

THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation
Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde*



September 2021

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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.

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



This is a picture of a home devastated by the recent flooding of the East Fork of the Pigeon River in Cruso.

Around 400-500 homes/ businesses were impacted by flooding in our area. We received 10-14" of rain total Tuesday, August 17: the water came up quickly after 2 hours of intense rain; also, a log jam created by the flooding broke, and then a wall of water came downstream. Where we worked, the owners had 11-15 minutes from the time they saw the water rising and the time it entered the houses. I and a friend named Peter volunteered with Samaritan's Purse (SP). I was so impressed with the incredible work of Samaritan's Purse and how well organized and professional they were. (Our Mission's team has approved a \$1000 for disaster relief and we'll give this to SP and Community Kitchen Canton). Much attention was given to safety considerations. Around 30 people served that day as we gathered at Woodland Baptist Church (SP disaster relief center). There were multiple other groups serving; two on the street we worked on. We worked on a home owned by a Pisgah grad named Nathan. It involved pulling up floors, removing soaked insulation, cutting out drywall to 8'; pulling nails, removing mud (2-6" deep) in homes. Nathan and his wife gathered with us for a moment and received a Bible (signed by the volunteers). With great appreciation, Nathan's wife said she had prayed that very morning for a Bible--since hers was washed away with all her other earthly possessions. I had an

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Providence Happenings

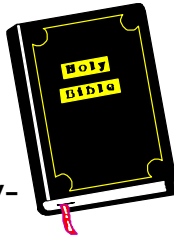


opportunity to pray along with SP Chaplains and workers. Lots of gratitude was expressed and tears were shed. I saw people searching for their belongings across a cornfield after their house came off its foundation and washed downstream. In the midst of such sadness, we pray and work and praise God who is working everything in our lives for our ultimate good and for His ultimate glory. *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

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. 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, September 3rd 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.



Mission News



Update from Steve Woodworth with ITEN

A Full Summer

We traveled West to visit our oldest son, Luke, who is stationed on Coronado Island while he attempts to become one of the select few who become Navy Special Warfare. It had been 6-months since we last saw him, and it was a wonderful reunion for my wife and I, as well as his two brothers. The rest of our summer has been spent in planning meetings with ITEN leaders, zoom calls with national partners, attending our annual General Assembly in Memphis and serving as an interim pastor at our church in Georgia. And while we all experienced the first glimmers of life beyond COVID, recent weeks have raised new questions about traveling in 2021. Read more to hear about our summer activities and plans for Fall 2021.



Albania

In the middle of May, I had the opportunity to teach an online course at ISTL to over 40 Albanian students on the Four Gospels. Our course covered not only the content and context of each book, but also plenty of application to their current ministries and implications for the larger body of Christ as we discussed the ways in which the life, ministry death, and resurrection of Jesus changes everything. We continue to remain optimistic about our next in-country trip scheduled for 2021-2022 when I will be able to introduce new EPC partners to ISTL in person.

Over the summer I wrote an article that was recently published in Christ and Pop Culture on the notion of biblical hope found in the movie "Love and Monsters." Click [HERE](#) to read it. I wrote an additional article for an academic journal, but this one is more fun to read (and write).

Vietnam

Heading into October, Ed McCallum and I are planning to conduct our next training session for ministry leaders in Hanoi, Vietnam. While we wait to see if the current rise in COVID cases might prevent our physical presence in the city, our alternative plans for online training are moving forward. In the next session, I'll be teaching a course on Pastoral Ministry & Leadership.

Prayer Requests


Continued physical, spiritual and emotional health for our 3 sons.

Our next training session in Vietnam in October.

Ongoing planning for our site in Sierra Leone & West Africa

Healing of our country and world from the Delta variant

Our partners in Myanmar facing the potential of another civil war



AUGUST 2021

THE BACONS IN BRUSSELS

SUMMER TRANSITIONS

OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

The Bacons are T-minus 10 days from our departure date for Brussels! We have been looking ahead to this day for so long, and yet it is hard to believe that it has (almost) finally arrived. As we anticipate August 14th, we wanted to give you all an update from these past three months and let you know how you can be praying for us in the days ahead.

The month of May and into early June saw us selling most of our possessions, moving out of our home and saying goodbye to our friends and jobs in Charlotte, North Carolina. After leaving Charlotte, we moved to the Nashville, Tennessee area for the summer in order to join LifePoint Church, out of which LifePoint Brussels, the church where Julian will be on staff, was planted. In our two months in Tennessee, we have agreed that it feels as though we have been here at least twice that time (in the best way possible)! Julian dove in head first here as his work at the church started and has loved becoming part of the staff team. He has had several opportunities to preach (here's one of them, starting at the 22:10 mark: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?V=JxT13ADuGy4>), and we have had other opportunities to serve, including as counselors at LifePoint's yearly student camp, which was certainly a highlight of our time here. It is a privilege to take part in and speak into the lives of young students and see firsthand how the Lord is leading this growing generation. The connections and friendships we have made in these two months are a distinct treasure to us, and the Lord has shown us many kindnesses through them.



PHOTO: CRYSTAL K. MARTEL

On my part (Rachel), I have dedicated my summer largely to support raising, French study, and preparations for my work with Community Bible Study International (CBSI). I am delighted to say that as of now, *I have now reached 80%* of my annual support goal! If you would like to help me reach 100%, please go to the link to the right. This journey has been a deeply humbling one as we are called to deepen our dependence on the Lord through trusting his providence and provision in this particular way. You, brothers and sisters, have been immensely generous in ways that have left me speechless at times. We are deeply thankful for your commitment to supporting and praying for this work. To God be the glory!



ABOVE: JULIAN & OTHER STUDENT LEADERS SPEAKING ABOUT THE LORD'S WORK AT LIFEPOINT STUDENT CAMP

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move (and beyond), we ask that you pray for us in a few particular ways:

- Trust and patience as we adjust to our new lives in Brussels
- A smooth legal process for establishing Rachel's residency
- A healthy birth for both baby girl and mom in early October (or late September if she's ready to make her appearance!)
- Continued provision through financial support to become 100% funded
- French language acquisition for Rachel

STAY CONNECTED!

If you would like to give, please go to:

<https://www.harvestallianceintl.org/rachel-bacon.html>

racheldbacon@gmail.com
julianbacon@gmail.com

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

September Volunteers

Snacks

Sep 5	Barb Dresdow Renee Mitchell
Sep 12	Sarah Altman LuAnn Davis
Sep 19	Toni Cook Jennifer Dale
Sep 26	Paula Rhodarmer Glenda Brouwer

Sunday School/Nursery/ Children's Church

Sep 5	LuAnn Davis
Sep 12	Renee Mitchell
Sep 19	Glenda Brouwer
Sep 26	Jenny Alt

Counters

Sep 5	Luke Allsbrook LuAnn Davis
Sept 12	TBD Linda Wilson
Sep 19	Will Roberts Linda Wilson
Sep 26	Bob Dresdow Bruce Kingshill

Open/Close/Usher

Sep 5	Luke Allsbrook
Sep 12	Bob Dresdow
Sep 19	Will Roberts
Sep 16	Bruce Kingshill

Cleaning (week of)

Sep 6	Linda Roberts
Sep 13	Mitchells
Sep 20	Dresdows
Sep 27	Edward/Jason

Providence Church

Summarized Financial Information

As of August 30, 2021

Tithes and Offerings	\$112,366.66
Expenditures	(103,988.48)
Collections over expenditures	8,378.18
Mission Income	6,513.63
Mission Expenditures	2,700.00
Checking account	20,938.61
Savings account	75,065
CD	12,000

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	Art & Sarah Altman
			6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Emily Lizarazu			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Labor Day	10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	5:30 PM Pot luck supper 6:30 PM Bible study	6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Wirt Skinner Chuck & Carole Torpy	Samuel Edwards	Sarah Altman
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Clara Alt		10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	6:30 PM Bible study	6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group		
26	27	28	29	30		
	Loren Alt	10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Sam & Renee Mitchell	6:30 PM Bible study	6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group		

Anniversaries

Birthdays