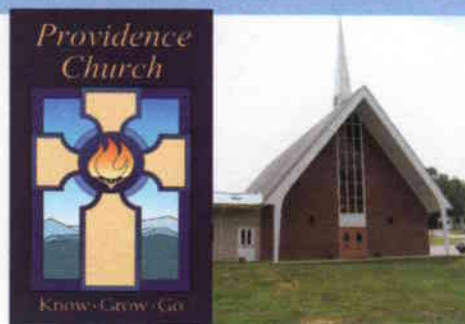


THE PROVIDENCE POST

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 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

October 2013

Peter said what we were all thinking:
"We don't have to move."

Sara and I had just told Abby, Nathan, and Peter that we were going to leave Providence. There were tears. There were questions of where. There were exclamations of excitement about a new adventure. There were more tears. There were questions of why. There were more tears.

"We don't have to move."

In a sense Peter is right. We don't have to move. We don't really want to move. We love Haywood County. We love the mountains (Sara and I are from the mountains). We love Providence. We love each of you. We are absolutely blessed to live in beauty. We are blessed to have such a loving, healthy church. We are blessed to live close to our parents. We are blessed to have good friends. Taking those factors into account moving does not make sense.

"We don't have to move."

In a sense Peter is right. But my question to Peter was this: "What if God wants us to move?" What if God has called us out of a place we love? What if God has called us from a congregation we love, people we love, friends we love? What God has called us from the mountains? What if God has called us from our home? What then?

Then we do have to move.

All the factors for not moving are there -- except for God's call. We don't know the midwest. We don't know Indiana. We don't know Indianapolis. We don't know anyone there. We have no family



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

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

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.

there. But we feel strongly that God has called us there. And we have to follow His call.

It pains us to leave you. We have and will shed many tears. We will miss you. You have been our family. You have surrounded us with love and blessed us (especially my kids). But God has given us a strong call.

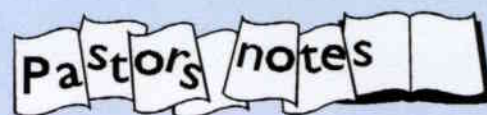
It also means that God is giving you a strong call. A strong call to be faithful to the Lord as Providence moves in a new direction. A strong call to be faithful to one another. A strong call to trust Him. The Father loves you more than my family ever could. The future of Providence is in His loving hands. There is no better place to be.

Goodbyes are difficult. Change is difficult. Most of us don't do either well -- I sure don't. But we worship and follow the God who created all things out of nothing. Who brought the mountains forth out of nothing. Who created Providence Church out of nothing. He is the same God who took on flesh in Jesus. Who suffered and died for us. In him goodbyes are never permanent. In him change is never permanent. The bonds we have in the Spirit are eternal. But sometimes he calls us to move.

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve you these past 6 years.

Shalom,

Josh



Sermon Series

October 6	"A New Calling"	Genesis 12:1-9, Hebrews 11:8-10
October 13	"Worship -- Praise and Confession"	Psalms 100, Acts 4:23-31
October 20	"Baptism--Sign of the Covenant"	Exodus 24:1-11, Colossians 2:6-15
October 27	"Baptism -- A New Heart"	Ezekiel 36:25-28, Matthew 3:13-17

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to my electrical student, Greg Nash.. He wanted me to pass along his heartfelt appreciation for all the assistance of furniture, linens, cooking utensils, television, washing machine, and many other items. He feels very blessed. He is doing very well in the class and is now living in an apartment. He is seeking an apprenticeship as an electrical helper with a local electrical contractor. Continue to pray for him and his future career. Please let me know if you have other items you would like to donate to him.

Thank you Jim

Providence Happenings



Art Group

ArtGroup will meet on Thursday, October 3rd, at 7:00 pm. The presenter will be Don Axsom, a faith-based singer and songwriter. Originally involved in writing secular music, Mr. Axsom returned to songwriting and performing after twenty years when a dramatic change in profession allowed him ample time to devote himself to his music. He travels extensively overseas, performing, teaching classes, and telling stories. He has produced three CDs and given away over five thousand copies in five countries. You can hear samples of his music at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7N1phvgPfFA>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfkNCg-vqg1>

To receive a monthly e-vite with information about the upcoming presenter, go to www.lukeallsbrook.net and follow the link to ArtGroup.



Curt Sevig Honored

I had found a web site (vettix.org) that offers free tickets to veterans for various events in a 200 mile radius. These tickets are donated by individuals, companies and various groups to show gratitude for the veterans service. I saw 1 ticket for an upcoming Atlanta WNBA game and requested it. Turned out to be a lot more than just a ticket to a game.

On Saturday August 24th Jim Spencer and I attended the Atlanta Dream WNBA (women's pro basketball) ball game against the Chicago Sky. During the first time out in the game I was taken to center court by one of the co-owners, Kelly Leffler, and the team mascot Star (picture attached), and introduced as the military honoree of the game. Kelly presented me with a basketball autographed by all of the Atlanta players.



This was probably the first time I have been recognized for my service in Vietnam (other than the negative stuff when I returned). The announcer read the short description of my service over the speakers and most all of the people in attendance stood up and cheered. This was quite emotional for me but my thought was that this was really recognition for all the Vietnam Veterans who were never given a warm welcome from our country when we returned from, for many, a time in the hell of combat.

If given the opportunity, when meeting someone in uniform please take the time to thank them for thier service. If you know any Vietnam Vets simply say "Welcome home." It may be the first time they ever heard that.

Curt



Mission News



4 "P" 's for OCC PARTY TIME!!!!

Providence **Pizza Packing Party** for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program

WHO: YOU!!!

WHAT: This is an OCC shoebox Packing Party complete with FREE Pizza & Salads

WHEN: Sunday, Oct 20, 2013, following the service

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHY: As Providence members we want to "GO" and this is a great way to share the gospel with children around the world. Plus, we love to eat and fellowship. Lastly, we want to reach our goal of 100 shoeboxes donated from Providence members.

HOW: We already have 100 shoeboxes that are empty and ready to be filled. Bring in all the items that you have collected over the last few months (school supplies, hard candy, socks, stuffed animals, hygiene items, stickers, calculators, small toys etc.) and bring them to church on Sunday Oct 13th and Oct 20th prior to Sunday school. We will sort the items and have it ready for a massive "packing party".

If you need help thinking about what items to bring to bring, go to

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

or

http://operationchristmaschild.org.au/?page_id=76

for more ideas.

If you have already packed and finished a box, that is great. Just keep it at home and we will collect it at the official collection week in November. However, we still want you to come fellowship and help with packing other boxes too! Feel free to bring extra items along and we will use them.

Remember that each box needs \$7 to help with shipping and to cover the cost of the discipleship program "The Greatest Journey". The Greatest Journey is the 12 week follow-up discipleship program used by Operation Christmas Child to help children become faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Moreover, a personal note and photo are wonderful keepsakes to children who may not know that someone cares about them.

There is a sign up sheet on the mission table to help us get numbers for the pizza/ calzones. This sheet does NOT guarantee that we will have a certain pizza type for you but it will help us come a little closer to accommodating taste-buds

Last, but not least, mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec 7th. Providence is signed up to help at the Charlotte OCC warehouse from Noon to 4pm. This is a wonderful opportunity and makes you feel like an elf (without having to wear those pointed shoes!) There will be a sign up sheet closer to the date but we can only take 18 people.



**Operation
Christmas Child**

Prayer Requests from Asia

Please be in prayer with us for:

- God to help us learn, speak, write and remember the language.
- Partners who would be willing to pray for us.
- Father to direct us to the churches and individuals who would be willing to support us as their "M's". We are still not completely funded. We are about \$200 short each month.
- Funding for art supplies, as Cynthia is teaching classes. Some local people will not be able to afford to buy their own art supplies.
- For our health as we continue to encounter new viruses that we are not immune to.

George & Cynthia



Mideast Update

- Pray for a close Arab friend and co-worker for the last 10 years. He has been repeatedly called in for questioning by the secret police. May God continue to give him grace to know how to respond.
- Pray for a family who have recently believed. They have overwhelming debt and he might be facing jail time. May Jesus be close to them and meet them powerfully in their need.
- Pray for another believing family that we gather together with. Their teenage daughter has been suicidal. They are unsure how to help her and feel God is distant.
- Pray for our girls starting school.
- Pray for Lance who takes over a program training 120 Arab underprivileged youth and their families with character value skills & English. May doors open for more relationships.
- Pray for our family to have the Lord's protection. We realized that often living in a dark place means we deal constantly with spiritual oppression all around us. Our prayers are for purity, steadfastness, and a yearning for Jesus.

We are so grateful for you caring about these things and being part of what God is doing through prayer! May He be God over our city!

Expecting Greater Things to Come,

Lance & Lisa



Prayer request for the Lizarazus

Please keep Eric, Emily and the whole Lizarazu family in your prayers. Emily's mother, who has Alzheimers, has taken a turn for the worse. Her mother is cared for at home by Emily's father. The situation has become very demanding and Emily and the kids are flying to the states. They will be in the state beginning Oct 1st.

This transition will be difficult for the children who will be going to a US school, for Emily as she cares for her mom and displaced children, and for Eric, who has to remain in Bolivia at least for a time to finish out work situations at Camp Kewina.

Please pray for God's wisdom, strength and peace to be with them at this time of transition.



From Andrew Lupton's email

Rejoice with us that God has given us another little one! Laura Kate is due in February. This is all a little nerve-racking in another country, but we have an excellent (English-speaking) doctor, a great hospital, and Laura Kate's finished with most of the high-altitude morning sickness that ran its course. Please pray for her health and the health of this little one as you think of them.

We're also thrilled that our first long-term GYFM intern will be joining us on Tuesday. Please pray for Asia Morris (our intern) as she transitions and as she plugs into ministry to young people. You can pray for us as we mentor, lead, and serve alongside her, as these are uncharted waters for all of us. She's an impressive young lady, with much gifting and passion for serving young people. God has opened many doors for us to minister to students here in the city. In fact, we have more doors opened to us than we can possibly go through (hence our eagerness to receive our intern).

We told you all about the need for university ministry since we live in a city of around 120 universities, full of mostly unreached students. We've discovered that the university students here who are professing Christians feel incredibly lonely and need Christian companionship and community. All that to say, we thought that university ministry was something we would need to wait to begin, but God has freed up some of our teammates, the Parsons, and led both of our families to get started in this regard this fall. Pray for us as we begin ministering to a very complex (and huge) university student population, for wisdom, for clear communication (in Spanish mostly), and for new relationships.

Andrew, with Laura Kate & Fox



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.

Greetings from Uganda

Here are our top three praise reports and prayer requests for September.

Praise Reports

Thank God for new team members! Bert and Nancy Williams (far right) have accepted the invitation to join our Kampala team. They bring expertise in the area of community development and eight years of Africa experience. They anticipate moving to the field in January.

Thank God for some great conferences in August. Both Bruce and Pam gave brief talks to the 90+ Sunday School teachers who assembled at Westminster Theological College for a training conference. The next week, Tom Austin and Peter Beck from MTW Atlanta facilitated a theological educators' conference. The month ended with a series of planning meetings with our growing MTW Kampala team (pictured).



Thank God for bringing the Westminster students back to school safely and for the new semester that began this month.

Prayer Requests

Pray for a great semester at Westminster Theological College. Pam is teaching Speech and Communications. Bruce is teaching Exodus-Deuteronomy, OT Historical Books II, Acts, and Church Planting.

Pray for Celeste, our daughter who is living with us this school year and teaching math at Heritage International School.

Pray for our support needs. The MTW office informs us that our balance is low and that we are about \$400/month below what we should be. Join us in asking God to provide.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Bruce & Pam Sinclair



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.

Online Giving

You can donate to Providence through Paypal. Go to our website (www.providence-epc.com), or our Facebook page, and look for the "donate" button.

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information August 31, 2013

Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	93,431
Miscellaneous income	930
Designated giving	<u>7,339</u>
Total Revenue	101,700

Expenditures

Revenue over expenditures	(9,566)
Prior year bills paid	(32)
Bill yet to be paid	2,708
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>

Increase in Cash	(6,890)
Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year	<u>217,210</u>

Cash-in-Bank End of month	210,320
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Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	19,797
Building Fund CD	<u>190,523</u>
Total	210,320

October Volunteers

Snacks

October 6	Jim & Rhonda Spencer
October 13	
October 20	Box packing luncheon
October 27	Eileen Bartlett

Nursery

October 6	Pat Inglis
	Phil Inglis
October 13	Wally Cook
	Gaby Lowell
October 20	Sara Cole
	Rhonda Spencer
October 27	Paula Rhodarmer
	Becky Locker


Children's Church

October 6	Luke Allsbrook
October 13	Rhonda Spencer
October 20	Barb Dresdow
October 27	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

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Natalie Lawrence	2 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	3 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM ArtGroup Savannah Bush	4 Rhonda Edwards	5 Owen Smith
6  10:45 AM Holy Communion Alia Lawrence	7 Earnest & Linda Faulkner	8	9 4:00 PM Serving at Canton Community Kitchen 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	10 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	11 Luke Allsbrook	12
13	14 Benjamin Davis Kristin White Columbus Day (Observed)	15	16 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	17 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	18 Jacque Morgan	19
20 12:00 PM OCC Box packing party & pizza lunch	21	22	23 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group Sunny Madison	24 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	25 Eric Mitchell	26
27 Taylor Cook	28	29	30 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group Michael Shelton	31 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group		