

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

Thursdays

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

July 2013

Providence is a congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). The EPC was formed in 1982 and is heir to a vital and strong presbyterian tradition. Although the past thirty or forty years has shown the emergence of a congregational or independent trend among churches in the United States, belonging to a denomination is still important. First of all, we are connected to other EPC congregations around the country. We share a passion for the gospel, a presbyterian form of government, and a reformed theological perspective with 462 other churches. Secondly, this connection provides accountability for our congregation. As a church, we cannot just do what we want to do. As leaders, your elders cannot simply do what they want to do. We have a constitution to follow. We have standards that we must keep.

As a member of the EPC, we are part of a presbytery. The Presbytery of the Southeast includes 27 churches in Western North Carolina, East Tennessee, Georgia, and Eastern Kentucky. Our presbytery meets three times a year. Every summer, every congregation in the EPC is invited to the General Assembly (GA). This past June, I was privileged to represent you at GA at Cherry Hills Community Church in Highlands Ranch, CO (south of Denver). This was the largest GA ever with over 1000 in attendance. Our leadership sets forth four goals for every GA (in order of importance): that we worship together, that we fellowship together, that we are equipped for ministry together, and that we conduct the



From
the Pastors Desk

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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

Vacation Bible School

Providence will have a weekly Vacation Bible School on Wednesday July 24, July 31, and August 7 from 5:30 - 8:00 for children ages 3 to 11. VBS will kick off with a camping trip on Friday July 19 at Mile High Campground.

Friday July 19 - Camping at Mile High Campground in Cherokee, NC

Wednesday July 24 - HCA Senior Campus 5:30 - 8:00pm

Wednesday July 31 - HCA Senior Campus 5:30 - 8:00pm

Wednesday August 7 - The home of Thom and Jacque Morgan 5:30 - 8:00pm

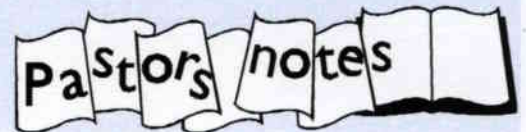
business of the church. We worshiped together every morning and evening. The fellowship with other pastors and ruling elders over meals and breaks was encouraging and uplifting. The first day was a seminar with pastors and authors Mark Mittelburg and Lee Strobel. We were encouraged to reach out in our communities to those who don't know Jesus. We were challenged to create a church culture where that is the norm. Finally, we had two days of business to attend to.

The EPC is still a small denomination, but is growing. We have 462 churches in our fellowship. This past year there was an increase of 104 new churches. In six years we have grown by 2.5. By and large these congregations are transfers from other denominations, especially the PC(USA). Thankful for our growth, our denominational leaders also desire transformational growth -- meaning that we grow by making new disciples of Jesus.

One of the focal points of this GA was missions. We commissioned 24 new missionaries (the most ever) who will be going to places like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Malaysia, and Siberia to spread the gospel. Highlights of the business meetings included approving an update to our Book of Order (our constitution), updating our position paper on abortion (to include items about stem cell research), and the potential issues with our medical insurance plan in light of Obamacare.

I left General Assembly thankful to be part of a denomination that desires to honor Jesus Christ, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ around the world, and can take strong stands on important issues facing our culture. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about GA. I will also give a brief report following worship on July 7.

Josh



Providence Happenings



Art Group

ArtGroup is recessed for the summer, and will resume meeting again in September in the fellowship hall of Providence Church. To receive a monthly e-vite with information about the upcoming presenter, visit lukeallsbrook.com and follow the link to ArtGroup.

Thank you

To my Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus!

Thank you all for your concern, prayers, cards, food, phone calls and visits before and after my hip replacements. I appreciate all of it and I am recovering at high speed. I love you all and you are in my prayers. My Lord Jesus has been on my side, He is true to His promises: He will never, never ever leave you or forsake you. Trust Him always! Thank you Jesus! I love you with all that I am!!!

Thank you for showing Christ's Love.

Eleonore Shelton

Sermon Series

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| July 7 | "Controversy" | Mark 2:13-22 |
| July 14 | "Lord of the Sabbath" | Mark 2:23-3:6 |
| July 21 | "Responding to Jesus" | Mark 3:7-19 |
| July 28 | "New Family" | Mark 3:20-35 |



Mission News



Area Retreat

Thank you for praying for us and for the missionaries in Europe during their area retreat in April! We had a wonderful time getting to



know the 20 tweens in our group. As we played crazy games, sang together, heard from God's word, and shared struggles and joys with each other, we saw God at work in the hearts of his children!

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Suba Music School

Laura Kate has begun to help with music classes at a Christian children's foundation in Suba, a very poor neighborhood here in Bogotá. It has been such a blessing to be able to use her gifts and get to know these precious children.



United Church Youth & Music

Over the last 4 months we have enjoyed getting to know folks at United Church of Bogotá - the church we serve, and to our knowledge the only English-speaking church in the city. It is a place of huge potential impact, with dozens of countries represented in the congregation and new faces nearly every week. We have been helping to lead the worship team, and laying the foundation for a youth ministry program. Andrew has even been able to preach a few times. As for young folks, so far we've had several meetings with English-speaking students, and hope to be able to launch a regular youth meeting in the fall.



Fox Focus

Aside from missing his grandparents, our little amigo is adjusting very well to life here in Colombia. Our bilingual baby/toddler is going to think his name is "mono hermoso" (beautiful monkey) ... a.k.a. cute little blond haired, blue-eyed baby. Fox continues to bring us great joy and make us all many friends in the neighborhood. He helped me pray the other night, "Jesus, Dod (God), Amen." Heart-melting.



Prayer Requests

- That we continue to progress as we learn Spanish
- For us as we host an MK for a 2-week mission trip in late July
- For wisdom and open doors as we plan to launch various youth ministries this fall
- The GYFM interns serving in Progreso, Mexico
- Our health, and the health of our team (especially with a new outbreak of H1N1 down here)
- Fruitful time with our GYFM team in the States in July, and all the travel involved
- Growing devotion in our hearts to Christ and his church

Thank You!

Without your prayers and support, we would not have the opportunity to serve here in Colombia. We are so grateful for each of you! Thank you for your partnership with us in the gospel.

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. Food is picked up monthly by Haywood Christian Ministries.

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

May 31, 2013

Revenue

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| Tithe/Offering collections | 57,886 |
| Miscellaneous income | 836 |
| Designated giving | <u>1,787</u> |
| Total Revenue | 60,509 |

Expenditures

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| Revenue over expenditures | (10,284) |
| Prior year bills paid | (32) |
| Bill yet to be paid | 3,368 |
| Accounts receivable/Prepaid | <u>0</u> |

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| Increase in Cash | (6,948) |
| Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year | <u>217,210</u> |
| Cash-in-Bank End of month | 210,262 |

Breakdown of Cash:

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| Checking Account | 22,830 |
| Building Fund CD | <u>187,432</u> |
| Total | 210,262 |

July Volunteers

Snacks

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| July 7 | Mike & Eleonore Shelton |
| July 14 | Sara & Abby Cole |
| July 21 | Renee Mitchell |
| July 28 | Glenda White |

Nursery

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| July 7 | Susan Kingshill Renee Mitchell |
| July 14 | Pat Inglis Phil Inglis |
| July 21 | Wally Cook Gaby Lowell |
| July 28 | Sara Cole Rhonda Spencer |



Children's Church

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| July 7 | Paula Rhodarmer |
| July 14 | Heidi Davis |
| July 21 | LuAnn Davis |
| July 28 | Glenda White |

Set Up/Usher Teams

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| 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 |

July 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 Dean & Eileen Bartlett | 4 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Independence Day  | 5 Matt Davis | 6 |
| 7  10:45 AM Holy Communion | 8 | 9 Phil Inglis Garrett Walston | 10 4:00 PM Serving at Canton Community Kitchen | 11 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Jerry Allsbrook | 12 Earnest Faulkner | 13 |
| 14 Chris & Rebecca Locker | 15 | 16 | 17 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door Alex McKay | 18 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Joshua & Sara Cole | 19 Torpy Skinner VBS - Mile High Campground | 20 |
| 21 Bill White | 22 Lute & Renee Allsbrook | 23 | 24 5:30 PM VBS - Providence | 25 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Matt & Lisa Kirby | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Barb Dresdow | 31 5:30 PM VBS - Providence | | | |