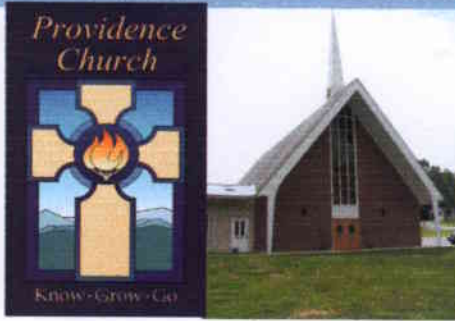


# THE PROVIDENCE POST

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*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

## *May 2014*

### **The Search Process Part 4**

The Search Committee has been busy receiving and reviewing Pastor Information Forms (PIFs), at the rate of several per week. Sermons are requested and listened to for those who seem promising. Let's continue last months discussion of a Christ Centered World View as the Search Committee continues its work.

What does a Christ Centered World View where Faith is integrated into all areas of ones life look like? Let's take a look at a small mountainous village in France during World War II - Le Chambon.

Le Chambon is in an area of France called the Vivarais Plateau—a remote and mountainous region near the Italian and Swiss borders. For many centuries, the area has been home to dissident Protestant groups, principally the Huguenots, and during the Nazi occupation of France, Le Chambon became a very open and central pocket of resistance.

The local Huguenot pastor was a man named André Trocmé. On the Sunday after France fell to the Germans, Trocmé preached a sermon in which he said that if the Germans made the townsfolk of Le Chambon do anything they considered contrary to the Gospel, the town wasn't going to go along. So the schoolchildren of Le Chambon refused to give the fascist salute each morning, as the new government had decreed they must. The occupation rulers required teachers to sign an oath of loyalty to the state, but Trocmé ran the school in Le Chambon and instructed his staff not to do it.

Before long, Jewish refugees—on the run from the Nazis—heard of Le Chambon and began to show up looking for help. Trocmé and the townsfolk took them in, fed them, hid them and spirited them across borders—in open defiance of Nazi law. Once, when a high government official came to town, a group of students actually presented him with a letter that stated plainly and honestly the town's opposition to the anti-Jewish policies of the occupation.

“We feel obliged to tell you that there are among us a certain number of Jews,” the letter stated. “But, we make no distinction between Jews and non-Jews. It is contrary to the Gospel teaching. If our comrades, whose only fault is to be born in another religion, received the order to let themselves be

## Providence Church Divisions

### 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

## Sunday Morning Prayer

The session would like us to gather regularly to pray for God's guidance and wisdom as we venture into His call for us as a church. Specifically, we would like to pray for:

- 1) Providence church
- 2) Search committee
- 3) Call of new pastor
- 4) Call of interim pastor
- 5) Session
- 6) Pastor Josh, Sara, & the kids

When: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Media center back by the Sunday school rooms

We would like this to be ongoing. As Alan Wildsmith from Presbytery charged us: "pray, pray, pray!" Let's do that as the body of Christ. Hope to see you Sunday.

Humbly seeking Him,

Your Session

deported or even examined, they would disobey the order received, and we would try to hide them as best we could."

### "Nobody Thought of That"

Where did the people of Le Chambon find the strength to defy the Nazis? They were armed with the weapons of the spirit. For over 100 years, in the 17th and 18th centuries, they had been ruthlessly persecuted by the state. Huguenot pastors had been hanged and tortured, their wives sent to prison and their children taken from them. They had learned how to hide in the forests and escape to Switzerland and conduct their services in secrecy. They had learned how to stick together.

They saw just about the worst kind of persecution that anyone can see. And what did they discover? That the strength granted to them by their faith in God gave them the power to stand up to the soldiers and guns and laws of the state. In one of the many books written about Le Chambon, there is an extraordinary line from André Trocmé's wife, Magda. When the first refugee appeared at her door, in the bleakest part of the war during the long winter of 1941, Magda Trocmé said it never occurred to her to say no: "I did not know that it would be dangerous. Nobody thought of that."

Nobody thought of that. It never occurred to her or anyone else in Le Chambon that they were at any disadvantage in a battle with the Nazi Army.

But here is the puzzle: The Huguenots of Le Chambon were not the only committed Christians in France in 1941. There were millions of committed believers in France in those years. They believed in God just as the people of Le Chambon did. So why did so few Christians follow the lead of the people in Le Chambon? The way that story is often told, the people of Le Chambon are made out to be heroic figures. But they were not heroic. They were simply people whose experience had taught them where true power lies.

The other Christians of France were not so fortunate. They made the mistake that so many of us make. They estimated the dangers of action by looking on outward appearances—when they needed to look on the heart. If they had, how many other French Jews might have been saved from the Holocaust?

Thanks For Listening, Thom

### *Pulpit Supply Information*

<i>May 4th</i>	-	<i>Brad Bradford</i>
<i>May 11th</i>	-	<i>Zach Washburn</i>
<i>May 18th</i>	-	<i>Adger McKay</i>
<i>May 25th</i>	-	<i>Wirt Skinner</i>

# Providence Happenings



Several people have asked for the following recipes for snacks made by Toni Cook:

## MEXICAN PARTY CHEESECAKE

### INGREDIENTS:

2 8 oz. packages cream cheese (can use low fat).	1 cup salsa, medium to hot
3 cups shredded Monterey Jack Cheese	4 eggs
2 8 oz. Carton sour cream (can use reduced fat)	1 4 oz. can diced green chilies

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine cream cheese and Monterey Jack cheese – beat until fluffy
2. Beat in one carton of sour cream
3. Add eggs all at once, beating on low until combined.
4. Stir in salsa and chilies.
5. Pour into 9" springform pan. Place on baking sheet and bake at 350 for 45 minutes or until center is almost set (mine took over an hour and I think could have cooked a little longer). Immediately upon removing it from the oven, spread the other container of sour cream on the top. Cool on wire rack. Cover and refrigerate from 3 to 24 hours.

### Topping:

1 6 oz. container frozen avocado dip, thawed, or make your own guacamole (I bought the fresh guacamole they make at Ingles on the weekends) If you have enough you can spread a layer on the top, or just dollop around the edge.

1 tomato diced, to sprinkle on the top

Garnish with cilantro leaves if desired.

NOTE: A couple of you mentioned that it would be good if it was a little spicier. Barb suggested adding a package of taco seasoning, which would probably work. I think perhaps using rotel or hotter salsa would be good. You don't want to overpower the basic cheesecake texture/flavor, but I agree a little more zip would be good.

## SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

### INGREDIENTS:

1 can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped	1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained (I like to use more)	2 cups grated Mozzarella or Monterey Jack cheese
8 oz. cream cheese	1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream	1 medium onion, chopped
	2-3 cloves garlic, minced

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish.
2. Saute onion & garlic in small amount of butter
3. In a large bowl, mix together cream cheese and sour cream.
4. Add artichoke hearts, spinach, mayonnaise, grated cheeses, onion & garlic. Transfer mixture to the prepared baking dish.
5. Bake in the center of the preheated oven until the cheese is melted, about 30 minutes.



## Mission News



### Welcome Evelyn Jude Lupton!

We were so thankful to welcome Evie Jude to our family on February 7th. She and Laura Kate had a relatively smooth time at the hospital while we were “unwrapping baby sister” as Fox liked to call it. This little chunky girl has captured our hearts and stolen our sleep (and some of Fox’s



Mom and Dad time) and we’ve never been more thankful. Thanks to all of you who prayed for us over the last 10 months. Please continue to pray for us as we adjust to the glorious juggling of a toddler and a newborn.

### “Missionary kids are among the most under-disciplined group of people in the church today”.

We paused as we heard these words come from the mouth of Ruth Van Reken during a recent meeting. Van Reken, considered by many to be the leading expert in the field of third culture research, is the co-author of the book, *Third Culture Kids*. She exhorted our GYFM team that the ministry of discipling missionary kids throughout the world is an enormous and vital undertaking for the health of the global church and church planting movements. Van Reken’s words couldn’t have come at a better moment for us as our family begins to look more and more at the regional ministry before us.

We alluded to this in our last newsletter, but 2014 will see our focus begin to shift from local ministry to regional ministry in the lives of missionary families in Latin America and the Caribbean, and in other parts of the world with our GYFM cohorts. We’ll continue to minister locally, serving students and families primarily through the United Church of Bogotá, but as soon as next month we will launch headfirst into Van Reken’s challenge ...and this is a challenge in which we need your help!

We would ask you to pray for our family, specifically:

- That we would have great wisdom as we strategize how to navigate the complexities of forming an “international youth group” of missionary kids
- That God would naturally connect us with families serving in Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, that we would connect well and that seeds would be sown for long-distance discipleship
- For the missionary kids, often isolated from other Christian peers, to gel with one another throughout the region and form meaningful, grace-filled friendships

- For our travels - occasionally we will travel as a family of four, which is a wonderfully stressful blessing
- For the students with whom we work both locally and internationally, to have hearts gripped powerfully by the gospel

## **Enterprise Area Retreat**

In less than three weeks our family will hop on a plane bound for the Enterprise Area Retreat in Europe. What is Enterprise, you ask? MTW has a large group of missionaries who seek to evangelize and disciple Muslims all over the world. Like other Area Retreats you've enabled us to work with, missionaries will gather in one place for a week of family time, rest, and spiritual renewal; and we have the privilege as a GYFM team of shepherding their children during these retreats. *Unlike other Area Retreats, the Enterprise retreat will be composed of missionaries who are not allowed to use their last names, reveal the specifics of their ministry, or disclose the location in which they minister for fear of deportation or persecution.*

Living in another culture that's not their own is already tough enough for the children in these families. So imagine the extra layers of complexity that these students deal with day-to-day as they live chameleon lives, never revealing fully who they are and why they live where they do. As a team we hope to give these kids an opportunity to open up, grieve and celebrate God's calling for their family, and share with and befriend like-minded MKs, all in the context of God's word preached and applied. What a cool job, right? Will you please pray for this extra-complex opportunity for our family during April 19th-29th? We have been asked by MTW to lead this portion of all future Area Retreats, so we'd also love your prayers as we plan and implement, and for the excellent team God has brought together for this retreat.



## **Update from the Far East**



### **God is Still Waiting**

***And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left--and much livestock?"***

*Jonah 4:11*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please forgive me if you have heard me share this verse too often, but it has really gotten into my heart. God shared with Jonah, and all of us, that He should pity the over 120,000 residents of

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Nineveh who did not know their right hand from their left. Doesn't it fall on us to ask our heavenly Father to pity all of the 400,000 plus people of our area who do not know their right hand from their left?

Too often we are like Jonah and I am reminded of a poem by Thomas Carlisle

Jonah stalked to his shaded seat  
and waited for God to come around to his way of thinking.  
And God is still waiting for a host of Jonahs  
to come around to his way of loving

**Our desire is to love the people around us the way Father does.** It has been good to share Father's love with several people. Our hearts break as we listen to them describe their beliefs. So far, everyone we have spoken with believes that they come from nothing and when they die they go to nothing. We have shared how Scripture teaches us that we are created by Father and called by Him to be a part of His family and that life does not end when our bodies die. Lift us up that Father would draw us toward people that He is drawing to Himself and that we would be very sensitive to His Spirit as we speak to people with boldness and love.

### **Financial Gifts Needed for Art Supplies for Camps**

This summer we are expecting to help teach and do art projects at 6 summer camps. The art supplies cost us about \$50 per camp. This is not included in our regular support so we have been using our personal funds to buy the supplies. Please pray about giving a gift of any amount to support the art projects. The campers have responded to these projects beyond our expectations. They are also able to take home a visual reminder of what we have studied all week.

#### **Please be in prayer with us for:**

- *God to help us learn to speak the language.*
- *Partners who would be willing to pray for us.*
- *God to direct us to the churches and individuals who would be willing to support us as their missionaries. We are currently \$200/month short of being 100% supported.*

*In Him,*

*George and Cynthia*

### **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. Items especially needed are sugar, corn meal, and flour (all 2 pound bags) as well as canned meat. Another item in demand is any size of children's underwear.



**Above:** Our Vision Night where 95 students are commissioned to pray for and invest in the next generation of students.



**Left:** MSU Cru students sharing Christ in Salt Lake City on the college campuses and serving the local community.



**Left:** MSU Bobcats serving the local Cru movement and the homeless of Portland, OR.

### Spring Break...why go for yourself, when you can go serve others?

Most college students think of all the fun they could have on warm, sunny beaches over spring break. Most college students are looking for an escape from all the academics and the stress of college life...but not these Bobcats. **Sixty-three MSU Cru students chose to invest their spring break into sharing the gospel and serving the marginalized in Portland, OR and Salt Lake City, UT.** As these two spring break trips were sent out, they met up with the local Cru staff in the respective cities and joined with them in giving lift to their local movements through sharing the gospel on their college campuses and serving the homeless. As these students went to serve, they come back with incredible memories and have tons of fun. It is incredible for us to sit back and see God move in the hearts of college students. We are reminded of our mission statement with the campus ministry: **“Turning lost students into Christ-centered laborers.”** What joy it is to be part of a movement where God is calling people to Himself, and then calling His people to go serve and love others.

As this year is coming to a close, we are continuing to thank God for all that He has done this year. Just this last Friday evening, we gathered 95 student leaders together for a dinner to celebrate all that God has done this year, as well as look forward to and pray for the future of this movement. As Matt shared at this dinner from II Corinthians 5:17-20 and I Peter 2:9-10 and Matthew 28:18-20, students have gotten excited for the future of the ministry here at MSU. We spent time remembering Christ calling us out of darkness, and into His marvelous light, as well as praying for next year’s freshmen class. **These student leaders are already praying for and excited to share Christ with the next generation of students.** Again, what a privilege it is to see God set hearts aflame for Himself and turn these students from a “consumer” mentality (how can Cru and God serve me?) to a “producer” mentality (how can I serve the Lord and serve others through Cru?). It is something only the Lord can do, and He has been faithfully doing it here at MSU. Thank you for partnering with us through prayer and financial support to continue making this vision a reality at MSU and beyond!



## Prayer

- *Please praise God for the Spring Break trips. The Portland team got to see 3 students indicate decisions for Christ. The Salt Lake City team saw an MSU student who went on the trip trust Christ, and 3 SLC girls indicate decisions for Christ. He is mighty to save!*
- *Please pray that the Lord would strengthen our movement to finish the semester strong. We don't want to coast, but want to push hard to the end and continue sharing the Gospel and preparing students well for the summer.*
- *Please pray for these 95 student leaders who want to invest in the next generation of students. Please pray for their protection, as well as a strengthening and growing in the Lord this summer.*

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If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

### 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.

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

#### Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	34,981
Miscellaneous income	526
Designated giving	<u>247</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>37,754</b>

#### **Expenditures** (25,251)

Revenue over expenditures	10,503
Prior year bills paid	(2,709)
Bill yet to be paid	2,506
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>0</u>

Increase in Cash	10,300
Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year	<u>237,538</u>
<b>Cash-in-Bank End of month</b>	<b>247,838</b>

#### Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	47,939
Building Fund CD	<u>199,899</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>247,838</b>

### May Volunteers

#### Snacks

May 4	L. Glad, J. Allsbrook, L. Davis, P. Inglis
May 11	S. Kingshill, TJ, L. Roberts, J. Morgan
May 18	G. Lowell, C. Douglas-Spink, E. Shelton, R. Allsbrook
May 25	D. Bush, R. Spencer, L. Alley, T. Cook

#### Nursery

May 4	Paula Rhodarmer Rhonda Lear
May 11	Heidi Davis Rhonda Spencer
May 18	Renee Mitchell Susan Kingshill
May 25	Wally Cook Gaby Lowell

### Children's Church

May 4	Paula Rhodarmer
May 11	Heidi Davis
May 18	LuAnn Davis
May 25	Glenda White

### 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



# May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10:45 AM Holy Communion	<b>5</b> 4:30 PM Revelation Paula Rhodamer	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Allison June Kirby	<b>8</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 12:15 PM Web site meeting Mother's Day	<b>12</b> 4:30 PM Revelation	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Glenn Glad	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Chuck Torpy
<b>18</b> Pat Inglis	<b>19</b> 4:30 PM Revelation	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	<b>22</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Tyler Davis Christina Meissner	<b>23</b> Steve White	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 4:30 PM Revelation Makayla Lawrence Memorial Day (Observed)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Charlotte Allsbrook	<b>29</b> 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>