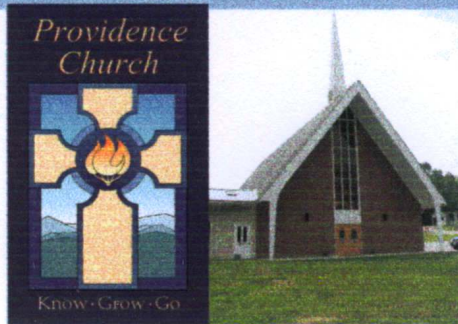


THE PROVIDENCE POST

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 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

Sunday

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am - Morning Worship with
Nursery and Children's Church

Monday

4:30 pm - Revelation Study Group

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

December 2014

During this time of Advent, when we eagerly anticipate Christmas and all that Immanuel God with us means, we as a church will participate in the Advent Conspiracy.



Our culture has made the celebration of Christ's birth a side show from all the secular attractions of gifts and materialism. In some ways we as believers have bought into the pressure. Yes, we all love giving and receiving gifts, but during this season let's remember that Jesus is the greatest gift of all. He is the Reason for the Season.

During the four Sundays of Advent we will focus on 4 key players--the cast of characters--in the unfolding drama of the Incarnation. We look at Mary, the mother of Jesus and how she opened up herself to be a vessel of God's love and becomes a model that inspires for us to worship Christ.

On the second week of Advent we will take a look at Joseph. The theme we will explore is spending less on ourselves. Certainly the example of Joseph who took care of Mary and Jesus is one that inspires.

The third week we look at the wise men and consider the theme of giving more for the things that really matter. These Magi were not kidding around--they brought costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Let us also consider how we may spend our resources on kingdom ends!

The fourth week we will look at the Shepherds, these humble sheep herders who come to the manger too, because they are invited by the angels to bear witness to the King. These are truly the forgotten ones! But not by God. These last, last, lost and lonely souls are the very ones

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Providence Church Divisions

Edward William 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

November 23 Congregational And Corporate Meetings

Meetings of the Providence congregation and corporation were held following the worship service.

At the congregational meeting, the nominating committee recommended that the number of elders be increased to six. It was so moved and approved. A slate was then presented and approved as follows: For the class of 2017 Taylor Cook and Curt Sevig. To increase the Class of 2015 to two elders, Luke Allsbrook was elected to a one year term.

The 2015 budget was presented and explained by Jim Spencer. A summary of the budget follows:

Worship Committee	\$2,200
Education Committee	2,300
Missions	25,000
Church Facilities & Rental	23,948
Congregation Care	1,500
Administration Committee	12,787
Personnel	118,904
Building/Property Fund	12,000
Total	193,639

that God invites to witness the coming of the Messiah. This privilege is ours too!

And then culminating on Christmas Eve, we will celebrate the Saviors birth with carols and Scripture readings and we will take an offering--which we will share with a local ministry to the needy and an international ministry to the needy.

O Come Let Us Adore Him!



December Activities

- 2nd Ring Salvation Army bells at WalMart
- 5-7th Women's Retreat in Gatlinburg
- 6th Sort/pack OCC shoe boxes at Charlotte
- 7th Children's Ornament Making
- 7th Advent Candle Lighting
- 12th Sort/pack OCC shoe boxes at Charlotte
- 14th Advent Candle Lighting
- 17th Serve at Open Door
- 21st Advent Candle Lighting
- 21st Installation of Pastor Brouwer and dinner
- 24th Christmas Eve Service

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, call Rita Sevig at 550-7677 or email ritasevig@gmail.com and let her know if you are interested in participating, and if you are willing to be a group leader.

Providence Happenings



Scenes from the OCC packing party and pot luck lunch



THE 3RD GENERATION
BARN LOFT SPONSORS:



FREE ADMISSION

SAT. Dec. 6th

SUN. Dec. 7TH

LIVING NATIVITY
6:30 to 8:30pm

Christmas Service
in a Stable
5:30 to 6:10pm

- **Inside historic barn**
- **Walk-through**
- **Live Animals and Characters**

Worship with Animals present, Sit on Hay bales, Sing Carols, Hear Christmas Stories, Scripture and Very Special Music.

MAY BRING
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEM FOR THE (CANTON)
COMMUNITY KITCHEN AND
PLACE AT THE MANGER

Very Casual & Dress Warmly

ADDRESS

I-40, Exit 33, Go towards Leicester about 3/4 mile, fork left onto N. Hominy Rd, take first right on Frank Mann Rd.



Mission News



Let's Get Those wheels Rolling



The Lizarazus are still in need of prayer and funding to help purchase a second car for Emily to use while Eric is at camp and work. There are three main churches in the U.S. that support the Lizarazus and Providence is one of them. If each church raises \$1,000 they would have enough funds for the car. Please keep them in your prayers, and if you like to donate to their car fund, please put "Lizarazu Car Fund" in the memo line of your check.

Update from the Luptons

Area Retreat Update - Thanks to all who prayed specifically for the MTW Latin America and Africa retreat in October. Although we faced more logistical challenges than usual, God worked in beautiful ways to refresh, connect, and grow missionary families. We saw more fruit at this retreat than we have in any of the previous ones that we've been a part of as we saw God provide healing for the emotionally downtrodden, belonging for the uprooted, grace for the shamed, comfort for the victim, and grace-filled instruction for all of us. Our missionary families, especially the children, need our prayers continually.

United Church of Bogotá - God has been at work here in Bogotá as well. Thank you for praying for us as Andrew has taken on solo pastor responsibilities at UCB. Despite our inexperience and weakness, we have seen church attendance explode over the last few months. On October 26th we welcomed 18 new members and installed 2 new ruling elders. We're also seeing God knit our congregation together, forming a community that is growing together in grace and truth. Please keep Andrew and the church leadership in your prayers as they work together to guide the church.

UCB Children's Ministry - Last year about this time, we wrote about a new beginning for children's ministry at UCB – a ministry that had been dormant for a long time. We started out fall of 2013 with an attendance of 4 students. God has been pleased to grow this ministry by leaps and bounds over the past few months! We now have over 40 students on our roll, with 25-30 showing up every Sunday morning for elementary and preschool classes. Please pray for Laura Kate and the children's ministry team as they pour into these precious kids, and as they make plans for new classes and curriculum for next year to accommodate this rapid growth.

Christmas Cards - We would love to exchange Christmas cards with you! It's always hard to be far away from home at Christmas, but cards on our wall cheer us up immensely. You can send a card or letter to this address with no extra postage required:

Lupton Family, Col. 30001, Suite 106, P.O. Box 025720, Miami, FL 33102-5720

One caveat – import taxes make packages very costly to receive, so please send cards or letters only!



2015 Missions Budget

Ministry/Missionary	Annual Support	Christmas	Total Budget
Canton Community Kitchen	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
Claures/International Teams/	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$1,500.00
Gideons	\$300.00		\$300.00
Good Samaritan Clinic	\$1,200.00	\$100.00	\$1,300.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$600.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
Haywood Christian Emergency Shelter	\$600.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
Haywood Christian Ministries	\$1,200.00	\$100.00	\$1,300.00
Kirbys/Campus Crusade for Christ	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
Kriegs/The One-Eighty Teen Center	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
Lawrences/World Outreach	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
Lizarazus/Aliance Bible Church	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
Luptons/Mission to the World	\$300.00		\$300.00
Open Door	\$600.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
Other**	\$3,400.00		\$3,400.00
Polletts/World Outreach	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
Roes/Gemedot	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
Sinclairs/Mission to the World		\$300.00	\$300.00
Stewarts/World Outreach	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
Youth for Christ Haywood Co.	\$600.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
TOTALS	\$21,700.00	\$3,300.00	\$25,000.00

** Miscellaneous expenses and opportunities that arrise during the year.

Volunteers Needed

A new schedule is being made for Children's Church and volunteers are needed to fill the 2 month rotation. Just read a Bible story, help with activity pages and play with these little ones. You will be richly blessed. Please contact LuAnn Davis at 246-2210.

Volunteers are needed to help with the nursery, especially since I will be away from December 22 through April 10. Please contact me at 803-240-8447, or rspencer1000@gmail.com to learn more or to volunteer.

Rhonda Spencer



December Volunteers

Snacks

December 7	Glenda White
December 14	Laura Glad
December 21	Susan Kingshill
December 28	Bring your leftover Christmas goodies

Nursery

December 7	Rhonda Spencer Another volunteer
December 14	Paula Rhodarmer Rhonda Lear
December 21	Renee Mitchell Susan Kingshill
December 28	Wally Cook Gaby Lowell

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information October 31, 2014

Tithe/Offering collections	111,004
Miscellaneous income	1,138
Designated giving	<u>1,320</u>
Total Revenue	113,462
Expenditures	<u>(80,216)</u>
Revenue over expenditures	33,246
Prior year bills paid	(2,709)
Bill yet to be paid	1,353
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	31,890
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>237,538</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	\$ 269,428
Breakdown of Cash:	
Checking Account	62,234
Building Fund CD/Savings	<u>207,194</u>
Total	\$ 269,428






Children's Church

December 7	Luke Allsbrook
December 14	Rhonda Spencer
December 21	Barb Dresdow
December 28	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 Lear
Week 5	LuAnn Davis, Taylor & Kristin Cook

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lydia Lizarazu Sam Mitchell	2 Ring Salvation Army Bells 	3	4 6:45 am Men's prayer group	5	6 Pack boxes in Charlotte 
7 9:15 am Children's ornament making  10:45 am Holy Communion Women's retreat	8 Ruth Gray Glenda White	9	10	11 6:45 am Men's prayer group	12 Pack boxes in Charlotte 	13 Women's retreat
14 Thom Morgan <i>Michael & Eleonore Shelton</i>	15	16 Sara Cole	17 Joshua Cole	18 <i>Curt & Rita Sevig</i> 6:45 am Men's prayer group	19	20 Wally Cook Jonathan Locker <i>Dakota & Khristina Meissner</i>
21 4:00 pm, Installation of Pastor Brouwer 5:00 pm Dinner	22	23 Khris Locker	24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service	25 Christmas 	26 <i>Thom & Jacque Morgan</i>	27
28	29 Laura Glad <i>Joe & Shirley Morrow</i>	30	31			