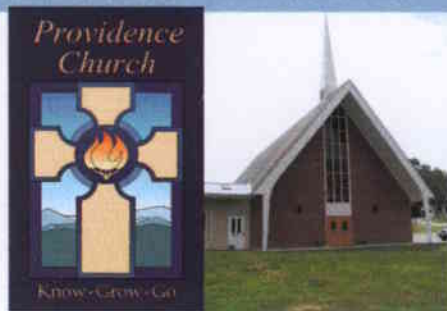


THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation

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



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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

June 2014

Search Committee Part 5

Your Search Committee is now interviewing potential candidates that it feels most closely meets the needs of Providence Church. There are many good Pastors available and if a particular candidate is not chosen it simply means that another good candidate was determined to be a better fit for our needs.

I would like to take this opportunity to continue to reflect on the idea of The Church staying Relevant in a changing world.

Southern Baptist Pastors Hope to Revitalize Hundreds of Churches in Decline. About 800 to 1,000 Southern Baptist congregations cease to exist annually, largely due to a stagnant vision among the leadership and lack of impact within their communities, says a church planting director. However, church leaders say the closures are often the symptom of a greater problem.

"Churches are closing in large part because they have either become disconnected from culture and, or disconnected from Scripture. When this happens, life leaves the church," Joshua Hedger, director of Center for Church Planting at Midwestern Seminary, told The Christian Post.

>> Hedger says they are not gaining enough new ground and will rely on church planters to create a movement that will hopefully put an end to dying congregations. The church revitalization process usually involves new leadership taking over a declining church, who then implements a strategy on how to grow the congregation again.

"In some churches, a simple change in leadership and culture takes place," Hedger said. "Some fully shut down and allow a new church to take over their facilities, assets, and people. Others find themselves anywhere between those two extremes."

Dr. Rodney Harrison, a former revitalization pastor says part of the process is also addressing issues that the former leadership of a church did not deal with, such as "problems caused by members who embodied the works of the flesh."

"In these restarts, church discipline has always been a part of the revitalization process. The goal of discipline is restoration, however, since the process is painful, most churches in need of revitalization have not addressed the issue of members behaving badly," Harrison said.

He added, "The revitalization leader will generally need to focus on

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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

congregational health before engaging a coordinated outreach effort. Otherwise, the evangelistic efforts are akin to inviting someone who is spiritually in need to a church that is spiritually ill."

John Mark Clifton, pastor of a revitalized church in Kansas City, Mo., told CP that during the restoration process, churches also need to be open to having a younger individual with a fresh perspective lead them.

"In order for this to happen we will have to find ways to equip, empower and coach pastors to go to these churches and likewise these churches will have to be willing to accept a young man who will come with ideas and concepts that are perhaps different than theirs," Clifton said.

In 2012, the Southern Baptist Convention – considered to be the largest Protestant denomination in the country – counted less than 16 million members. It was the fifth year the denomination experienced a large decrease among its members. However, even with membership numbers declining each year, some church leaders object to church revitalization, said Harrison.

"Although the material cost is often far less than planting a new church, the emotional and spiritual costs are high, for the aforementioned need for church discipline. For some, the threat of losing members to the rebirthed church is a concern. If a church has grown through transfer growth from the old church, it is understandable that members might return to their old church once health and vitality are restored," Harrison explained.

Clifton said the purpose of implementing a revitalization strategy is to give dying churches options that involve ministering to their communities and finding joy in serving once again.

"Each of these options will require the dying or declining church to change the way it sees itself and the way it conducts its ministry ... as we do this, we can witness a real change in the trend of dying and declining churches in North America," Clifton said.

"Disconnected from the Culture" in this sense would be when the Church becomes self focused and starts thinking of itself as "Us against Them". The Church in this instance would stop reaching out to the Culture with the answers to life's issues found in the scriptures. The Church is never expected to conform to the Culture but instead be Salt and Light to the Culture.

Sincerely
Thom



Pulpit Supply Information

<i>June 1</i>	<i>Edward Brouwer</i>
<i>June 8</i>	<i>Zack Washburn</i>
<i>June 15</i>	<i>Robert Hunt</i>
<i>June 22</i>	<i>Perry Hines</i>
<i>June 29</i>	<i>Brian Thomas</i>

Providence Happenings



General Assembly

will meet June 17-21, 2014 at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. Attending from Providence Church will be Pat and Phil Inglis, Jim Spencer, Sam and Renee Mitchell, and Linda Roberts.

Calling ALL Volunteers with a BIG Heart for Children!

We have been praying for more young families with small children to come to Providence Church. And God is delivering!

It is important to have volunteers in place each week to lead Children's Church. We currently have 2 vacant spots on our 2 month rotation. Please consider working with these little ones. You will be thoroughly blessed! Please contact LuAnn Davis @ 246-2248 if God is calling you for this ministry.



Coming Soon

Part Time Job Available

The Open Door will be hiring a person to take care of the cash register, stock shelves, etc. The job would probably involve about 25 hours per week. If anyone is interested, call Barb Dresdow or Alice at The Open Door.

Open Door Volunteers

More volunteers are needed for The Open Door. Providence works at The Open Door every third Wednesday at 11:15 am, when we only serve and clean up. We also work every fifth Thursday cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Cooks usually arrive at 9:30 am. The past few months we have been working very short-handed, which it makes it difficult to serve everyone and clean up in a timely manner. We really would appreciate more volunteers, even if they can't come every month. An extra pair of hands makes such a difference when serving approximately 80 people. For more information contact Rhonda Spencer at (828) 627-8373 or rspencer1000@gmail.com

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.



Mission News



Update from the Luptons

Thanks for your encouragement and for the way you all faithfully pray for us and support us. I've attached a few more items for prayer/praise and that picture you requested. God has given us such sweet and flexible kids.

Many blessings from down south,

Andrew



Fox and Evie Jude

- Rejoice with us over the excellent Enterprise Area Retreat that we were just a part of in Europe. Enterprise is made up of all of MTW's muslim-focused missionaries and we were invited to attend and minister to students 9-18 years-old. Aside from how smoothly the retreat went, we were encouraged to see much gospel-fruit in the lives of the students we ministered to. Please pray for these students as many of them live very isolated from other Christians, often "under cover" so as to not compromise their family's safety or presence in their various countries.
- Rejoice also over a recent trip to Progreso, Mexico that Andrew took to explore our GYFM Mentored Internship site. I will take two more of these trips over the next two months and would appreciate prayer for those, that they would be fruitful for me and those involved. Pray for Laura Kate and the kids as they remain in Bogotá for one of those trips. They will be in the States during the third one. You can pray for our national Partner (Pastor David Correa), one of our GYFM mentors who will be on-site (Andrew Baxely), and the four interns who head down in two weeks.
- As we spend more and more time with our students here in Bogotá, we are invited into the messiness of their stories. Please pray that God would give us great wisdom and sensitivity as we seek to shine gospel light into some of the dark and painful corners of their lives. We're privileged to be a part of these students' growth in grace, but we are very aware of the heaviness of this work.
- We have three seniors graduating from our youth group this month. Please pray for Austin, Andrew, and Zach. Austin heads to the States for college. Andrew heads to the States for short-term work at a Christian camp, but will return to Colombia for university (hopefully). Zach will stay in Bogotá and is trying to figure out what this new season of life will look like for him. All three profess to be Christians, but are about to encounter intense change and tests to their faith. Pray that they would be gripped by the gospel of grace throughout and that they would find a solid community of faith where they land.



From left, Laurie, Marie, and Celine snap a group-selfie while chatting at One-Eighty. In the right photo, a group of One-Eighty girls celebrated mentors Laurie Krieg and Sarah Chase's upcoming new additions to their families!

Keeping up with the Kriegs

FOR PRAYER

Praise God, Matt still has both parts of his job in the fall! We were worried because certain schools cannot legally hold our program for more than three years. Thankfully, God worked it out so that he will still have a full schedule (with full pay)!

Laurie had a bit of a scare on May 6—with stroke-like symptoms on her right side most likely due to a migraine. Thankfully she and baby are okay, but she will have to watch her stress levels. Thanks for your prayers!

Dedicated to helping at-risk youth make a 180-degree change toward thriving physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Learning the benefits of “a long obedience in the same direction”

by Laurie Krieg

I've known Celine for about six months. But before I got to know her well at all, I had heard her story. Her best friend, Marie, told me.

“Laurie,” Marie texted. You need to help Celine. She told me she is getting raped by her dad.”

Marie knew I was someone she could trust. She had shared her own story of abuse a year ago, and I immediately called Child Protective Services (CPS) for her. It helped. Her abusive dad was scared enough of going to jail to stop his habits.

“Please, help her,” Marie cried.

Although I have a lot of good to say about CPS, one thing they are adamant about is knowing all of the facts before they act on them. Even if I know something is happening, they need verification.

“Tell Celine to come to me,” I told Marie. “Tell her to tell me.” I needed her first-hand story.

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Our boys figure out ways to sneak in friendly ways to wrestle with each other (without getting in trouble). Sometimes, they are too cute not to photograph.



Although Matt thought it was a boy, he and Laurie are both thrilled to know they are having a girl in early September! (He said is also going gun shopping. LOL)

Want to donate?

Email Matt or Laurie at
matt@18olodi.org,
laurie@18olodi.org!

Thank you, everyone, for your support! We could not do this without you

The problem with at-risk, abused kids, however, is that their level of trust in adults is very minimal (if anything). So even though it seemed that Celine was undergoing severe abuse, she didn't trust me to talk about her pain.

Six months flew by, and I prayed for Celine, took her out to lunch with Marie, and talked endlessly about boys, music, and girl problems. Finally, two weeks ago, she decided I was trustworthy.

"Laurie," she texted (teenagers' primary form of communication). "You know how I have issues with my dad?" She was seemingly aware that Marie had told me about her home-life pain. "He is starting to break me down now... He knows [that] hurting my family...will kill me."

Celine could handle her own pain, but when her dad turned his focus to her 4th and 5th-grade brother and sister, she broke.

We made plans to talk face-to-face at the The One-Eighty, and so the very next day—with Marie by her side, encouraging her—Celine told me everything.

Celine told me that her 32-year-old father (separated but not divorced from Mom), had been molesting her every time she visited him for the last two years. It began when Celine was in 6th grade, and she was fearful for her little sister who will enter 6th grade this fall.

I called CPS, and they immediately talked with Celine's family. From what I understand, the police became involved, and Celine and her sister have a restraining order not to see their dad.

What was painful for all of us in this season became clear later: Had I not had a two-year relationship of trust built with Marie, had Marie not encouraged Celine to trust me, had I not been patient enough to talk about Justin Bieber with Celine for six months, a whole family might still be in danger.

This is not to point to me as the Savior of Celine. This is to point to the fact that, praise God, I actually see a spot of growth when it comes to my patience-quota. (Ask my husband. Patience is not my middle name—especially when it comes to waiting for my food!)

This whole process, however, reminds me of a quote said by Frederick Nietzsche: "The essential thing 'in heaven and earth' is that there should be a long obedience in the same direction; there thereby results, and has always resulted in the long run, something which has made life worth living."

Author Eugene Peterson later took that section about "a long obedience in the same direction" to describe discipleship. I cannot agree with the pair enough.

Many days at the teen center feel tedious. We play games, we goof around, we help with homework, and we teach verses. It feels small and pointless. Little do we realize, however, that it is in the mundane and same direction-ness that we build little disciples. We crack open a door of trust to a potential heart in pain.

Our work has value. Any of your work that benefits humans has value. Sometimes, it feels like we execute our tasks out of sheer obedience, but who can know how it will benefit the Kingdom—before we actually reach the Kingdom?

God bless you, and thank you immeasurably for your support.

Laurie (for Matt and Baby GIRL Krieg :))

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God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called

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 April 30, 2014

Revenue

Tithe/Offering collections	45,472
Miscellaneous income	536
Designated giving	<u>188</u>
Total Revenue	46,196

Expenditures

Revenue over expenditures	10,708
Prior year bills paid	(2,709)
Bill yet to be paid	1,752
Accounts receivable/Prepaid	<u>152</u>
Increase (decrease) in Cash	9,903
Cash-in-Bank Beginning of Year	<u>237,538</u>
Cash-in-Bank End of month	247,441

Breakdown of Cash:

Checking Account	46,383
Building Fund CD	<u>201,058</u>
Total	247,441

June Volunteers

Snacks

June 1	R. Sevig, G. White, K. Cook, J. Bryant
June 8	B. Dresdow, J. Ladner, B. Indgin
June 15	R. Lear, P. Rhodarmer, R. Mitchell, E. Bartlett
June 22	L. Glad, J. Allsbrook, L. Davis, P. Inglis
June 29	W. Cook leads men

Nursery

June 1	Open Rhonda Lear
June 8	Renee Mitchell Susan Kingshill
June 15	Open Rhonda Spencer
June 22	Wally Cook Gaby Lowell
June 29	Rhonda Spencer Jim Spencer

Children's Church

June 1	Luke Allsbrook
June 8	Rhonda Spencer
June 15	Barb Dresdow
June 22	Liz Alley
June 29	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

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  10:45 AM Holy Communion Glenn & Laura Glad	2	3	4 Boyd Allsbrook Jennifer & Owen Smith	5 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Wesley Roberts Garrett & Renee Walston	6 Wirt & Torpy Skinner	7
8	9	10	11 Bill & Jerry Allsbrook	12 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Bruce & Susan Kingshill	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door Susan Kingshill Rebecca Locker	19 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	20	21
22 Rodney Conard	23 Joshua Locker Steve & Buffy White	24	25 Bill Allsbrook	26 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	27	28 Holly Godfrey
29 Shirley Morrow	30 Gaby Lowell					