

THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation

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



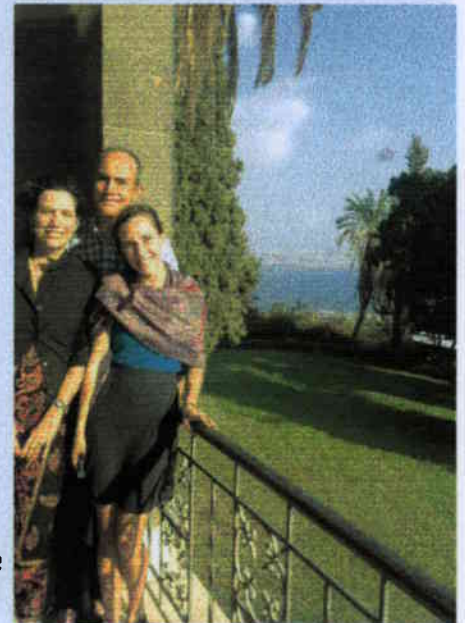
November 2014

Set clocks back 1 hour
Saturday night, Nov 1st



From
the Pastors Desk

The last few weeks have been busy as we led a group of 8 from Christ Community to visit missionaries in Turkey and went on Christian Pilgrimage in Israel. Our family spent 10 years on the mission field and we have a heart for encouraging missionaries, as we so appreciated these visits when we were in the Philippines. One of the highlights of our time was visiting the places where Paul, John, Jesus and the prophets of old walked and ministered. In Turkey we visited the archeological ruins of 2 cities in Asia minor that John wrote to: Smyrna and Ephesus. We went to Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth. Walking on the shore of the Sea of Galilee gave context and perspective to the historical nature of the gospel story.



Edward, Glenda and Rachel
at the Mount of Beatitudes

A few months ago I preached on Gideon and I plan to continue a short series on Gideon our first Sunday on November 16th. Glenda and I and our daughter Rachel stood in the very waters at the spring where the Lord chose 300 warriors to fight the Midianites. The words of Scripture ring loud and clear: "Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit says the Lord". God does not call the

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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

Providence Church Divisions

Edward Brouwer - Pastor

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

equipped, but rather equips the called. And so today, we his people are called to act, to pray and work, to gather and scatter. We are so excited to come and serve the Lord together in Waynesville. May we together discern what the Spirit is saying to the church

Edward William Brouwer

Pulpit Supply Information

November 2

Wirt Torpy

November 9

Shawn Stewart

Ladies' Pigeon Forge Fellowship Retreat

December 5-7. See Diana Bush for details.

Q: What's Red and Green and makes children smile?

A: It's an OCC packing Party!

Q: What's Red and Green and can change a child's life for all eternity?

A: The Word of God and the Salvation message which is given because of the OCC packing party!

Q: When?

A: Sunday Nov. 16th at 9:30 AM (This will be in lieu of the Sunday School lesson for adults and kids)

Q: Where?

A: Fellowship Hall

Q: How?

A: Continue to bring your toys, games, candy, clothing and tools each Sunday. We will use these items to pack the boxes. Hit Big lots, Good will and the Dollar tree NOW!!!

This will be a great time for the whole congregation. We will dedicate the boxes during the worship service and then celebrate their completion AND the first Sunday for Edward Brouwer (as our new pastor) and his wife Glenda with a POT LUCK LUNCHEON following the worship service.

We will travel together as a church to Charlotte on Saturday, December 6th Friday, December 12th to work with other volunteers packing and sorting shoeboxes. Please sign up for one or both of these days.



**Operation
Christmas Child**

Providence Happenings



Thank you

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, calls and support, and the memorial donation to the building fund upon the death of my brother, Durward Read. They were all greatly appreciated.

Glenda White

*We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the folks who helped with our wedding shower last month. Everything was amazing from the fabulous food & fun decorations to the thoughtful presents. We are so blessed to be connected to such a loving church family! Thanks again! With love,
Ali & Matt Davis*

Potluck-



In order to stretch your stomach and get in shape for Thanksgiving, we will be having a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday November 16th. This will be a dual celebration as we welcome our new pastor Edward Brouwer and his wife Glenda for the first official Sunday at Providence. (There will be an official installation service and reception on December 21st). Until then, help us celebrate their arrival, and the departure of our OCC boxes, by bringing a dish and staying after the worship service on Sunday November 16th.

Christmas Decorating

Decorating for the Christmas season will take place after the worship service on November 30th. Please bring a bagged lunch. Cider will be provided.

Dinner for 8 New groups will be forming in January. The groups will be kept at 8, but whoever is hosting can invite as many as they choose. Some of us have small seating areas and are unfortunately more limited. Before the end of December, let Rita Sevig know if you are interested in participating and if you would be willing to be the leader of a group.



Poinsettia Orders



Each plant is \$15. They may be ordered up until the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Forms for each donor to fill out are on the table beside the sanctuary door. Please put the completed form and your check in the offering basket, or give to Liz Alley.

Let's Get those Wheels Rolling! Prayer Requests From the Lizarazus:

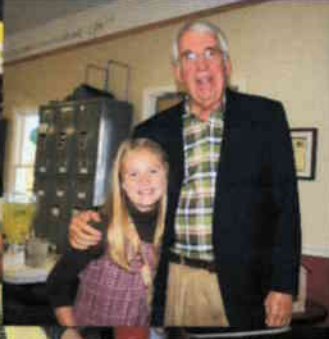


Emily recently wrote that prior to leaving to come on furlough last year, they had to sell the old "beater" car that she drove around town because the doors kept falling off! Now that they have returned to Bolivia they only have one car. When Eric has groups out at camp, two hours from their house, his family can't go to camp with him because they have to wait till later in the week until school is over. In the past the family would all be able to go to camp on the weekends with Eric. Emily would help cook and minister to the campers and the Lizarazu kids were able to join in the activities and did not have to be away from their father for days or weeks at a time.

In the busy season, December, Eric will be in LaPaz (five hours away) for 12 days and Emily will be without a car. Since she take the kids to school, activities and church functions, it will be difficult to work out transportation. She is asking for prayer and donations at this time. There are three main churches in the U.S. that support the Lizarazu and Providence is one of those three. She is hoping if each church could raise around a thousand dollars, they would be able to afford a second car.

Please keep them in your prayers and if the Lord places on your heart to give for the car fund, just place your check in the offering basket and mark it : Lizarazu Car Fund.

Christine's and Andrew's Baby Shower





Mission News



Update from the Luptons

Batter Up!

It's been a whirlwind three months since you last heard about our adventures and the exciting gospel partnership that we're all a part of. Where to begin...



When we last wrote you we told you that there had been a number of curveballs recently thrown our way. Who were we kidding? Because days after our correspondence we were tossed a real 12-6 yellow hammer (sorry for the baseball slang, the Cardinals are in the playoffs). As you know, most of our work here in Bogotá has been through the United Church of Bogotá, an English-speaking international church that serves people from all over the planet. Andrew has served as the pastor of youth and families at this church but is now the lone pastor following the sudden resignation of the senior pastor with whom he served.

We absolutely love serving here and have seen much exciting momentum in and through the church since we arrived. Was it in our five-year plan for Andrew to be preaching every week, recruiting and training elders, and shepherding a wonderfully complex community of expat children and adults? No. But we have seen God move in such clear ways before, during, and after this strange transition that we are convinced that we are where we need to be for now. We covet your prayers nonetheless:

- For wisdom. Both Laura Kate and Andrew are often in very heavy counseling settings with students and adults in which we need much sensitivity and guidance.
- For strategy. We've seen explosive growth in the last few months, but do not yet have the infrastructure in the church to handle it.
- For skill. Andrew is still a very young preacher, pastor, and leader and the opportunities and responsibilities in this new role are tremendous and overwhelming at times.
- For fruit. As the church, youth group, and children's ministries grow, so do the number of non-believers we are regularly engaging with the Gospel.

The Home Team

We had a phenomenal time serving our missionary families this summer at MTW's Reconnect and Summer Conferences at Ridge Haven. Anytime you gather missionary kids together, beautiful things happen. But this event was the most impactful we've seen in a long time. Laura Kate was especially used of the Lord to minister to some of the girls as we saw her story of God's grace connect again and again with some of the burdens these girls were carrying.



While we were in the States, Andrew had the honor of baptizing Evie Jude in her mother's baptismal gown.

New Children's Church Schedule

As Providence Church begins a new chapter, we want to be ready for all the young families that God will be sending our way! Each week we want to provide a children's church experience for pre-school kids who are too old for the nursery, but too young to sit through the entire service.

We are looking for 8 volunteers to help us fill the 2 month rotation. Here is your chance to spend some time with God's little lambs! It is also your chance to rotate off of the schedule if you have been faithfully helping this ministry (thank you!).

The only requirement is to enjoy sharing God's word with young children! All you have to do is read a Bible story, help with activity pages, and play with these little ones.

Please pray about joining this ministry. You will be richly blessed if you do! To volunteer, please contact LuAnn Davis @ 246-2210.

Mideast Update

Good-bye and Hello...



We value all of the prayers offered to the Lord on behalf of our friends and co-workers G & R. They have now returned to their home country of Egypt to serve. We trust God will lead them into the future after being held by the police here for 3 days, and then deported. It again shows us how there are always unseen forces at work attempting to thwart God's Gospel going out in dark places. However, we stand in confidence of our Overcomer...Jesus!

During the same week, we welcomed our new Scottish teammates. We are honored to have this experienced family join our team as they have served in other lands. They are particularly focused on using their trekking and mountaineering skills to work with the Bedouin people groups around us

Coming to Amer-i-ka! January-June 2015

Can you believe it's already been 3 years since we were back in the US! We are looking forward to reconnecting with many of you. Let us know if you, your church, or small group would like to connect. We'll be based in Wilmington, NC.

One specific need we have is for a car, starting in January. It will need to be in good enough shape for us to drive around NC, SC, and TN. Let us know if you can help.

Teacher Needed! Sept 2015-May 2016

Another specific need is for a teacher to help homeschool our girls starting next Fall 2015. The local British/Arab school hasn't been able to support our girls' needs on an elementary level. We're looking for help in 2nd and 3rd grade to free up Lisa to be involved with ministry to Arab women. Let us know if you or someone you might know would be willing to consider the idea. We are interested in both new or retired teachers. We have to say a HUGE thank-you to Myrtle Grove Christian School for sending us two teachers to spend a week with our girls last week, and then welcoming them to their school starting in January!

We are grateful for you, and your willingness to pray with us for these needs!

Your friends,

Lance and Lisa

2013 Open Door Annual Report



- ✓ In 2013 we served 35,696 meals
- ✓ We gave away 47,910 pounds of food in the way of food boxes
- ✓ We provided financial assistance in the amount of approximately \$25,857
- ✓ We provided help with clothing and household needs, showers, laundry facility, hair salon, and a computer learning center
- ✓ We give Spiritual encouragement along with daily Devotions and Worship
- ✓ We serve as an information resource for those seeking areas of assistance

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.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

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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

November Volunteers

Snacks

Nov 2	Diana Bush, Rhonda Spencer, Liz Alley, Toni Cook
Nov 9	Rhonda Lear, Paula Rhodarmer, Renee Mitchell, Eileen Bartlett
Nov 16	Pot luck luncheon
Nov 23	Barb Dresdow, Jane Ladner, Bonnie Indgin
Nov 30	Wally Cook organizes men

Nursery

Nov 2	Rhonda Spencer Another volunteer
Nov 9	Renee Mitchell Susan Kingshill
Nov 16	Wally Cook Gaby Lowell
Nov 23	Paula Rhodarmer Rhonda Lear
Nov 30	Rhonda Spencer Another volunteer



Children's Church

Nov 2	Paula Rhodarmer
Nov 9	
Nov 16	LuAnn Davis
Nov 23	
Nov 30	Pat Inglis

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

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2  10:45 AM Holy Communion  Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour	3 4:30 PM Revelation study	4 Ariel Smith	5	6 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	7 LuAnn Davis	1
9	10 4:30 PM Revelation study	11 Veterans Day	12 Eleonore Shelton	13 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	14	15
16 10:00 AM Christmas Child packing party 12:15 PM Pot luck luncheon Jane Ladner	17 4:30 PM Revelation study	18 Jason & Holly Godfrey	19 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	20 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	21 Wally & Toni Cook	22
23	24 4:30 PM Revelation study	25 Renee Mitchell	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 12:00 PM Christmas decorating 