

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation*

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



## March 2014

*Set clocks ahead 1 hour  
at 2 am on March 9th*

### General Assembly News

The 34th General Assembly takes place at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. It begins on Tuesday, June 17 with a Chaplains Workshop, a mini-workshop on "Healthy Habits for a Sustainable Life and Ministry" a World Outreach Meet and Greet, and a World Outreach dinner and program. The Assembly Workshop on Wednesday, June 18 will be led by Bob Roberts (pastor of NorthWood Church in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area) on the topic of "Transformation." We look forward to hearing from Tim Keller at the Wednesday evening worship service hosted by Cedar Springs. Business sessions begin on Thursday morning June 19 and conclude around noon on Saturday, June 21.

February is the time to start planning who will be coming. Taking the following steps will help Cedar Springs and the General Assembly staff prepare for your arrival.

**February: Election of Commissioners.** Report elected Commissioners by using the Commissioner Certification Form available on the 2014 General Assembly web page.

**April: Registration.** At the beginning of April, online registration will be available from the 2014 General Assembly web page.

**May: Memorials:** The Committee on Memorials and Appreciation welcomes the responsibility of compiling and then remembering and honoring those Ruling Elders and Ministers who have died since the previous Assembly year (June – June). A form and instructions is available on the 2014 General Assembly web page.

Hotel and ground transportation information will be posted and updated on the 2014 General Assembly web page. Please ensure that registration for certified commissioners is completed by May 31, on June 1, all registration costs increase significantly.

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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



# Providence Happenings



## JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE COOKS

*Kristin and Taylor*

*Saturday March 22, 2014 6:00p.m.*

*Providence Church*

*1400 Old Clyde Road*

*Clyde, NC*

*Come celebrate the newlyweds at our reception and shower*

*RSVP by March 8, 2014*



*We at Providence Church invite you to a reception and shower for the soon to be Mr. Taylor Cook and Mrs. Kristin Cook, who will wed on March 1, 2014 in Sunset Beach, NC. So that their Western Carolina Mountain friends and family can enjoy the event more fully, we are hosting a reception dinner and shower. We hope the wedding party will be in full wedding attire so please dress as you would for a wedding or church service.*

*Since we will be serving dinner and dessert the courtesy of a reply is requested by March 8, 2014.*

*The couple is registered at: Walmart, Target, Belk and Amazon.com*

To Providence Church,

*Thank you*

*We would like to express our thanks to the church family for a wonderful baby shower. We really appreciate the gifts we received, and the hard work that was put into the shower. It's hard to believe that in only two months, we will be able to welcome Katelynn into this world. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.*

*God Bless,*

*Dakota & Khristina Meissner*







## Mission News



### Update from the Luptons

#### With Every Season...

In the fifties the late Pete Seeger and his oh-so-catchy Byrds wrote, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". It turns out he was ripping off the writer of Ecclesiastes, but lately we've had Seeger's Byrds echoing in our ears as we enter a new year full of changes.



#### Baby Lupton On the Way

One change coming up fast on the horizon is the birth of our little girl. Laura Kate had a doctor appointment today and was told that the doctor will be inducing labor tomorrow! We are more than a little excited to meet our new little one, and covet your prayers for a safe labor and delivery.

#### Changes in Ministry

This week we said goodbye for now to Asia Morris, our wonderful intern of the last 5 months. Her hard work has been an invaluable asset to the ministry, and we already miss her dear friendship! She will continue to work with GYFM from the States, especially helping us with administrative tasks and planning for an upcoming missionary retreat in April.

Speaking of missionary retreats, the new year will see us focus more on the international and missionary care aspects of our job description. We'll be planning and implementing the youth and tween programs for two MTW Area Retreats, as well as connecting with and supporting missionary families around Latin America.

#### Youth Ministry in Bogotá

God continues to bless and grow student ministry here. We've been studying Galatians with a core group of students every Friday night, and what a privilege it has been to watch them form close friendships with one another and grow in their understanding of salvation by grace. We also have a great time goofing off... some of our students are to thank for Andrew's lovely crumb-catcher. Fox had to join in.



Huge thanks to all of you who sent us Christmas cards! It was so encouraging to open your cards, read your kind words, and see pictures of your beautiful families. Due to how the postal system works (or doesn't) here, we were able to prolong our Christmas celebration by receiving cards throughout January as well. We even got one today. We'll be praying for you and thanking God for your love and support when we see your faces on our fridge throughout the year.

#### Prayer Requests:

- For Asia as she readjusts to U.S. culture
- For a safe and healthy delivery of baby Lupton, and for grace in the challenges of life with a newborn and toddler
- For our students to continue to grow in grace, and for the salvation of those who don't know Christ
- For God's guidance as we begin a new phase of ministry

## Shawn Stewart Update

Excerpts from February 12 email

For those of you stuck in the Snow storm.. something to read and warm you up! Right now I have just left Arizona where it was 78 degrees. Though I am in Denver now on my way to Pittsburgh. Brrrrrrrrrr!



### Praise

We have begun the new year, seeing God answer so many prayers!

- God provided through so many of you all for our support needs for our first year! YAHOO!
- Jillian has begun college down in Dallas... though her Mom & Dad are really sad!
- Recruitment is going quite well for this year. I believe we will have over 20 new missionaries coming on board at this years General Assembly.
- Plans for an equipping missionaries for ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit are a go. This will be in Black Mountain in June and hosted by PRMI, Christ Community Church and iSight Church. A vital training opportunity for all out going missionaries.
- Plans for our first ever World Outreach envision treks are underway and I ACTUALLY might have people going on these. (It has been really difficult communicating with those who might go!)

**Thank you so much!** I surely could not... nor would not be serving as a missionary with World Outreach with out you all praying for us and giving towards my support needs. The call is still emerging and I have grasped, that there is more than I can do, yet I am so motivated to serve FAITHFULLY on all of your behalf for your giving and praying... truly! Thanks!

### PRAYER NEEDS

- To find missionaries to serve in Sumatra.
- People for our short term enVision treks this summer.
- Travel plans: Flying to Pittsburgh Thursday, then to Atlanta on way to Rome GA on Saturday. Mississippi next week. Livonia in first part of March & a trip to the mid west in middle of March.
- Lisa's work at Hospital. She has had some real tough days with her babies.
- Jillian's safety in Dallas as she travels by bus and lite rail to and from school... oh, and her studies too.
- Continued ability to glorify God in our everyday walk.
- For God's Favor on each and every one of you and all our churches!



### Missionaries in Auto Accident

One of our missionaries, RIVER CLAIRE, and his daughter MIAH were in a bad car wreck. His wife said that the wreck occurred when a police woman t-boned them at an intersection. MIAH had face wounds and a saw a surgeon who worked on her face wounds. MIAH says her face will be okay but it hurts. RIVER has dislocated his shoulder. The car is a total loss, and their fear is that the police will not find the police woman a method.





## **The Roes - Technology Missionaries**

Lately, I have had the chance to walk in the footsteps of both Jesus and Paul. I was recently in Jerusalem where I got to walk where Jesus walked. In January, I was in Athens and got to stand on Mar Hills where Paul spoke to the Athenians in Acts 17. Both of them taught radically different ideas to what the culture in those areas were teaching.



Krista, Alex & Courtney in Jerusalem

Our message here in Europe hasn't changed: to speak about a love so great and powerful from God that comes through His Son, Jesus Christ. Of course this idea continues to be a radically different idea to the cultures we work in. That's why we're always looking for creative ways of expressing the message using today's in-roads into the culture: that in-road is TECHNOLOGY.

### **ICCM-Europe 2014 was the biggest ever!**

At the beginning of February, Courtney co-chaired the ICCM-Europe Conference. This conference combines mission work with computers. We had our biggest attendance yet with over 75 people from 32 organizations and 4 continents attend. Our ministry, eDOT was the co-host for this year's event in Mosbach, Germany. Courtney also led a workshop on mobile app development.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Praise that Alex has befriended a new boy named Bo in his class. Bo lives in Switzerland but goes to Alex's school. He will come "hang out" every Tuesday between school and Youth Group. Alex is doing great in school and is now "taller" than Krista (with the right shoes)
- Please pray as we face some significant challenges with our tax situation here in Germany. [Note: we'll be sending out a separate email soon with details]
- Please pray for an upcoming trip to a "M" country where Courtney will be teaching about security & doing some practical security work with nationals who are doing Internet Evangelism.
- Krista is taking a weekly German class and is really feeling her vocabulary and confidence grow even more.
- We have some new multi-year initiatives to resource those who are focused on developing leaders in 2, 3, and 4th generation outreach and evangelism groups. What does that mean? Imagine a Missionary or Christian National forms a group to investigate the claims of the gospel. A person or people out of that group believe and go and start their own group. A person or people out of that group believe and form yet another group. We want to ensure that the ensuing generations of leaders are getting solid resources to continue this multiplication method.

Check out our website (which is Courtney's blog) at <http://RoesGarden.com>

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

### 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 the Session know. Remember, such help is confidential.

### Providence Church Summarized Financial Information January 31, 2014

#### Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	9,600
Miscellaneous income	336
Designated giving	<u>100</u>

Total Revenue **10,036**

#### Expenditures (10,896)

Revenue over expenditures	(860)
Prior year bills paid	(2,709)
Bill yet to be paid	2,473
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>

Increase in Cash (1,096)

Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year 237,538

Cash-in-Bank End of month **236,442**

#### Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	38,730
Building Fund CD	<u>197,712</u>
Total	<b>236,442</b>

### March Volunteers

#### Snacks

March 2	Laura Glad & Rita Sevig
March 9	Becky Locker
March 16	Renee Allsbrook & Liz Alley
March 23	Pat Inglis & Rhonda Spencer
March 30	Toni Cook & Glenda White

#### Nursery

March 2	Wally Cook Gaby Lowell
March 9	Paula Rhodarmer Becky Locker
March 16	Rhonda Lear Heidi Davis
March 23	Susan Kingshill Renee Mitchell
March 30	Rhonda Spencer Wally Cook/Gaby Lowell




#### Children's Church

March 2	Paula Rhodarmer
March 9	Heidi Davis
March 16	LuAnn Davis
March 23	Glenda White
March 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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2  10:45 AM Holy Communion Bill & Jan Sterrett Jan Sterrett	3 Alan Bush	4	5	6 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Abigail Cole Lacey Sterrett	7	8
9  Daylight Saving begins	10	11 Penelope Godfrey Bruce Kingshill	12	13 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	14	15
16	17	18	19 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	20 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	21 Jason Davis	22 6:00 PM Taylor & Kristin reception 
23	24	25 Talya Smith	26	27 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	28 Carole Douglas-Spink	29 Jeanette Price
30	31 Jason Godfrey					