

# 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

## September 2013

Some of you may have noticed -- it's okay if you didn't -- we were gone the last half of August. For the past ten years we have joined Sara's family on the South Carolina coast for a week of sun, swimming, and a crazy house full of children.



From  
the Pastors Desk

This year we experienced something new. As I was walking with a group of children on the beach early one morning, several people were gathered around a loggerhead turtle nest. Most of the eggs had hatched the night before. However, a team of local volunteers were digging out the nest to get an egg count and to see what survivors remained in the sand. The nest consisted of 136 eggs. Most had hatched and made it to the sea. However, there were 35-40 surviving baby turtles (hatchlings) in the nest. The volunteers gathered them all, had all of us onlookers line the beach, and they set them off toward the ocean. It was actually an amazing sight watching these little hatchlings scamper toward the water and disappear beneath the waves. We all cheered as they made their way.

It was a beautiful moment of God's creation to share with my kids and nephews. However, upon more reflection, I think the loggerhead turtle has it rough. The mamma returns to the beach she was born. Lays over 100 eggs and then leaves. These eggs are left to make it on their own. First of all,

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## 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

### Community Day of Worship and Prayer

On Saturday, September 28, "Drugs In our Midst" and Long's Chapel invite us to participate in a day of prayer and worship for our community. Many will gather at First Baptist Church in Waynesville at 1:30 pm for a prayer walk through town, particularly for individuals and families both struggling and affected by drug abuse. This will be followed by an evening of food and fellowship at Long's Chapel beginning at 3:00 pm. There will be various Christian bands performing as well as barbecue dinner plates (\$8.00).

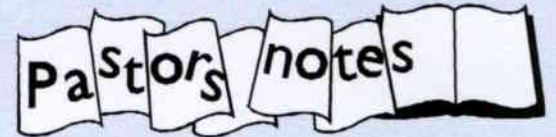
they could be eaten by any number of land dwelling creature who finds the nest. Then when they hatch, they have to crawl yards over the beach to make it to the ocean. Avoiding people, crabs, and birds. Then when they make it to the ocean they have to escape all manner of water dwelling predator. It is no wonder that only 1 in 1000 loggerhead turtle hatchling survives.

Sometimes our lives can feel like we are a loggerhead hatchling. We feel like we are on our own. The odds are against us. We are buried in the sand. The waves are crashing against us. So many things are out to get us. There is not much margin for error. Only the strong survive.

The good news is that life for us is not the same as a loggerhead hatchling. God does not simply create us and leave us buried in the sand. He lovingly formed us. He knows our frame and our very being. He knows our past, present, and future. He is with us as we crawl through life. He is with us in the midst of the waves. He is with us as we swim with our own strength. It is not that the strong survive. We only survive by God's providential care.

Keep crawling!

Josh



### Sermon Series

September 1	"Worship -- It's Not About You"	Psalm 19, Ephesians 1:3-14
September 8	"Worship -- It's Still Not About You"	Exodus 20:1-11, Matthew 22:34-40
September 15	"Worship -- In the Name of Jesus"	Colossians 3:17, Matthew 18:20
September 22	"Worship -- A Work of the Holy Spirit"	Amos 5:21-24, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
September 29	"Worship -- The Word"	Nehemiah 8:1-8, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-16

One of my homeless students at the Open Door has recently acquired a small apartment. Praise God! I would like to help him with some furniture. He is in need of a bed, a living room chair, side table for the chair in the living room, a small kitchen table and 2 chairs, and a TV if possible. He has no furniture and very few clothes. He is a clean cut man and is trying very hard and is doing well in my electrician's class. His name is Greg. Please pray for him and please consider donating some furniture. Email Jim Spencer at [jimspencer1000@gmail.com](mailto:jimspencer1000@gmail.com), or call me at 627-8373. Thank you for any help you can give. Jim

# Providence Happenings



## Art Group

*ArtGroup will resume meeting again on Thursday, September 5th (note the change from Wednesday to Thursday this year). The presenter will be Luke Allsbrook. He received a BFA in Painting from Indiana University and an MFA from The New York Academy of Art. His work has been exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the US and is included in the Forbes collection, Mercedes Benz, The US Department of State, and in the collection of His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales. Luke Allsbrook served as official tour artist for Prince Charles on his 2005 state tour of the United States. The recipient of the Elizabeth Greenshields Foundations Grant and two-time Posey Scholar, he has taught drawing and painting at the New York Academy of Art, The Lyme Academy of Art, William Paterson University, UNC-Asheville, and in Italy with the University of Georgia Cortona Program. He resides with his wife and four children in the mountains of Western North Carolina. His works may be viewed at: [www.lukeallsbrook.com](http://www.lukeallsbrook.com). To receive a monthly e-vite with information about the upcoming presenter, follow the link to ArtGroup.*



## Wednesday Night Grow Group

Beginning Wednesday, September 4, Pastor Josh will be leading a Grow Group every Wednesday at 7:00 pm through November at the HCA Senior Campus. The Group will follow the sermon series on worship and offer opportunity for questions, discussion, and reflection. Please note, this is a change from the original Tuesday date.



## Mission News



### TIME TO THINK SHOEBOXES!

While stores such as Rite Aid, Fred's and Staples are still holding back to school specials it is the perfect time to do your shoebox shopping!

This year our goal is to fill 100 shoeboxes, sharing the message of God's love through the power of a simple gift! Since its inception, this ministry has impacted the lives of over 100 million children and their families, in the most remote areas of the world. The Greatest Journey, a twelve week Bible study, goes with each shoebox in the language of the children receiving it.

Have some fun! Do it with a friend, host a party for the neighborhood. Share the Gospel at home as you help children throughout the world to learn about God's truths and love for them, delivering the message of salvation and the hope that comes only through Him.

Blessings, Bonnie



**Operation  
Christmas Child**

# VBS 2013 - from Camping



to Pool Party

## 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](http://www.providence-epc.com)), or our Facebook page, and look for the "donate" button.

## Providence Church Summarized Financial Information July 31, 2013

### Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	83,582
Miscellaneous income	850
Designated giving	<u>1,297</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>85,729</b>

### Expenditures

	<u>(100,418)</u>
Revenue over expenditures	(14,689)
Prior year bills paid	(32)
Bill yet to be paid	1,231
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>

Increase in Cash	(13,490)
Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year	<u>217,210</u>
Cash-in-Bank End of month	<b>203,720</b>

### Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	14,276
Building Fund CD	<u>189,444</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>203,720</b>

## September Volunteers

### Snacks

Sept 1	Carole Torpy
Sept 8	Laura Glad & Rita Sevig
Sept 15	Bonnie Indgin
Sept 22	Diana Bush
Sept 29	Glenda White

### Nursery

Sept 1	Wally Cook Gaby Lowell
Sept 8	Sara Cole Rhonda Spencer
Sept 15	Paula Rhodarmer Becky Locker
Sept 22	Rhonda Lear Heidi Davis
Sept 29	Susan Kingshill Renee Mitchell

### Children's Church

Sept 1	Paula Rhodarmer
Sept 8	Heidi Davis
Sept 15	LuAnn Davis
Sept 22	Glenda White
Sept 29	Pat Inglis

### 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

# September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  10:45 AM Holy Communion Lucy Anne Cole Miriam Rose Cole Gerry & Jane Ladner	<b>2</b> Rick Boen Emily Lizarazu Labor Day	<b>3</b> Taylor Ramsey	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	<b>5</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Art Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Session Wirt Skinner Chuck & Carole Torpy	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:00 PM Serving at Canton Community Kitchen 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	<b>12</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Eileen Bartlett	<b>13</b> Lisa Kirby	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	<b>19</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	<b>20</b> Bill Sterrett	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM Worship Grow Group	<b>26</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Sam & Renee Mitchell Jason Smith
<b>29</b> Alan & Diana Bush	<b>30</b>					