

THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation
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.

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

June 2022

We live between the tension of really wonderful realities in our lives and truly evil forces that bring us deepest pain. The senseless murder of young students in Texas along with their brave teachers, juxtaposed to the joy we experience in the milestones of graduation of our own children. The evil of war in places like Ukraine and Ethiopia, and the celebration of festive Memorial Day celebrations, in our peaceful backyards, as we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their own lives in order that we might walk in peace, liberty, and freedom. Jesus warned us that we would have increased wars and rumors of wars before the end would come. He spoke of tribulations but comforted his disciples with the words "be of good cheer for I have overcome the world". He also promised that the Kingdom of Christ would advance through us, His people, and the gates of Hell would not prevail against it. Yes, there is much evil in the world, but we believe that God has restrained this evil and has called the church to pray and live and act as gospel ambassadors. We long for the day when "every tear shall be wiped away" in the words of the Apostle John or when "everything sad becomes untrue" in the words of CS Lewis. In the meantime let us hold fast, let us pray, and let us act for good and for the cause of Christ. May we speak words of peace and grace and life to all we come in contact with. May our actions bring about justice and mercy and more people walking humbly with their God.

Pastor Edward Brouwer



Providence Happenings



Congratulations to all our graduates-children and grandchildren of our sweet fellowship. The Kingshill's granddaughter Addison Wyatt is graduating from Tuscola High School. Congrats Bruce and Susan! We wish her Godspeed! The Morgan's granddaughter Ariel is graduating from Tuscola as well. Congrats to Thom and Jacquie! Roberta's son Noah graduated from Western Carolina University. The Dale's daughter Julie-Joy graduated from Bible College in Colorado. We wish her the best! Shirley Morrow's grandson Hank graduated from Fuhrman University. Go Hank and Go Paladins! The Blumer's son Collin graduated from Clemson (Go Tigers) and their daughter Annaliese graduated High School and will attend the University of South Carolina (Go Gamecocks) in the Fall. Boyd and Samantha Allsbrook graduated from Wheaton College earlier this month, and plan to move to this area in August as Boyd begins grad school at WCU.



VOLUNTEER

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

Volunteer Positions:

- Children's Sunday School Assistant (no prep required)
- Clean church
- Grounds
- Sunday morning PowerPoint
- Sunday morning snacks
- Mission committee

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.



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.



PICTURES FROM JUNALUSKA BIBLE CLUB FINALE

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.

OPEN DOOR

This Friday, the 3rd of June, 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.





MAY 2022

THE BACONS IN BRUSSELS

OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Sending our warmest and sunniest greetings from Belgium to you, where spring is in full bloom! We have benefited from more sun and longer days as we move from April into May, and have a few highlights in ministry to share with you from the past several months.

CBS

As you know from our previous newsletter, our plan at the beginning of 2022 was to start a couple of new CBS groups within our local church. We have been able to train our Francophone small groups in CBS and are beginning our second study in Galatians after finishing a wonderful study in James. It has been encouraging to see how people have responded to this method of Bible study and gotten excited about being equipped to be active participants who can confidently lead a discussion, summarize and apply a Bible passage and communicate this message to others. I (Rachel) have also been particularly blessed by the Thursday morning women's group that began in February. This group has become a special space for women to build community and study Scripture together. After almost two years in a pandemic and varying levels of isolation (particularly for some of our young mothers), Thursday mornings have become a sweet time of the week for us to reconnect and grow. This women's group has even become a place where several women who had to flee Ukraine with their families have been able to come and plug in with the church. Below you will see a photo of some of us from this group. Thank you all so much for your prayers for these groups and the people who have come to them! We are seeing the Lord's kind hand at work in this area.

Church

One highlight from this semester for Julian and I has been a weekly discipleship group that we have been facilitating with several young women in the church. We are making our way through John Stott's *Christian Basics*, which has been an excellent tool for learning and discussing the fundamental elements of Christian faith. We are hoping to continue these groups in English and start them in French as well!

Language

As most of you know, French and English are Julian's two native languages, but for me (Rachel), French language acquisition has been one of my high priorities for the early seasons of ministry here. For those of you who have learned a second language as an adult, you know what a task this is! And it can feel abstract sometimes, or like you are taking two steps forward, one step back. But I am happy to report that progress is happening! I am learning a great deal in my French courses, and I am able to make appointments over the phone, meet with women in the church, and participate in Bible studies in French. Of course I still struggle and have a very long way to go, but I so appreciate you praying for me in this process. It's a marathon, not a sprint! Thank you so much for praying for me in this area.



THIS SPRING HAS BEEN A SPECIAL FOR MANY REASONS, A FEW OF WHICH ARE VISITS WE'VE HAD FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE U.S. - JAMES BYERS, DAN & KAREN STRUBLE, AND MATT AND CLAIR (RACHEL'S BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW). INTRODUCING THEM TO OUR SWEET SOPHIA HAS BEEN SUCH A JOY!



SOME MEMBERS OF OUR THURSDAY MORNING CBS WOMEN'S STUDY. THIS GROUP HAS BEEN SO ENRICHING AND ENCOURAGING!

LOOKING AHEAD: PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the current CBS & discipleship groups we are involved in, that those participating would grow in their commitment to Christ
- For wisdom in launching a new Francophone "Christianity 101" discipleship group and for us to be able to find the right material
- Continued provision through financial support to become 100% funded

STAY CONNECTED!

If you would like to give, please go to:

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

rachel.bacon@cbseurope.org
julian@lifepointchurch.org

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	<u>(11,595)</u>
Expenditures over collections	\$8,853

Cash Balance

Checking account	\$29,414
Savings account	<u>75,095</u>
Total	\$104,509

June Volunteers

Snacks

June 5	Renee Mitchell Jennifer Dale
June 12	Glenda Brouwer Paula Rhodarmer
June 19	LuAnn Davis Carolyn Ramsey
June 26	Linda Wilson Renee Armstrong

Sunday School/Nursery

June 5	Renee Mitchell Jenna Dale
June 12	Christina Roberts Calvin Allsbrook
June 19	Jenny Alt Margaret Allsbrook
June 26	LuAnn Davis Susan Kingshill

Counters

June 5	Bruce Kingshill
June 12	Will Roberts
June 19	Derek Rhodarmer
June 26	Luke Allsbrook


Open/Close/Usher

June 5	Bruce Kingshill
June 12	Will Roberts
June 19	Derek Rhodarmer
June 26	Luke Allsbrook

Cleaning (week of)

June 6	Edward/Jeffery
June 12	Linda R/Susan K
June 19	Mitchells
June 26	Edward/Jason

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Jennifer Dale	2 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	3	4 Boyd Allsbrook
5  Adger McKay	6 Wirt & Torpy Skinner	7 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	8	9 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	10 Reid Dale	11 Bill & Jerry Allsbrook
12 Bruce & Susan Kingshill	13 Jenna Dale Jeffrey & J	14 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	15	16 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	17	18 Doug Ramsey Susan Kingshill
19 Father's Day	20	21 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	22	23 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	24	25 Bill Allsbrook
26	27	28 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Lillian Dale Adger & Sandra McKay	29 Shirley Morrow	30 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	If your birthday or anniversary is missing please give it to Linda Wilson	
						Anniversaries Birthdays