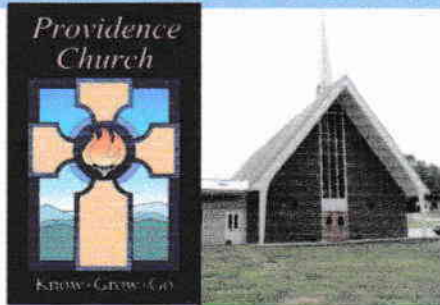


THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation

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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

October 2014

Providence calls Pastor Edward Brouwer

At a congregational meeting September 21st, Providence Church members unanimously approved Edward Brouwer to be our new pastor. As he and his wife Glenda have a scheduled



Pastor Brouwer and family mission trip in October, his official starting date is November 10th.

Edward and Glenda come to us from Christ Community Church, where he has served in various capacities for the past 17 years — most recently as Pastor of Adult Discipleship. Edward and Glenda met on the mission field in the Philippines in 1988, got married in Bluefield, West Virginia October 7th, 1989 and celebrate 25 years of marriage this Fall! The Lord has blessed them with 3 children: Natalie 23, Rachel 21 and Matthew 19. Natalie is pursuing a Masters of Fine Arts in Theater Performance at UNC Greensboro, Rachel is pursuing Social Work and is a Junior at Appalachian State and Matthew is in Engineering as a Freshman at NC State. Edward hails from Red Deer, Alberta, Canada and Glenda is from Charlotte, NC. Glenda studied at Columbia International University and has a Masters from Azusa Pacific University. She is presently the Reading Specialist at Art Space Charter School. Edward did his undergraduate work at the University of Alberta, has a Masters in Human Resource Leadership and a Master of Divinity from Gordon Conwell Seminary. Edward and Glenda enjoy traveling and have a heart for missions. They are leading a mission group to Turkey and Israel October 10-25th, 2014. Edward is delighted to serve at Providence, and both are thrilled to get to know and love our people.

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

Middle East Evangelicals Issue Appeal to Believers Worldwide

The Supreme Council of the Evangelical Community in Syria and Lebanon has issued an appeal to like-minded believers worldwide to make the plight of Christians in the Middle East known. Numerous evangelicals in those two countries signed the August 29 appeal letter, including pastors, seminary presidents, denominational leaders, members of parliament, and others.

"We are most concerned over the great human suffering and political difficulties that our people in these countries are facing," the four-page letter states. "We have been greatly disturbed and shocked by the ugly incidents of violence that innocent civilians and entire communities, especially Christian, have been subjected to."

The group asks Christians to act in three areas:

1. Make their governments and other decision makers aware of "the imminent dangers of the situation;"
2. Develop a strategy to support an ongoing Christian presence in the region; and
3. Provide humanitarian aid.

"Our hope is that you act swiftly before it is too late," the letter concludes. "You are indeed our partners in faith."

Mideast Update

Saturday AM: We ask for prayer for our Egyptian co-workers who we have been working with for the last two years.

On Thursday, G was taken into the police for residency issues. Since then, information has come to light about his evangelistic work and they held him in prison. Lisa spent all day Thursday with R (the wife) and their two young children. R is 7 1/2 months pregnant. Thursday evening we found out they would be deported in 24 hours and G remained in custody. Lisa and R were able to pack 5 bags and a boat ticket was purchased for their return.

Yesterday, Friday, at 2 PM the police came to escort them to the boat. However...they took the whole family to the police station and they spent the night (the two young boys as well ages 3 & 1 years). Lisa hid in the back room as the police came to get the family until they had left.

Today...they must go before the district judge for a final ruling. We are not sure how their night was in prison.

Pray for God to be gracious. May they return to their homeland Egypt in peace or remain here in grace.

Pray if they return to Egypt that no further consequences will happen.

Pray for protection over R who has had a difficult pregnancy and their two young sons to be safe and feel secure.

Monday update: We are thankful for your prayers for our Egyptian co-workers. After 3 days of being held in prison for their evangelistic work...they had a police escort to a boat leaving for Egypt last night.

They called us before leaving to say they were leaving. They had been questioned but had not been mistreated; however, they were severely fatigued. R continued to have some mild bleeding in her 7th month of pregnancy, but no cramping.

God provided another Egyptian friend who had weeks before planned to travel on this same boat. This is a huge assistance for them traveling with all their luggage and young children.

We are praying for a safe arrival back in Alexandria (8 hour boat ride/ 18 hour bus ride) before they reach their family.

Continue to pray they have no further complications with Egyptian authorities.

Pray as Lisa packs up their apartment & sells all their remaining belongings.

Thank-you for prayers and love for those that suffer so that Jesus maybe honored in places not yet free to worship Him!

Blessings, *Lance & Lisa*

Providence Happenings



Wedding Bells



Robert and Barbara Dresdow, are overjoyed at the upcoming marriage of their son, Brian Dresdow, to Anna McKechnie on October 25th in Columbia, South Carolina. If you would like to congratulate the newlyweds, their address is: 2530 Sulleyfield Place, Apt 204, Charlotte, NC 28273



Pulpit Supply Information

October 5	-	George Callahan
October 12	-	Duane Armistead
October 19	-	Nathan Turner
October 25	-	Adger McKay



Operation Christmas Child

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COUNTDOWN!

A small shoebox can have a BIG impact!



Packing a box and what goes into it is fun, but what comes out is eternal!

Join in as we partner in reaching over 100 MILLION children with the power of a simple gift.

Each Sunday we will be bringing items to be packed, and **SAVE THE DATE:** November 16th is the date for a packing party and covered dish meal, as well as a time of prayer and dedication of the boxes. We don't know where they are headed, but God does, so be sure and put a personal note in your boxes, as well as \$7.00 to give your boxes wings.

For those of you who craft, knit, crochet, woodwork and other hobbies, **PLEASE** share your talents. Some possible items are bracelets, necklaces, mittens, gloves, hats, carved animals and whistles, among others.

Let us all join in in using simple, gift filled shoe boxes to show hurting children they are loved and to share the message of the greatest gift they can ever receive!

Wedding Shower for Matt and Ali





Mission News



Excerpts from Shawn Stewart's email

The right team at the right time

Flying into Bengkulu, we climbed on board a Citilink airline and were amazed at how it was filled with fog. The cold air was turning to fog in the high humid and very hot air. A very surreal feeling, one that matched the moment as we were into the 30th hour since we departed Atlanta GA a day and a half earlier.

I went with two couples: the Arringtons and the Mitchells. In our next mailed newsletter, we'll give you a good run down on what an enVision Trek is about and what we hope to see happen on these trips. As we returned home, our two couples have both received invitations to consider joining this team. Would you pray for them? Pray for God to lead them in the way they should go.



Some prayer requests that we have:

- For my role as Coordinator of Recruitment. I still have so much to learn, I feel like I am not as effective as I could be. I need wisdom in planning and following up with contacts.
- Micah's flight to Austria; for safe journeys as he navigates his way by plane, train and bus back to Schladming.
- For Micah, Thad & Kelly and Jillian to faithfully follow and serve Jesus in each place he has called them to.
- For Lisa and myself as we are "officially" in the empty nest season of life. Pray that we will find ministry together in our community, ministry with our calls at Mission Hospital and World Outreach and ministry to our family around the world VERY engaging and joyful for us in these new days.
- For the upcoming travel that I have to Livonia, Michigan, Charleston SC, Ward Church missions conference, Presbytery of the West in Bozeman MT, Presbytery of Pacific, Eastminster EC for a mission Sunday and Signal Mountain TN for a church missions meeting.
- Pray for us at WO to FIND those whom God is calling to GO... that the EPC would be joining with God in these hard places. And that those whom He calls, for Him to provide them with the needed resources.
- Pray for the transition with our out-going Director George Carey and the incoming Director Phil & Janet Linton. For sure this will bring some changes, so please pray for it to be a healthy transition.

Sinclair Uganda Prayer Update

September is here, and the new school year has begun at Westminster Christian Institute Uganda (formerly Westminster Theological College). It is great to be getting into our regular routine even though we enjoy the refreshing change of summer holiday ministry activities. Although our local church and missionary team leadership responsibilities remain unchanged, summer "vacation" frees us to serve in different venues. This summer Bruce took the church planting class to the road twice -- in May to a small college near Kampala and in August to Vineyard College in rural Kenya. This latter school was started by a former student and Westminster graduate, Abraham Kogo. It was also a blessing to have missionary team member, Steven Edging to accompany me on these trips and to

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share the teaching load.

The other major ministry trip this summer was also to Kenya, where Bruce had the privilege of teaching Introduction to Grace at a pastors' conference on Mfangano Island in Lake Victoria. More than 40 pastors from various denominational backgrounds attended. The team that organized this trip comes from Charlotte, North Carolina and included several members of Calvary Church, the church in which Bruce grew up. One elder, John Patterson, was a great help with the pastors' conference while other team members ministered in area schools.

The fall schedule is quite busy. At Westminster Christian Institute Uganda, Pam is teaching English Grammar and Composition and Study Skills. Bruce is teaching Introduction to the Bible, Introduction to Grace, and Old Testament Prophets II (Daniel - Malachi). He is also teaching a Galatians course at nearby African Bible University. Two international trips for MTW-related conferences round out the season. We are especially blessed to have our daughter, Celeste, living with us and teaching for a second year at Heritage International School.

Here are some praise reports and prayer requests:

Praise Reports:

- Praise God for the provision of our immediate support needs! Our July update included a prayer request for removing the deficit in our account. God answered through the generosity of His people. Although we will still be required to raise more monthly funds when we return to the States for Home Ministry Assignment, we will not have to leave the field early on account of lack of funds.
- Praise God for the accreditation of Westminster Christian Institute Uganda. The process has been expensive and time-consuming, but it is wonderful to have it done, since our graduates will have more doors of opportunity opened to them.
- Praise God that our whole family could be together in June. Our son, Tim, and three of his friends came over for a brief visit. Below is a family picture from that fun time.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for safety and protection for our MTW Uganda team. The embassy warns that Somali terrorist cells in Kampala are planning an attack on US citizens in retaliation for the death of one of their leaders in an air strike.
- Please pray for New City Community Church. We are getting closer to calling a pastor. This would be a significant step forward for the congregation and a great relief for us as Bruce would no longer need to serve as Interim Pastor.
- Please pray for Westminster Christian Institute Uganda. In the demands of the accreditation process, recruiting fell through the cracks. Thus our enrollment is lower than we would like. Join us in asking God to bring us just the right students.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Yours in Christ,

Bruce and Pam Sinclair



RUF @ WCU



Left: Latest Family Photo; Top Right: Catamount Statue on Campus; Bottom Right: Charlie Barker & Mitch Bearden.

The Fall is Back!

It's been a little while since I wrote you, so I hope this finds you doing well. Much has happened: Jessica, my wife, started working at Mission Hospital in the NICU part-time. Evelyn, our daughter, turned two years old. Both Noah and Evelyn are in preschool as I write this, and college students are back on campus entering their 6th week of class. The fall is back in full force, which means there is a crispness to the air, festivals are kicking off, pumpkin pie is right around the

corner, college football is on every Saturday, and the St. Louis Cardinals have clinched another playoff spot. The fall is really one of my favorite times of the year, and it's a great time for campus ministry. RUF is off to a fantastic start. I've been meeting with students weekly from all sorts of backgrounds with various struggles, doubts, and beliefs, who need someone to listen. We've got four Bible studies going on campus. For instance, we have a freshman

Bible study on Monday nights at 8PM and a guys Bible study on Thursdays at 3PM. An amazing group of freshmen have connected to the ministry, which has been super encouraging. The upperclassman have bought-in and are currently welcoming new students and pursuing the heart of campus. God is at work, and I feel super privileged to pastor students and be part of what he's doing at Western Carolina University. (Continues on the back).



FELLOWSHIP



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(our website is still a work in progress)



FRIENDSHIP

RUF is here for the convinced and the unconvinced, the lost, the found, the burned, the bored, the cynical, the skeptic, and the spiritual. We welcome all, no matter where they are in the process, to be part of RUF.

Fundraising Update: At one point this summer the RUF account was at a \$7,932 deficit, which is not good and really discouraging. It was pretty depressing actually. The account nearly hit the level of deficit that would require me to be pulled off campus to dedicate most of my workweek to fundraising. I'm glad to inform you that as of right now the deficit has gone down from \$7,932 to \$1,630. God has provided through the generous donations of people like you. Some of you have sent in money, bought us supplies from Costco, or signed up to be monthly supporters. Thank you! I say this often, but the ministry would not be here without you. Not only that, I know some

supporters may feel distance from the ministry, but through your donations you really are a part of what is happening here. Students are always shocked and encouraged to find out that people they've never met give to the ministry. The students see your support at work through the scholarships they receive, food they eat in my home, and the RUF events we do every week.

The ministry still has plenty of ground to cover. We're still in deficit and always in need of new donors, so if you haven't please consider partnering with the ministry financially. Enclosed with this newsletter is a sheet covering details on giving and what it does for the ministry.

Prayer Requests:

- **Freshmen Outreach** - This year our freshmen outreach has doubled, which is really encouraging. So, pray for them to continue to plug into the ministry, and be encouraged, equipped, and loved well.
- **Large Group** - I'm preaching through the life of Peter. Pray students would come to faith, be renewed, and that God would use Large Group to advance his kingdom. (These sermons are available in the iTunes store for free.)
- **Growth in Grace** - Pray that ALL our students would continue to grow in their love for God, love for people, and love for campus.

RUF @ WCU



FALL CONFERENCE



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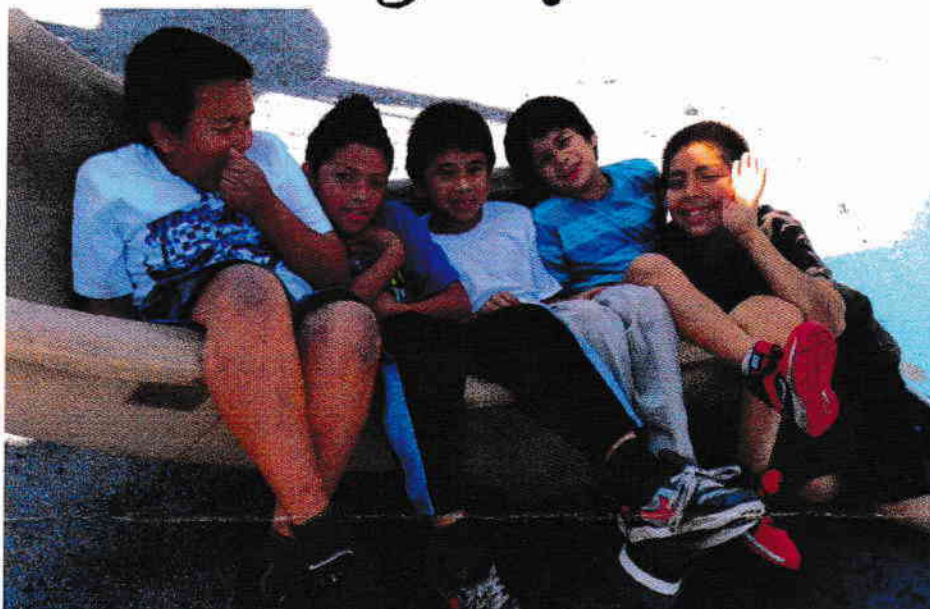
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One-Eighty Year in Review



Five Care Lodi boys play a silly game at a park with Liz Stevahn, One-Eighty's Care Lodi coordinator.

August 2013-August 2014 Highlights

Fall 2013:

One-Eighty's Adolescent and Family Services launches four therapists and facilitators into nine junior high and high schools throughout Lodi and Stockton to execute the **Why Try: 180 Program for the seventh year.** This program, led by Alison McGregor, Adolescent & Family Services director, sends 280 students each year through an evidence-based life-skills/decision-making/ gang-prevention class.

Liz Stevahn begins as the Care Lodi program coordinator. Care Lodi partners with the Lodi Police Department, the City



Junior high and high school One-Eighty teens were excited to join a scoot team.



Mentor Sarah Chase makes an ornament with a girls' group member.

of Lodi, and area churches to physically move into at-risk areas of Lodi in order to better assess the needs of families. The goal of Care Lodi is to see Lodi's most broken and dangerous neighborhoods **restored** through the investment of churches, non-profits, and individuals.

Three female One-Eighty Teen Center mentors begin a **year-long girls' group** that teaches teenage girls the benefits of good decision-making through the lens of a children's storybook Bible.

Volunteers **harvest the community garden located in the back of the Dan Brown House**, and give the produce to neighbors of The One-Eighty.

Student Spotlights



Name? Tyler

Age? Grade? 13, and 8th grade.

When did you start coming? Summer 2013

What is your favorite thing about One-Eighty Teen Center?

Hanging out with everyone here—staff and everyone!

What keeps you coming back? It's just really fun to hang out and meet people. I play pool, talk with staff and friends, play PS4, go on ramps... that's about it!

What is your favorite staff memory? I play pool a lot with staff. They know what to do and teach me new things every time. They help with homework.

What's your favorite One-Eighty café treat? The Reese's peanut butter cups and Pepsi!

What's your best One-Eighty memory? Capture the Flag on the ramps at night!

Why should students come here? It's a cool place to hang out with your friends, and you can meet a lot of new people.

Name? Pedro

Age? Grade? 14 and freshman.

When did you start coming? July 2012

What is your favorite thing about One-Eighty Teen Center?

It's open. You can do a lot of fun stuff without getting in trouble. Hanging out is fun.

What keeps you coming back? Friends.

What are your favorite One-Eighty activities? Hanging with friends. Computer, and PS4.

What's your favorite One-Eighty café treat? A lemonade with strawberry flavoring.

What's your best One-Eighty memory? One night, Robert and a bunch of us toilet papered Melissa's house!

What's your best One-Eighty moment with a staff mentor? Going with Robert everywhere. We eat together all the time, and play frisbee golf.

Why should students come here? Because it's fun, and you can do your homework.

Student Spotlights



Name? Clarissa (on left)

Age? Grade? 13, and 9th grade.

When did you start coming? August 2012

What is your favorite thing about One-Eighty Teen Center? The food!

What keeps you coming back? Friends. Also, there is just a good vibe here.

What is your favorite staff memory? Making up with handshakes with Robert. Hanging out with Laurie—talking with her.

What's your favorite One-Eighty café treat? The caramel apple lollipops and pizza rolls!

What's your best One-Eighty memory? Friday Night Fun Nights!

Why should students come here? You can meet new people, and the amount of fun you can have here!

Name? Viviana (on right)

Age? Grade? 14, and 9th grade.

When did you start coming? March 2014

What is your favorite thing about One-Eighty Teen Center? I get to see my friends.

What keeps you coming back? The freedom that I have to hang out with my friends in a fun, safe environment.

What is your favorite staff memory? The night where we played games inside—like Duck Duck Goose and other kid games.

What's your favorite One-Eighty café treat? Pizza rolls!

What's your best One-Eighty memory? Friday Night Fun Nights!

Why should students come here? Because it keeps students away from trouble outside. Inside, they can stay safe, have fun with friends, and meet new people.

Winter 2013:

Our first Care Lodi staff, **Robert and Liz**, move into east side apartments across the street from Hale Park—a highly volatile area of Lodi. They begin to build relationships with families as the supervisors of the apartment complex, through tutoring, sports programs, and park outreach.



Thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped to redo our cafe!

One-Eighty teens continue to come to The One-Eighty to receive **help with homework, meet with mentors, hang out with friends, and scoot/skate/bike!**

Generous volunteers help us to **renovate and refresh our cafe and front sign.**

Spring 2014:

Robert begins his second semester of **youth group** to teens, and takes them on winter and spring retreats.

The **Dan Brown House for Adolescent and**

Family Services officially opens.

Summer 2014

One-Eighty's **Mobile Unit gets its first full-time staff member**, Sean Campbell. The goal of the mobile unit is

to "go where the kids are."

In essence, becoming a mobile teen center. Sean's first stop has been Lodi's Kofu Park where, three days per week, he has been building relationships and creating a positive environment with the local action sports scene.

Care Lodi partners with local churches, General Mills, and the Salvation Army to put on a **Love Lodi event** at Hale Park. Teams cleaned up parts of Lodi, and served the east side community a great meal and games.

Sean Campbell and Matt Krieg **start a freestyle scoot team**. Scooters are "sponsored" by The One-Eighty. This means they earn points through academics, positive decisions, and being good "ambassadors" for The One-Eighty.

These are just a few of the things going on with

One-Eighty. **With all that is going on, one thing remains the same: We simply want to thank you for helping us grow and make this an incredible year!**

—The One-Eighty Team



Two Care Lodi 3rd graders enjoy eating snacks and making crafts!



Sharon Brown and Alison McGregor were excited to cut the ribbon on the Dan Brown House for AFS!



The students love getting out of their summer routine, and jumping into Mason Beach water!

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.

Exercise daily -- walk with the Lord

Providence Church

Summarized Financial Information August 31, 2014

Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	89,256
Miscellaneous income	1,134
Designated giving	<u>1,095</u>
Total Revenue	91,485

Expenditures

Revenue over expenditures	28,804
Prior year bills paid	(2,709)
Bill yet to be paid	1,678
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (decrease) in Cash	27,773
Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year	<u>237,538</u>
Cash-in-Bank End of month	265,311

Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	60,121
Building Fund CD	<u>205,190</u>
Total	265,311

October Volunteers

Snacks

Oct 5	Rhonda Lear, Paula Rhodarmer, Renee Michell, Eileen Bartlett
Oct 12	Laura Glad, Jerry Allsbrook, LuAnn Davis, Pat Inglis
Oct 19	Susan Kingshill, TJ, Linda Roberts, Jacque Morgan
Oct 26	Gaby L, Carole Douglas Spink, Eleanore Shelton

Nursery

Oct 5	Rhonda Spencer Another volunteer
Oct 12	Renee Mitchell Susan Kingshill
Oct 19	Paula Rhodarmer Rhonda Lear
Oct 26	Wally Cook Gaby Lowell


Children's Church

Oct 5	Luke Allsbrook
Oct 12	Rhonda Spencer
Oct 19	Barb Dresdow
Oct 26	Liz Alley

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

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Natalie Lawrence	2 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	3 Savannah Bush	4 Rhonda Edwards
5  10:45 AM Holy Communion	6 4:30 PM Revelation study Alia Lawrence	7	8	9 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	10	11 Luke Allsbrook
12	13 Columbus Day (Observed)	14 Benjamin Davis	15 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	16 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	17	18 Jacque Morgan
19	20 4:30 PM Revelation study	21	22	23 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Sunny Madison	24	25 Eric Mitchell
26	27 4:30 PM Revelation study Taylor Cook	28	29	30 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Michael Shelton	31	