of Art in 1978 and soon found a shared interest in painting from life, thus beginning a long partnership in art and marriage. Together, they went on to study figurative painting at Lyme Academy of Fine Arts in 1992. They settled in northeast Tennessee. Tom is a figurative painter, portraitist, musician, songwriter and painting teacher. Peggy is an outdoor landscape painter, mother, teacher, gardener and cook. In 2011, the couple opened the Root Studio School of Drawing and Painting in Johnson City. Peggy's work is featured at Blue Spiral 1 in Asheville through December 31, 2013. To receive a monthly e-vite with information about the upcoming presenter, go to [www.lukeallsbrook.net](http://www.lukeallsbrook.net) and follow the link to ArtGroup.*



## Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

There will be a meeting of the congregation and corporation of Providence Church on Sunday, November 17, following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect two elders (LuAnn Davis and Jim Spencer) for the class of 2016, elect members of the congregation to serve on the 2014 elder nominating committee, present the 2014 budget, and to elect a pastoral nominating committee.

## Christmas Decorating

Join us following worship on Sunday, December 1, as we decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. In addition, Christmas Poinsettias will be available for \$15.00. You can purchase these to decorate the sanctuary and make them in honor or memory of someone. Order any Sunday in November by seeing Susan Kingshill.

## Session Notes

As you know Pastor Josh and his family will be moving to Indianapolis in December. As we are saying goodbye to the Cole family in these next few weeks, the session is already prayerfully working toward a plan for transition in pastoral leadership. Here are the steps that we as a congregation will take over the next few months:

1. The session will search for an interim pastor. This full time pastor will provide preaching and pastoral care while we seek a new pastor.
2. Prior to finding the interim, we will be served on Sunday mornings by ministers who live within a drive's distance to Haywood County. During this pulpit supply period the session will ensure that pastoral care is provided to our membership. In addition, there are a number of areas that you may be asked to assist.
3. A Pastoral Nominating Committee will be formed prior to Pastor Josh's departure. This committee, elected by the congregation, will prayerfully seek God's will for the next pastor of Providence Church. The session will set forth names for this committee during a congregational meeting. In addition, nominations can be made from the floor for any member to serve (please make sure you have talked to someone about their willingness before nominating them). This committee will work with the Ministerial Committee of the Presbytery of the Southeast to carry out its work.

The session desires to keep communication completely open with the congregation. If you have any questions at all, please ask! In addition, we would covet your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for our congregation.

Pat Inglis, Clerk of Session



Please join with us in saying good-bye to the Cole family on Sunday, November 24th. We will have a pot luck meal after church. If you have a favorite Cole dish, please prepare and bring it.

### Budget

The session approved the 2014 budget. Additions include a line item to hire an administrative assistant as well as a musician and/or vocalist. The pastoral call items are included in the budget but are subject to change depending on the hire of an interim pastor and subsequently a new pastor. In each case, the congregation must approve the terms of call.

	<u>Jan 1 - Sep 21, 13</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>\$ +/- Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget Spent</u>	<u>Proposed 2014</u>
<b>9000 - Worship Committee</b>					
9001 - Worship Supplies	116.00	200.00	-84.00	58.0%	200
9006 - Supply/Guest Minister	1,500.00	1,500.00		100.0%	3,000
9010 - Guest Minister	300.00	300.00		100.0%	500
<b>Total 9000 - Worship Committee</b>	<b>1,916.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>-84.00</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>3700</b>
<b>9100 - Education Committee</b>					
9106 - Curriculum	1,064.52	1,500.00	-435.48	70.97%	1,500
9107 - Vacation Bible School	50.00	1,000.00	-950.00	5.0%	500
9108 - Supplies	125.99	150.00	-24.01	83.99%	150
9113 - Special Events	327.39	500.00	-172.61	65.48%	500
<b>Total 9100 - Education Committee</b>	<b>1,567.90</b>	<b>3,150.00</b>	<b>-1,582.10</b>	<b>49.76%</b>	<b>2650</b>
<b>9200 - Missions</b>					
<b>Total 9200 - Missions</b>	<b>13,017.14</b>	<b>23,000.00</b>	<b>-9,982.86</b>	<b>56.6%</b>	<b>23,000</b>
<b>9300 - Church Facilities &amp; Rental</b>					
9301 - Building Rental Expenses	17,342.00	22,048.00	-4,706.00	78.66%	22,048
9302 - Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	200
9304 - Decorating Committee	63.87	200.00	-136.13	31.94%	200
9306 - Equipment Purchases	130.75	800.00	-669.25	16.34%	1,500
<b>Total 9300 - Church Facilities &amp; Rental</b>	<b>17,536.62</b>	<b>23,548.00</b>	<b>-6,011.38</b>	<b>74.47%</b>	<b>23948</b>
<b>9400 - Congregation Care</b>					
9401 - Congregation Care Expenses	7,600.42	2,500.00	5,100.42	304.02%	2,000
<b>Total 9400 - Congregation Care</b>	<b>7,600.42</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>5,100.42</b>	<b>304.02%</b>	<b>2,000</b>

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<b>5500 - Administration Committee</b>					
5501 - Software/Internet Expenses	242.95	750.00	-507.05	32.39%	750
5503 - Postage, Mailing Service	187.00	250.00	-63.00	74.8%	250
5505 - Office Supplies & Expense	1,254.96	1,000.00	254.96	125.5%	1,300
5507 - Telephone, Telecommunications	1,612.04	1,250.00	362.04	128.96%	1,500
5509 - Minister's Discretionary Expense	77.94	1,450.00	-1,372.06	5.38%	750
5515 - Presbytery & GA Travel Exp.	2,047.31	2,000.00	47.31	102.37%	3,000
5517 - General Assembly - Per Mbr Gvg	1,850.00	1,850.00	0.00	100.0%	1,850
5519 - General Assembly - Benevolence	425.00	425.00	0.00	100.0%	425
5521 - SE Presbytery - per mbr Giving	1,440.00	1,440.00	0.00	100.0%	1,440
5523 - SE Presbytery Per Church Dev.	560.00	560.00	0.00	100.0%	560
5525 - Advertising & Promotions	553.73	500.00	53.73	110.75%	500
<b>Total 5500 - Administration Committee</b>	<b>10,250.93</b>	<b>11,475.00</b>	<b>-1,224.07</b>	<b>89.33%</b>	<b>12325</b>

#### 5600 - Personnel

5601 - Minister's Salary & Pica Exp.	27,888.22	26,082.72	-10,214.50	73.18%	
5603 - Minister's Pension Expense	4,288.41	5,717.88	-1,429.48	75.0%	
5606 - Minister's Medical Insurance Ex	13,071.33	17,428.44	-4,357.11	75.0%	
5607 - Minister's Dental Insurance Exp	1,125.00	1,500.00	-375.00	75.0%	
5609 - Minister's Death/Disability Exp	575.00	1,000.00	-425.00	57.5%	
5611 - Minister's Housing Allowance	13,954.63	19,086.20	-5,141.57	73.08%	
5613 - Minister's Professional Expense	1,735.48	2,400.00	-664.51	72.31%	
5615 - Minister's Education Expense	228.53	500.00	-273.47	45.31%	
<b>Pastor's Call (must be voted by congregation)</b>	<b>62,844.51</b>	<b>85,725.25</b>	<b>-22,880.64</b>	<b>73.31%</b>	<b>75,000</b>
5621 - Music Director/Organist	4,749.24	6,499.02	-1,749.78	73.08%	6,700
5623 - Administrative Assistant					12,000
5625 - Vocalist					4,000
5627 - Musician					4,000
5641 - Staff Social Security Expense	325.06	497.18	-172.12	65.38%	2,042
<b>Total 5600 - Personnel</b>	<b>67,918.91</b>	<b>92,721.45</b>	<b>24,802.54</b>	<b>73.25%</b>	<b>103,742</b>

<b>Building/Property Fund</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>
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<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>112,207.50</b>	<b>170,394.45</b>	<b>58,186.95</b>	<b>65.9%</b>	<b>183365</b>
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#### Operation Christmas Child Trip

On Sunday, December 7, we are going to Charlotte to help process OCC boxes that will be going all over the world. We have 18 spots available to work from 12:00 - 4:00. If you would like to go, see Susan Kingshill (and bring a friend!).



# Mission News



## Haywood Emergency Homeless Shelter

Providence is serving the Shelter Sunday November 10 through Sunday November 17. We are in need of morning and evening drivers to transport Shelter clients, as well as someone to offer an evening devotion. A signup sheet to provide transportation and devotions for the Emergency Shelter is on the Mission table. Please choose to drive the van and or provide a short devotion at Camp New life. More details will be forth coming. Please consider helping our guests in the shelter. Thank you for your help. Email me at [jimspencer1000@gmail.com](mailto:jimspencer1000@gmail.com) if you have questions.

*Jim Spencer*

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### From the Roes 3-month update



Courtney led a short-term tech team at our mission's Annual Conference where nearly 100 missionaries were able to get computer help and training. Courtney also designed and implemented a more secure network infrastructure at the conference that included an Intranet site allowing the conference to come closer to being paperless while also increasing the security level. Over this intranet, organizers and speakers were able to share video announcements, conference schedule, speaker handouts as well as recordings of the sessions and more.

In September, Krista's bi-lingual Women's Bible Study started back up and celebrated its 15th year of existence. Krista has been the Teaching Director for the last 2 years. This year they are studying the Book of Acts. Last week we invited all the ladies to take Spiritual Gift tests to see how God might use their spiritual gifts to encourage their churches. It was a neat application of exactly what we were studying in Acts.

Courtney headed up another short-term team in Europe to handle security (both physical & technologically) for a conference bringing together workers using technology to reach the Muslim world.

eDOT is continuing to work on several projects including a Bible Concordance app in Turkish that allows the user to both read and hear the Scripture verses.

### Prayer Requests

- Praise God that our time separated in August went well and quick. We were able to have almost daily communication which kept us close even though we were far apart.
- Pray for Courtney as he continues to recover from an infection and getting his strength back.
- Pray for Alex's Strategy Games Club. There was a great initial turn out but he's trying to figure out how to keep the momentum going.
- Pray for Krista as she continues to lead the Bible study where there are many women who are hurting.



### 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.

### 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.

### Providence Church

#### Summarized Financial Information September 30, 2013

#### Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	107,558
Miscellaneous income	1.343
Designated giving	<u>7,277</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>116.178</b>

#### Expenditures

	<u>(124.010)</u>
Revenue over expenditures	(7.832)
Prior year bills paid	(32)
Bill yet to be paid	1.285
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>

Increase in Cash	(6,579)
Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year	<u>217,210</u>

Cash-in-Bank End of month	<b>210,631</b>
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#### Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	18.935
Building Fund CD	<u>191.696</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>210,631</b>

### November Volunteers

#### Snacks

November 3	
November 10	Toni Cook
November 17	Renee Mitchell
November 24	Pot luck lunch

#### Nursery

November 3	Rhonda Lear Heidi Davis
November 10	Susan Kingshill Renee Mitchell
November 17	Pat Inglis Phil Inglis
November 24	Wally Cook Gaby Lowell



#### Children's Church

November 3	Paula Rhodarmer
November 10	Heidi Davis
November 17	LuAnn Davis
November 24	Glenda White

#### 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

# November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b>  10:45 AM Holy Communion  Daylight Saving Ends	<b>4</b> Ariel Smith	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	<b>7</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Art Group LuAnn Davis	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>10</b> Jacob Davis	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> Eleonore Shelton	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	<b>14</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Jane Ladner
Transportation and Devotionals for Emergency Shelter						
<b>17</b> 12:00 PM Congregational meeting Transportation and...	<b>18</b> Jason & Holly Godfrey	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	<b>21</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Wally & Toni Cook	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 12:00 PM Pot luck lunch	<b>25</b> Renee Mitchell	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Thanksgiving	<b>29</b> Jason & Heidi Davis	<b>30</b>