

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



May 2022



I saw on the news yesterday that the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was visiting Ukraine and stated something to this effect: in the 21st Century, surely this war is an absurdity. He was condemning the notion that might makes right and that war can resolve our perceived problems. It's a lovely sentiment and we would all dearly love to see a day when wars shall cease and every weapon melted and forged into implements of peace. The UN building in New York has a quote inscribed from the Scriptures on its facade "and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

When and how will this day arrive? Well, certainly not through human striving. God has promised such a day though! And we believe it shall come to pass because of the Incarnation. God comes into his created world, to redeem and deliver humanity from their own rebellion. The end of Scripture speaks of a great final battle Armageddon. Jesus said that as the end approaches there shall be "wars and rumors of wars". So despite the hopes of the UN Secretary-General, there will actually be more rather than less war as the final day of consummation of the Kingdom of God approaches. What is the final instruction of God in the Bible to us? Pray this: "even so Lord Jesus Come quickly". Let us pray for peace and let us pray for the Lord's return.

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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

Providence Happenings



VOLUNTEER

We'd love to have you be a part of our team!

Volunteer Positions:

- Children's Sunday School
- Clean church
- Grounds
- Sunday morning Powerpoint
- Sunday morning snacks
- Mission committee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

From 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm, we are excited to hold our Wednesday night bible study. The study is on selections from the book of John. We also have a short praise and prayer time. Child care provided if needed. Contact the Allsbrooks or the Mitchells with any questions.

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.

Providence Church welcomes **Shawn and Lisa Stewart** to our church services (and Sunday School) on Sunday, May 8. Shawn is a dear friend of the congregation because he was on staff at First Pres Waynesville for several years. Shawn is a World Outreach missionary whose main responsibility is to recruit missionaries for the field. Shawn has been doing this for 10 years now. Before that he and Lisa were missionaries in Bolivia and before that Shawn was on staff at Montreat Pres with Edward for several years. They will share their ministry in the church service and the combined SS class on May 8.



Pastor's Circle

Pastor's Bible Study 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.

A two-page master plan for EPC missions is included later in this newsletter.

MISSION YARD SALE

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to a very successful Missions Yard Sale. Whether by donations or time, we could not have done it without you. Indeed, God has done wonderful and unimaginable things by transforming donated, unused items into \$4000 to be used in mission work in Haywood County and around the globe. Your generosity of time and goods will be used to minister to others such as children in Junaluska Bible Club, young mothers awaiting an ultrasound at the new Mountain Area Pregnancy Services in Waynesville or the lonely or hunger at the Open Door Ministry. From here we reach out to share the hope of Christ to areas in the US and on the far side of the world. In all our outreach, whether Cruso, Columbia, Bethel, Bolivia, Belgium, Indonesia, Junaluska or Jordan, the gospel message is being shared and Christ is glorified. We will continue to collect items for our next sale, so if you could just carry your donations upstairs and leave in the hallway, that would be fantastic. Again, many thanks for your participation.

GRAND FINALE FOR JUNALUSKA BIBLE CLUB

For the past academic school year, children of Junaluska Elementary School have had the opportunity to attend a Bible Club after school on Tuesday. As the year progressed more and more children were drawn into this time of crafts, songs and Bible lessons lead and "manned" by Providence Church Members Renee Allsbrook, Linda Roberts, Greg Matthews and Edward Brouwer. Here is a brief description from the Bible Club's leader, Renee Allsbrook:

"The last meeting was awesome. We had 51 kids! I had made a little booklet for the kids, a review of things we learned this year. One mom sent me a photo of her daughter reading her booklet that night.

The last two lessons were on the promises, "Eternal Life for all who believe" (the story of Mary pouring her treasure on Jesus' feet and Jesus' suffering and death... and the resurrection). The final promise was "Joy comes in the Morning!". This lesson was about Jesus' ascension, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit and God's offer of the Holy Spirit to US... and the reality of heaven, a forever joy for all who believe. "

OPEN DOOR

This Friday, the 6th of May, 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. If you can help, contact Linda Wilson at 901-230-7178. Please join us to bless and be blessed.

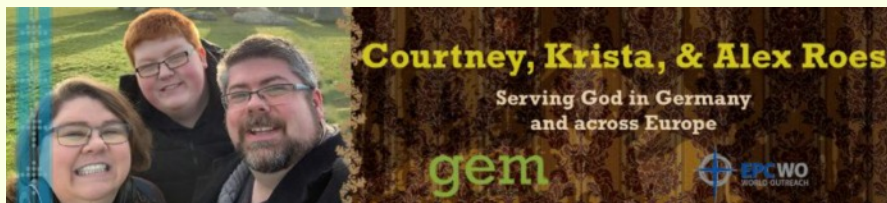


Mission News



Big Changes Ahead

TL:DR - This summer we are going to make a permanent move back to the US but will continue with our mission work based out of the Charlotte, NC area for the short term.



Context:

We've served in Germany for 15 years now and are due for our cyclical year back in the US starting this summer 2022.

Over the last years, we have noticed a confluence of needs from our family members pointing to this time period. This included aging parents, a landing place for Krista's niece who will be moving to the US from the Middle East as well as Alex launching out of university.

As we petitioned the Lord for his will, we felt confirmation that this is the right time to be based out of North Carolina. This was also confirmed by where we are in our ministry cycles. I'm sure you can imagine the mixed emotions and the logistical steps of uprooting all over again. But we are proceeding in what we feel is God's will and trusting Him to hold us tightly.

Krista's role with Community Bible Study Germany has been a great adventure but it has come to completion. She was able to pass the leadership to a German woman as it has been our goal all along to have it led by Germans for their own country. In addition, Krista was able to complete a two and a half year project of redoing all the German courses, updating them as well as 7 new translation projects. Courtney will continue over the next several months in his role with the internationalization process of Greater Europe Mission with the main focus of training several people to take over his various responsibilities. It will be an interesting challenge trying to do this work from the US with the larger time differences.

We will be arriving back in mid-May and will first land at Courtney's Dad's house while we start getting adjusted back to life in the US.

Transition Needs

When we made the move to Germany 15 years ago, we were required to have a set amount of money ready for settling expenses. On our return, we do not have that however there are needs and extra expenses we will incur. If you are able and feel called to help us with any of these needs, we thank you:

- Shipping container - we need to ship back a small number of personal items and a few pieces of furniture. When we moved in 2017, a 40 ft container cost \$4,000. We are now looking at 1/4 of a container with an estimated cost of \$11,000. A worldwide shipping issue, fuel prices, and war in Ukraine have not helped this price. But we are trusting the Lord to provide here.

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- Settling expenses - because of the costs of a shipping container, we are selling a lot of things and once we find a permanent place in the US, we'll need to replace a lot of those items. We are selling things for a fraction of the cost to replace them in the US.
- Temporary car - A car that we could borrow into July or longer would be helpful.
- Office space - Courtney would appreciate a place to work as we live at his dad's house in Huntersville, NC. Looking for a cheap office setup where he can make Zoom calls but also have the energy of other people in the office. Working from home is not ideal for his style :)
- Realtors - In August/September, we will begin the process of trying to find more permanent housing and will need to find realtors that can help us look in the Charlotte/Huntersville area. We're not really sure where yet as we need to explore the area more (it has changed a lot in 15 years).
- Resume/Executive Recruiter help - later this year, we will also begin the process of returning to the business world. We have not done resumes in over 17 years and are going to need help explaining our roles over these last years in a business context.

If you are called to help us with any of these things, please email us at

Courtney@RoesGarden.com

If it's a monetary gift, you can give it to our Greater Europe Mission account where you can receive a tax receipt.

Alex's Special Need



Alex is finishing his junior year at Gardner-Webb University. This summer, he is trying to find an internship to satisfy a requirement for his Business Management degree. If you know of any office jobs in the Huntersville/Charlotte area that are looking for summer interns, please connect them with Alex at alexander@roesgarden.com. He would prefer not to be in sales or marketing but would like to explore other types of office jobs. Here's a link to his resume.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray that things go smoothly with the move. That the container will go on time, we will sell everything that needs to go, and that what we need to keep with us will fit into the couple of suitcases we're allowed on the plane.
- Pray as Courtney is traveling to Athens next week for some meetings and then it is full swing into moving.
- Pray that we can take the right amount of time to say goodbye well. In our 15 years, we've said goodbye to a lot of people who have left our area of Germany but this is the first time we are leaving.
- Pray that we will transition smoothly back into the US culture. We're not sure what to expect.

FROM THE LIZARAZU FAMILY SERVING IN BOLIVIA. We are the missionaries assigned to Bolivia, South America. We work in Cochabamba with Camp Kewina and our local church Rey de Reys (King of Kings Church).

Let me introduce you to my recent Valedictorian and Graduate (May 4), who also happens to be a Professional Gemologist! Ellie, our middle daughter completed the ACT with honors and surprised us with her scores which landed her the spot as the kiddo with the highest grades in her high school! To add to our Pride as Parents, today we were informed that she also completed the Career Gemmologist Certification. This also came with a Colored Gemstone Professional and Diamond Professional Certifications. We are thrilled! Her goal is to study at UAA (University of Alaska, Anchorage) online for a year and then possibly move to Juneau, Alaska, to study in beautiful Prince William Sound.



Our bragging rights continue as we would like to inform you of the pending wedding of our daughter Lydia. She will marry Dustin Tidwell on May 14, 2022. These two very young adults are still a little shaky on their future plans, but May God Bless them and provide for them each and every day. May he keep them healthy, joyous, and productive in His Kingdom's work as they start their new lives together.



So as you can imagine, we find ourselves packing for a flight to the USA for a month.

Please pray for Eric's teaching at church, good clear ideas, time to study and focus on the Bible truths. He will try to continue his classes while he is in Alaska. We will see how that works. May the Holy Spirit guide him so he teaches truth and not opinion.

Eric's maintenance jobs continue at camp. He thought the plumbing issues were fixed but found a room flooded underneath the kitchen. Camp is over 50 years old, so maintenance issues are becoming a constant issue. If his helpers/workers showed up, things would move more quickly, but we progress when we can. The new water pipes are laid and covered, so he has time to attend to other issues as they pop up.

Camp has been doing financially better this past month of April. Mask mandates were lifted in open places but are still required in congested locations. Schools are back in, and life is returning to a more normal pace. That being said, April saw an increase in camps, which will significantly help their budget!

Pray for unity for camp staff, and the devil always wants to meddle in our relationships as a team.

VBS is on for one church the first week of July. I spent some time training and preparing those who will be in charge of it. I am excited that it is ON again.

Please continue to pray for our oldest son Benji and our youngest son Andrew as the transitions between here and there have left them on unstable ground, and we know they can come out ahead if we pray for them or behind if we forget to pray for them. These touchy transitions for them are a need to bring to Christ in prayer. Moreover, Benji needs a summer job that will work out with his school schedule. Andrew has a lot of dyslexia. Pray God continues to heal his eye-tracking so he can focus both eyes on the letters and read more fluently.

With respect to our leaving the field for a stretch of time, we are still in the "we will see" mode. Housing in the US is crazy. Jobs are abundant, but nothing is clear yet. Unless something changes while we are in the states, we have postponed our original "ending" date another 10 - 12 months. The family that was to come stay in our home for a year, has backed out. So we are relying on Eric's aging Dad to watch our house while we run up to Alaska for the wedding. Eric's mother will undergo serious surgery the day we fly, so he is a bit tense about that.

Thank you for praying for us. Prayer is so amazing. We often forget how powerful it is and how essential it is to a ministry. Those are our needs at this time. Thank you for taking the time to lift them up to God. Praise Be to God, the God of Forgiveness and Peace!

In HIS Name! *Eric and Emily Lizarazu*

MISSION

EPC World Outreach serves the Church by empowering Spirit-filled witnesses to make disciples and plant reproducing churches among those with least access to the gospel.

VISION

For the Glory of God, seeing all peoples worshipping and following Jesus.

RATIONALE

For the earth will be filled
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
As the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2:14

For God, so loved the world, that he gave his
only Son, that whoever believes in him should
not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

Three billion people woke up today in spiritual darkness, blind to the glory and love of Jesus, cut off from worshipping the one true God. Only 3% of all Christian workers, and only 1% of missions dollars, are going to these unreached peoples.¹ The EPC's mission is "to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus," and World Outreach serves that mission by focusing on those with least access. Christ followers proclaiming the gospel together in authentic relationship give lost individuals and families the opportunity to encounter Jesus and eternal life. The planting of reproducing churches glorifies Christ for whole communities and cities for generations. We look with yearning hearts toward the day where we see representatives of every tongue, tribe and nation following Jesus and worshipping before God's throne.

VALUES



LOVE: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourself.
Matt. 22:37-40



PRAYER: to depend on the Lord at every stage of the work. Reflects our humility & obedience and aligns our heart with his, abiding in him which precedes the fruit to come. *John 15:5*



EVANGELISM: to communicate and receive the Good News of the Kingdom.
Matt. 28:18-20



PARTNERSHIP: to take on the role God has for us in relationship with others called to the same mission, whatever their nationality or church membership.
1 Cor. 3:6



PERSEVERANCE: to count the cost and be faithful to the end.
Luke 9:23



ACCESS: to preach the gospel of Christ to those with least access to it.
Romans 15:20

¹ Johnson, Todd M. and Gina A. Zurlo. *World Christian Encyclopedia*, 3rd edition, Brill 2019, pp.296-297

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR FULL-CYCLE CHURCH PLANTING

- **Prayer** – We join in God's mission of reconciling the world to himself first and foremost by prayer.
- **Least Access Peoples** – We prioritize those with least access to the gospel. This is our heart and our guide.
- **Partnership and Sending** – We cultivate active partnerships with national churches and other agencies, embracing the current reality of missions – “from everywhere to everywhere.” And we directly send EPC workers and teams to partner with others in making disciples among least-reached peoples.
- **Word and Deed** – We believe the Church, whether established or in its new beginnings, should be about the whole work of bringing the Kingdom of God to earth as it is in heaven. The gospel must be proclaimed by our words, but also demonstrated by our actions. Church planting is not separate from a corporate lifestyle of love, mercy, and justice for the flourishing of communities.
- **Church Engagement** – We want to see 100% engagement by our EPC Churches in the Great Commission for all nations. We long to discover new pathways for this engagement while maintaining our focus on the least reached.

PROCESS AND PROGRAM

FULL-CYCLE CHURCH PLANTING AMONG THE LEAST REACHED



For World Outreach, Full-Cycle Church Planting is the process model we use to illustrate the way our programs, sending opportunities, and partnerships tie together in the mission of planting reproducing churches among those with least access to the gospel. Some within the process model are engaged in direct church planting, while others are involved in the mobilizing, training up, and caring for those we send and partner with – each according to the unique giftings and callings God has given them. Regardless of the process, aligned with the EPC’s mission we endeavor toward this calling.

God gives the growth. For His glory.



PLANTING



WATERING



TOGETHER

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:6

Want Ads

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

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 March 31, 2022

Tithes and Offerings	\$53,336
Other Income	8,150
Mission giving	60
Carryover funds - Missions	2,787
Expenditures other than Missions	(43,885)
Mission Expenditures	(11,595)
Expenditures over collections	\$8,853

Cash Balance

Checking account	\$29,414
Savings account	75,095
Total	\$104,509

May Volunteers

Snacks

May 1	Renee Allbrook Linda Wilson
May 8	Renee Mitchell Jennifer Dale
May 15	Glenda Brouwer Paula Rhodarmer
May 22	LuAnn Davis Carolyn Ramsey
May 29	Renee Allsbrook Linda Wilson

Sunday School/Nursery

May 1	LuAnn Davis Jenna Dale
May 8	Renee Mitchell Linda Roberts
May 15	Christina Roberts Calvin Allsbrook
May 22	Glenda Brouwer Margaret Allsbrook
May 29	Jenny Alt Susan Kingshill

Counters

May 1	Luke Allsbrook
May 8	Will Roberts
May 15	Derek Rhodarmer
May 22	Bruce Kingshill
May 29	Luke Allsbrook


Open/Close/Usher

May 1	Luke Allsbrook
May 8	Will Roberts
May 15	Derek Rhodarmer
May 22	Bruce Kingshill
May 29	Luke Allsbrook

Cleaning (week of)

May 2	Edward/Jeffery
May 9	Linda R/Susan K
May 16	Mitchells
May 23	Edward/Jason
May 30	TBD

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	4 6:30 PM Bible study	5 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Paula Rhodarmer	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	11 6:30 PM Bible study	12 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	13	14
15	16	17 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Chuck Tori	18 6:30 PM Bible study Pat Inglis Roberta Edwards	19 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	20	21
22	23	24 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	25 6:30 PM Bible study	26 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Makayla Lawrence	27	28 Charlotte Allsbrook
29	30 Memorial Day (Observed)	31 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle				