

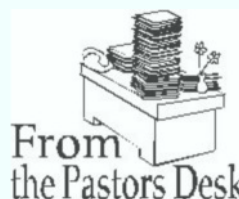
THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



March 2022

Set clocks forward one hour at 2 am March 13th



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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

Wednesday

6:30 pm - Bible Study

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

Wars and rumors of wars. That is what Jesus said we would have more and more of until His return. Most of you have heard that Russia has invaded her near neighbor Ukraine. Not since Hitler's march across Europe 80 years ago have we seen the likes of it. I must admit that I have been a little anxious and certainly have been praying for Christians in Ukraine to be full of courage and also Christians in Russia to be speaking out and boldly saying that war is not the answer. Think about Lent now, Ash Wednesday, March 2, we're starting a 40 day period of reflection on the suffering of Christ leading up to a commemoration of his death and resurrection. This season seems especially appropriate considering what we are going through as a world, country, community, and church (after 2 years!). And Covid-19 we pray is in the rearview mirror. I saw a T-Shirt that said, "Normal is not coming back: but Jesus is!" Brilliant! Back to Lent. It is a season of reflection of death, and a promise of new life. We are reminded of the words of Jesus to trust in Him. Trust is counterintuitive. We are wired to fret, to self-protect, and many of our behaviors are based on looking out for ourselves and our loved ones. In these days of uncertainty, let us look up and pray. Our faith is built on the foundation of the truth that God is sovereign and He directs our steps. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart", the writer of Proverbs tells us. Set your heart on the Lord; keep your eyes on Jesus. "Lean not on your own understanding" is an invitation to see the world from God's perspective and not just our own. It means that our view is not ultimate--God's is! Come what may in this world but in the end, know that God is in control. And yeah, it's okay to have the gas tank full, but know also that Jesus cares for you, you will not lack for any good thing, and that ultimately He provides for us—not we ourselves. I pray that this time of tension in the world will help us appreciate one another more. Let us look upon this time as one of celebration of Christ: the power of an Indestructible Life.

Pastor Edward

Providence Happenings



YARD SALE 2022

The Mission Committee is once again gearing up for another fabulous spring-fling YARD SALE on April 1st & 2nd (possibly on March 31 too). Please bring your gently used treasures (no clothes please) to the upstairs landing as soon as possible. If you're able to help sort, price, or schlep items, please contact Renee Mitchell or Tj Anthony (828-230-6501) to coordinate times & assignments. Thanks so much for helping us help others.

OPEN DOOR

This Friday, the 4th of March, is our time to help cook for the Open Door. Since the Open Door lost their lease, meals are now prepared at the First United Methodist Church. The Salvation Army picks them up and serving is done at another location. If you can help contact Linda Wilson at 901-230-7178. Please join us to bless and be blessed.

Nursery Worker Needed

Providence is looking to hire a part time nursery worker for each Sunday from 9:45 to 12 noon. Please contact Edward Brouwer 828-550-4615, or Linda Wilson, 901-230-7178 (providencechurchassistant@gmail.com), if you are interested or know of anyone that might be. Also, please be in prayer that God will guide this process.

JUNALUSKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BIBLE CLUB

At the end of February, we were blessed to have a MOMENT for MISSIONS about the Bible Club which meets each Tuesday at the Junaluska Elementary School. Under the leadership of Renée Allsbrook and assisted by Edward Brouwer and Linda Roberts, FORTY excited elementary children hear the gospel message of God's love and His gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Through visual storytelling, object lessons and crafts the message of the gospel is presented and absorbed by these children in this weekly after-school program in which Providence volunteers faithfully serve, and your Providence mission budget supports. Here are just a few of the bright faces to cheer your day:



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - Beginning weekly on March 2nd, from 6:30pm until 8:00pm, we are excited to begin our Wednesday night bible study again. The study will be on selections from the book of John. We will also have a short praise and prayer time. Childcare provided if needed. Contact the Allsbrooks or the Mitchells with any questions.

MAPS

Have you ever been lost and did not know which way to turn? That is the case with so many who find themselves struggling in difficult life circumstances a woman with an unexpected pregnancy, a parent whose beloved child has just passed away, a couple who are having trouble parenting their young children. MAPS, Mountain Area Pregnancy Services, offers hope and direction like a map to those who are lost and searching for guidance. Moreover, the great news is that now Haywood County will have their own MAPS location opening in Spring 2022. You can see more info on the website <https://mtnpregnancy.com/haywood-county/>

Maps Mission Statement :To be a relevant Christ-centered outreach ministry partnering with the churches of WNC by caring for, counseling and educating women and men regarding, or impacted by, an at risk pregnancy.

Mountain Area Pregnancy Services provides compassionate care to women and men dealing with issues surrounding an at risk pregnancy. Our client advocates are specially trained to deal with these distinctive problems for those facing this issue at their POINT OF CRISIS. The impact goes beyond just the man and the woman but can extend to family, friends and others. An unplanned pregnancy is often an unwanted pregnancy and those involved may feel as if abortion is the only choice. MAPS exists to provide women and men accurate information on their choices in a compassionate environment.

Our parenting education program supports parents of all ages, including teenagers,

In addition to pregnancy care and education, MAPS offers grief care services for those who have lost a child due to miscarriage, still birth, newborn death, or abortion. Support services are also provided to those families facing a devastating diagnosis for their child. For families who choose to continue the pregnancy in the face of this life altering news it can be a long and challenging journey. MAPS offers a pathway through this grief journey with HOPE, support, and compassion! Here are just a few of the many programs they offer:

- Parenting Programs with Bible study for parents of all ages, including teens with the necessary information and tools to flourish in relationships, life-skills, and parenting. They also have Bible study for those who need to hear about not only how to parent but they learn of their own loving heavenly Father.
- SOAR ministry- Healing Ministry
- Eva's Footprints - Mountain Area Pregnancy Services provides a neonatal palliative care program for families who receive a life-limiting diagnosis in the womb, such that their baby's health condition is not compatible with life. Here a trained medical staff will walk alongside the family through this diagnosis journey, preparing specially crafted birth plans for the family. They continue to work with the family to plan a celebration of life or memorial services.
- Pregnancy Support -Mountain Area Pregnancy Services offers free pregnancy tests administered by medically trained personnel. With a positive test, the pregnancy can be confirmed by a FREE limited OB ultrasound followed by Biblical counseling.

As Providence supports MAPS in this local outreach, we are happy to welcome Kristi Brown, Executive director for MAPS. She will be sharing with us about this wonderful event at our MOMENTS for Mission on March 27,2022 prior to our Sunday morning worship.



Mission News



THE BACONS IN BRUSSELS February 2022

A happy 2022 to you all! The end of last year and beginning of this one have been a full, joyful, and unexpected few months. We would love to share with you a few particular ministry highlights in three areas: LifePoint Church, Hospitality, and CBS.



LifePoint Church

In November and December, we got to celebrate God's saving grace with the sign of baptism for two young people at LifePoint! We had the privilege of hearing Alondra's and Jonathan's testimonies of God's work in their lives, their desire to commit themselves publicly to the body of Christ, and Julian had the joy of baptizing each of them. These have also triggered great conversations within the congregation about baptism and the blessings God faithfully bestows upon those who believe. Hallelujah!

Hospitality

One small aspect of ministry in our home that was a particular highlight this season was Christmas Day. While we knew our first Christmas in Belgium (and with Sophia!) would in some ways be bittersweet away from our own family, we had the sweet opportunity of hosting others for our Christmas meal. As we sat down to eat that day, with eight people around our table, Julian asked "For how many of you guys is this your first Christmas without family?" To our surprise, every single person other than the two of us raised their hands! We were honored to have new friends from five different countries sitting around our table, building new connections and simply having a place to call "home" for such a big day of the year. (We were so in the moment that we forgot to take a picture to share with you all, which we are kicking ourselves about now!)

CBS

We are very excited about how God has been working in CBS in 2021 and how He will continue to do so in 2022. My Thursday night group has continued to be an incredibly special place of encouragement and growth for those involved. I have been training group participants to take on more active roles like facilitating our discussion time and providing our summary teachings each week, and the fruit of that has been so enriching already. Just last week, one of the younger Christians in our group gave her first ever "wrap-up talk", as we call it in CBS, and let me tell you, I had tears welling in my eyes as I listened to God speaking through her with such clarity and love! Another member of our group, when asked recently about what CBS means to her, began speaking about how for years she has lived with who she thought was a punishing, unloving God, but through her participation in our CBS group, she has begun to see and understand who God really is, and that she now believes that Jesus is truly the only way, that he truly forgives, and that he is truly with her always. How amazing is our God!? Looking forward, we are beginning several new CBS studies this semester through small groups in our local church, both in English and in French, and equipping and training additional small group leaders and members for facilitating groups. Please pray that the Lord would bring fruit through these efforts!

BRIEF GIVING UPDATE: Thanks to your generous giving, I now only need about \$100 per month in order to be fully supported! Would you consider helping me get there?

From the Lupton's Newsletter

Nine years ago today, we boarded a plane to move to Bogotá, Colombia. We had checked the suitcases loaded with all our earthly possessions, stowed our small dog in her crate under the seat in front of us, and we (just Andrew, Laura Kate, and Fox at the time) were ready to begin a new adventure! Little did we know how God would surprise us over the next nine years.



He surprised us with warmth and beauty as we began to know Colombian people and culture. He surprised us by revitalizing an international church that was shrinking, turning it into a thriving home for the nations and the next generation to experience his grace. He surprised us with countless lives changed by the gospel, many hearing about and trusting in Jesus for the first time. He surprised us by multiplying the team of missionaries and volunteers who love, lead, and care for his people at United Church of Bogotá. He surprised us by growing our own hearts in ways we didn't know would happen, as we built relationships with and learned from fellow believers from many different cultures and Christian traditions.

And now, nine years later, we're asking God to surprise us again as we look ahead to the transition to Oslo, Norway. Would you pray with us, that God would surprise us with his provision and care in these specific ways?

The Next Pastor for UCB

Will you pray that God surprises us by providing a new Senior Pastor well before our exit date in May? The church has a candidate and his family visiting next week to explore the possibility that God is calling them to Bogotá and UCB. Please pray that God will guide us all clearly through this decision.

Oslo by Autumn

Will you pray that God surprises us by providing the support we need to get to Oslo sooner than expected, even by the fall of 2022? As we've considered our transition timeline, we believe that moving in early fall would be best for our family in many ways. Please pray that God will provide the support we need in his time, and that we will trust him to do that.

Emotional Health in Transition

Will you pray that God surprises us by providing for our emotional well-being during the tumultuous period of transition? Saying goodbye to people and places that we love and dealing with the unknowns of an international move is emotionally overwhelming, especially for our kids. Will you pray that we as parents will have wisdom and empathy to care for our kids through this transition, and that God will provide for our own emotional needs as well?

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf! Thank you for partnering with us in the gospel, and for standing with us as we look forward to more years of being surprised by the goodness of our Heavenly Father!

Gratefully,

Laura Kate w/Andrew, 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.

Looking to buy some outdoor furniture for my barn apartment that I'm renting mid February, because I gave all of mine away last year. Thanks, Tj Anthony 828-230-6501

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2022

Luke Allsbrook

Bruce Kingshill

Class of 2023

Jason Edwards - Building & Grounds

Will Roberts - Clerk

Class of 2024

Derek Rhodarmer

Elder Emeritus

Kent Roberts

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Linda Wilson

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of January 31, 2022

Tithes and Offerings	\$24,763
Other Income	119
Mission giving	0
Carryover funds - Missions	0
Expenditures other than Missions	(10,397)
Mission Expenditures	<u>0</u>
Expenditures over collections	\$14,485
Cash Balance	
Checking account	\$37,589
Savings account	<u>75,089</u>
Total	\$112,678

March Volunteers

Snacks

March 6	Linda Wilson Renee Allsbrook
March 13	Renee Mitchell Jennifer Dale
March 20	Glenda Brouwer Paula Rhodarmer
March 27	LuAnn Davis Carolyn Ramsey

Sunday School/Nursery/ Children's Church

March 6	LuAnn Davis Calvin Allsbrook
March 13	Renee Mitchell Margaret Allsbrook
March 20	Christina Roberts Jenna Dale
March 27	Jenny Alt Susan Kingshill

Counters

March 6	Luke Allsbrook
March 13	Will Roberts
March 20	Bruce Kingshill
March 27	Derek Rhodarmer


Open/Close/Usher

March 6	Luke Allsbrook
March 13	Will Roberts
March 20	Bruce Kingshill
March 27	Derek Rhodarmer

Cleaning (week of)

March 7	Edward/Jeffery
March 14	Linda R/Susan K
March 21	Mitchells
March 28	Edward/Jason

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	2 6:30 PM Bible study	3 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	4	5 T J Anthony
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Anniversaries Birthdays