

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

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Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde*



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## **Directions to Providence 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 the right.

From Clyde: 19/23 to exit 105, right on Jones Cove Road, then as above.

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## **Worship and Church Activities**

### **Sunday**

9:45 am - Morning Worship

11:15 - Sunday School

### **Tuesday**

10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

12:00 Pastor's Bible study

### **Thursday**

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

## **August 2021**

The Tokyo 2020 Olympics are in full swing after a one-year delay due to the Pandemic. I've enjoyed watching highlights of several sports from diving to swimming to beach volleyball (go Brouwer on the Dutch men's team). As I have watched world-class athletes compete I have marvelled at their skill and determination. The combination of ability and perseverance, to attain such a high level of performance, is astounding. Have you ever thought "O that I could achieve something at such a level!?" I know I have. The Olympics are a modern revival of the ancient Greek games centered around Mount Olympus in Greece. The Greek culture valued the beauty and grace of the human body and the superior skills of strength, agility, competition and endurance. It was in this context that the Apostle Paul wrote (in Greek) to recent converts to Christ living throughout the ancient Roman world (which also admired Greek culture). He said "run your race" and in another place "I press on toward the goal to win the prize, of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". (Colossians 3). In 1 Corinthians 9:24 Paul explains that "everyone who competes in the games, trains with strict discipline...they do it for a crown that is perishable (a wreath!)...but we do it for a crown that is imperishable! Paul is encouraging every believer to discipline themselves with a singular devotion to Christ. He is saying that winning in Christ demands wholehearted dedication! Paul is encouraging us to present ourselves willingly to God, our whole selves (body, soul and mind), which is our spiritual service of worship (Romans 12). Most likely few of us will ever become famous for anything--but that's not really the goal is it? Rather God is calling us to be faithful. And in any case, our goal is not to draw attention to ourselves



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# Providence Happenings



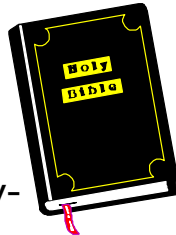
but rather to reflect to this world the fame of Christ. He is the Famous One! And in Him, The Faithful One, we are secure in the race as we keep our eyes on Jesus Christ, the Author and Perfector of our faith.

*Pastor Edward*

## Fall Bible Study

**starting Wednesday, September 8!**

This Bible study on the book of Philippians is for both men and women no matter where you are in your faith journey. Our desire for Providence is to have a line-by-line Scripture based study. While we have ordered some optional study guides for those who would like to have them, the study guide will not be the focus of this group. However the guide, Let's Study Philippians by Sinclair Ferguson, is written "to encourage ordinary Christians to read, understand and apply God's Word". Simple, yet profound!



**Details:** Our first meeting will be at the church and will start with a potluck supper at 5:30 pm, followed by the study at 6:30 pm. After that, our meetings will be weekly each Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us for this time of learning and fellowship, please let Glenda Brouwer know at

[glendajbrouwer@gmail.com](mailto:glendajbrouwer@gmail.com)

or 828-713-6115.

Childcare will be provided if needed.

## Open Door Soup Kitchen

This is an ongoing commitment of Providence Church to the least, the last, the lost and the lonely of our community. While Open Door is no longer able to serve meals, they are still preparing meals for distribution at another location. In 2020 they served 44,345 hot meals, 7,504 Overnight Bags for homeless, distributed 2,378 food boxes, and served 9,965 individuals. We are still volunteering to cook meals on the first Friday of each month. If you can serve in this way, please let Linda Wilson know at 901-230-7178. Thanks for your faithfulness. **Please join us this Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, to bless and be blessed.**

## Pastor's Circle

meets each Tuesday at noon in the fellowship hall, to discuss the previous week's sermon as well as the upcoming sermon. Bring your Bible and a bagged lunch if you would like.



## July Update from the McKays

Hello to All... (in an unseasonably cool, gray rainy context)

Just a reminder that He is still firmly seated on the throne... no matter the circumstances! We are about two weeks away from our planned visit to the U.S. and we are looking forward to getting to see some

of you soon. We do covet prayers that all antigen tests, flights, travel and such will be blessed with His favor.



It was yesterday that we sat together with some Afghan friends for tea, which, in and of itself, is really not unusual for us here... but what the woman said was noteworthy. After years of relationship and prayers, some out loud with them but most just before the King, she showed a key sign of openness. "People in the West (she meant Europe and America) have better hearts than M. people!" she stated matter of factly. She may have been surprised that I pushed back on that declaration, but I did. We were able to share that it is not a geographical or even religion problem, it is that all of our hearts are broken until God brings change... through Jesus. Please pray for A and for her husband A., who is a devout M. with a sadness (as he watches his country be destroyed by the Taliban et al.) and a gentleness in his eyes.

One of the best parts of our week is when we get to go to M. and M.'s (from Iran) to spend time with them. It is not only because of the severe cuteness of their 9-month-old daughter, but also because life is dealing them many challenges via paperwork, penalties for not having the exact papers that they are seeking, and so on. We are able to help them with the papers (that would be Sandra primarily!!) and the Lord has opened up his heart to want to study the book of John weekly... and whatever other passages the Holy Spirit brings up, His wife and her brother usually sit in the room with us and listen in on our discussions, although we are speaking more English and their German is better.

Sandra is also establishing a regular meeting with a couple of Syrian ladies to 'talk life' and help them learn more German.

Adger, Sandra, Sam and Ian McKay

### Prayer/Praise:

- We have been able to get a Farsi group together...
- We still may need a car for our trip to the U.S. (N.C., S.C. area)
- We are seeing some new fruit develop from long relationships here
- We do have a monthly shortfall of \$1,500

## Mission Committee Highlights

The Mission Committee met July 23 and took the following action:

Discussed previous financial support for Rachel and Julian Bacon, famine relief to Kumars (missionaries)

Discussed shoe boxes or equivalent to the After School Bible Clubs. Pastor Edward said that he would reach out to Charles and Barbara Baiera who oversee all the clubs for their input.

Financial report shows most budgeted funds have been dispersed. Yard Sale income and Memorium donations have a balance of \$5,719.63. From those funds it was agreed to support the Bacons at \$100/month for the remainder of the year, \$500 to Sinclair's relief efforts and \$500 to Lawrence's relief efforts. It is hoped that the Bacons can be added to the 2021 budget when it is established in January.

Pastor Edward asked if Dick from the Gideons could come for a Mission Moment on August 8th - all agreed. We will also provide a gift of \$100 on that day.

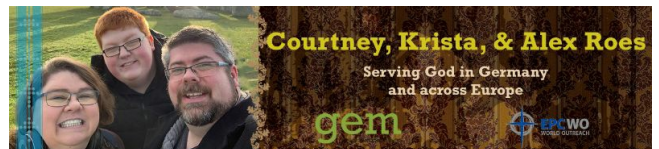
Open Door ministry was discussed and it was agreed that Providence has enough people who regularly help out to continue as usual. We appreciate Phil and Pat Inglis's leadership over the years and will miss them. Linda Wilson has volunteered to coordinate the meal planning with the Open Door.

**YARD SALE:** TJ Anthony has made a suggestion to have another yard sale in late September. She referred to it as a Fall Fun Day, suggesting that we grill hot dogs, etc. We are working with her to come up with a date.

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### Update from the Roes

As our mission continues to grow with more people, we realized that we already have 25 different nationalities in Greater Europe Mission. [Here](#) is a link to a video Courtney made to share with the mission the diversity already represented in our mission.



### Prayer Requests:

- We are so thankful for our time in the US. For the churches we were able to visit and the partners we spent time with. We experienced great generosity as a family in one of our supporting churches sacrificed and allowed us to borrow one of their cars for 6 weeks.
- We are also thankful that Alex had a great job experience at Walgreens. We continue to delight in how God continues to grow and stretch him. Pray for him as he goes back to Gardner Webb as a Junior studying Business Administration.
- Please pray that we will hear God well in where to spend our time and energy investments in this next year. Courtney has some critical work trips coming up but with Covid restrictions in different countries everything needs to be much more fluid in planning. Krista is deciding which Bible Studies to be a part of and what roles I should play as well as whom I shall mentor this season.
- Pray for additional leadership both in our local Community Bible Study class and at the National Level.



## What is missionary life like for our kids?

There's no doubt about it, it's been a hard 16 months serving as your missionaries to the nations and the next generation. While the U.S. is starting to look at the pandemic in the rearview mirror, Colombia's numbers have never been higher.

We've dealt with Covid in our home and on our team in the last month. Vaccines are being administered at a snail's pace. We're staring at the prospect of another 12 months of ministry with limited capacity and rebuilding all that we've labored to build for the last eight years. Honestly, it's daunting and discouraging. All the while, Colombia is in political upheaval with protests nearly every week. But in the midst of all this heaviness, God encouraged us recently.

One of our supporting churches in Cary, North Carolina featured our family and ministry during their annual VBS and asked us for a video documenting what life is like for our kids. What a lovely idea! The kids and I made this video for them and wanted to share it also with you. We were delighted to hear our kids reflect on their lives here in Colombia and Laura Kate and I were reminded that our most strategic investment as missionaries is actually in and through these three gifts from God. How beautiful.



Click [here](#) to see the video on YouTube

We echo their thanks to you for allowing us to serve God's mission on your behalf!

Gratefully,

*Andrew w/Laura Kate, Fox, Evie Jude, & Lucy*

## Want Ads

Items you wish to buy, sell, trade, or give away may be submitted to Bill White or Linda Wilson.

**Wanted:** Window unit or portable air conditioner for the upstairs nursery/playroom at Providence. Contact Glenda Brouwer 828-713-6115.

## Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

### Our Session

#### Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow

Phil Inglis

#### Class of 2022

Luke Allsbrook

Bruce Kingshill

#### Class of 2023

Jason Edwards - Building & Grounds

Will Roberts - Clerk

#### Elder Emeritus

Kent Roberts

**Music Director & Worship** - Renee Allsbrook

**Administrative Assistant** - Linda Wilson

**Nursery:** Mandy Mills

## August Volunteers

### Snacks

1 Aug	Sarah Altman
	LuAnn Davis
Aug 8	Barb Dresdow
	Renee Mitchell
15 Aug	Toni Cook
	Jennifer Alt
22 Aug	Paula Rhodarmer
	Glenda Brouwer
29 Aug	Renee Allsbrook
	Linda Wilson

### Sunday School/Nursery/ Children's Church

Aug 1	Renee Mitchell
Aug 8	Glenda Brouwer
Aug 15	Edward Brouwer
Aug 22	Christina Roberts
Aug 29	LuAnn Davis

### Counters

Aug 1	Luke Allsbrook
	LuAnn Davis
Aug 8	TBD
	Linda Wilson
Aug 15	Will Roberts
	Linda Wilson
Aug 22	Bob Dresdow
	Bruce Kingshill
Aug 29	Luke Allsbrook
	LuAnn Davis

### Open/Close/Usher

Aug 1	Luke Allsbrook
Aug 8	Bob Dresdow
Aug 15	Will Roberts
Aug 22	Bruce Kingshill
Aug 29	Luke Allsbrook

### Cleaning (week of)

Aug 2	Linda/TJ
Aug 8	Mitchells
Aug 15	Toni/Barb
Aug 22	Edward/Jason
Aug 29	Edward/Jeffery



## Providence Church

### Summarized Financial Information

**As of July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Tithes and Offerings	\$100,031.54
Expenditures	(89,410.39)
Collections over expenditures	10,621.15
Mission Income	6,367.28
Mission Expenditures	1,100.00
Checking account	23,186.69
Savings account	75,061
CD	12,000

# August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Phil & Pat Inglis	2 Benjamin Lizarazu	3 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Lance Lawrence	4	5 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	6  Cook at Open Door	7
8	9	10 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Lance Lawrence	11	12 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Linda Roberts	13	14
15	16	17 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	18	19 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	20 Robbie Hargrove	21 Bill & Glenda White
22 Ellie Lizarazu Samuel McKay	23 Bob & Barb Dresdow	24 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	25	26 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	27	28
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Anniversaries

Birthdays