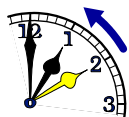


THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



November 2022

Set clocks back 1 hour
at 2 am Saturday night



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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

Every Other Wednesday

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

As I write this, I reflect on Reformation Day. Yesterday on Reformation Sunday, in honor of the events that led up to Martin Luther's famous Diet of Worms declaration that his conscience was captive to Scripture and "here I stand I can do no other, so help me God" I focused on the letter of Paul to the Church at Rome in the 3rd chapter. It was through Luther's reading of Romans that he came to understand that Faith rather than works of the Law was the only way to become right with God. The Law and the Prophets bear witness to the righteousness of God and the fact that only through the propitiation of sin can we ever come into true communion with God. I spoke of the Ark of the Covenant and how each year on Yom Kippur, the priest would smear goat and bull blood on the Mercy Seat (the lid of solid gold covering the tablets of stone inside the box). God said to Moses He would speak to His people at the Mercy Seat. This is a picture of Christ making atonement through His blood--speaking a more righteous and perfect word of forgiveness than animal blood ever could! Thus the first of the 5 Solas. Scripture Alone is the final and definitively inspired authority for our spiritual life and doctrine. The Roman Catholic Church had allowed church tradition, dogma, human reason, and the experiences of Christians over 1500 years to have essentially equal weight and authority with the Bible. The problem is that all those other things which inform our spiritual journey, are not divinely inspired. Humans can and often do make mistakes. The Reformers, people like Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Knox, all focused on getting us

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Providence Happenings



back to the Biblical faith. The other Solas are by Faith Alone, through Grace Alone, in Christ Alone, and to God's Glory Alone. The popes/councils had allowed doctrinal errors to seep in over time. They maintained that Faith with Works was necessary for salvation. The Reformers affirmed Paul's Spirit-inspired words (Ephesians. 2:8-9), that we are saved by "grace through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is a free gift of God--not because of works lest anyone should boast!". We are Saved by Grace (through faith) alone--but not with a faith that is alone. Meaning that the fruit of a faithful life in Christ will result in good works--but these good works are a natural response of gratitude for the gift, rather than necessary merits for salvation. The RCC had also elevated the status of priests as intercessors and mediators of God's grace. By elevating the role of priests in the Eucharist and confession, the RCC made priests, rather than Christ Alone, the mediators of grace and forgiveness. Again the RCC insisted that apart from them (The Church) there was no forgiveness of sins, from a misconstrued interpretation of Christ's words to Peter in Matthew 16:18-19 that He would "give Peter the keys of the Kingdom and authority to bind and loose on earth and heaven". Finally, the Reformers emphasized that everything, including our lives, is uniquely for the Glory of God Alone. What can we learn from this as modern-day Christians? That all that we have and are in Christ is from God.

Pastor Edward

Providence Mission Yard Sale

Thursday, November 17 - Saturday, November 19 from 8 am to 2 pm. Mark your calendars to come help as many hands make light, and profitable work for Missions at home and around the globe!

Over the last several years, Providence has raised over \$20,000 through the yard sale and pocket savers clothing sales and 100% went to missions. But we cannot do it without YOU! Please bring your gently used items to donate to the church before November 8th if possible. Your unused articles can be transformed to life changing Mission Outreach projects.

To volunteer please use the sign up list and also talk to Renee Mitchell, T. J. Anthony or Edward Brouwer. WE NEED YOU! Even two or three hours is a help either before and during the sale

Salvation Army Bell Ringing



Our church will be ringing Salvation Army Christmas Bells again this year on Tuesday, December 6. We have signed up for 10:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. M., at the grocery/ pharmacy entrance to WallMart. One requirement for participation is that you can ring a bell—that's it. You will find that it is a great experience. We will be distributing sign-up sheets closer to the time, but wanted to let you know ahead of time so that you can keep that day open..

Rise Against Hunger

I have been asked by Joy Sollie, the guidance counselor at Junaluska Elementary School (where several of us serve at Bible Club each week) to gather as many volunteers as possible from our church at JES on the morning of Friday, November 4th. She is in need of 50-60 volunteers per hour-and-a-half shift (between 8:30-10:00 OR 10:00-11:30) to help 3rd-5th graders pack up 20,000 meals to send to needy mouths around the world, partnering with "Rise Against Hunger." Several other churches and organizations including Kiwanis will be helping out that day as well. Many local churches have donated large sums of money to cover the cost of the endeavor, so they mainly just need hands on deck at this point!

Please let me know if you would be interested in helping that morning. Just to give you a mental picture of what you would be doing, you would be helping and monitoring the scooping of rice, dehydrated protein, and vitamins/vegetables into bags, working next to students in an assembly line (the ideal ratio is one adult per 2 students). Joy said you should wear a Providence tee shirt and feel free to interact with the kids in a "Jesus loves you, and I do too!" sort of way.

I will be there probably the whole time, and hope many of you are able to join me! Please let me know ASAP, and I'll let Joy Sollie know our number count.

Warmly,

Renee Allsbrook

reneeallsbrook@yahoo.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

From 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm, we are excited to hold our Wednesday night bible study. The study will continue every other week until Advent season. We will also have a short praise and prayer time. Childcare provided if needed. Contact Luke Allsbrook 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.

OCC Shoebox Packing Center Opportunity



Mark your calendar to reserve December 2, 2022 for a trip to the OCC shoe box packing center in Charlotte. We have 14 slots available and a sign up sheet will be on the mission table in the Foyer.

At the center's warehouse filled with thousands of donated shoeboxes, you will have the blessing of inspecting shoe boxes to be sent around the globe with the message of the gospel. You will be blessed while blessing children around the world.

Our work shift runs from 2 pm - 6pm. We will meet and leave the church at 10:14. Please use the sign up list at the back of the church ASAP as slots are limited.

WANT TO SEND A SHOE BOX BUT YOU CAN'T GO SHOPPING?

If you want to send a Shoe box but do not have the ability to go out shopping, you may go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>.

At this website for \$25 you can either build your own shoebox or you may have OCC build it for you. These boxes often times can be sent to the most sensitive countries that have very specific limitations to the types of material that can be included, so consider this a special ministry that may fit your needs and the needs of others!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX COLLECTION - Providence Church - November 13th and 20th

In a world which seems to be filled with wars, famine, wildfires, droughts and floods, we are often filled with compassion for those caught in foreign lands without the hope of Christ. Do you wish that somehow you could touch the lives of the hurting, especially the little children, "the least of these". Operation Christmas Child gives YOU that opportunity.

Through YOUR careful packing of a simple shoe box filled with items such as school supplies, sandals and toys, a child will be given not just earthly gifts but more importantly the gift of the Gospel.

Each box is also filled with the opportunity to hear the message of God's redemptive plan through Christ, laid out in a booklet and then a 12 week discipleship program called, "The Greatest Story Ever Told." On completion of the program, children receive a Bible in their own language. Equipped with the training they receive, they now reach out to other children, adults and leaders in their own villages, and the message of the Gospel is spread around the globe..... one box at a time.

Please consider making a few boxes to bring to Providence Sunday, November 13 or 20. Free plastic shoe boxes are available at Providence along with labels and instructions for how to properly pack a shoe box, since some items (liquids, food, toothpaste, war related toys etc.) are not allowed. For more information and other stories of how God is working through OCC, go to

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/occ-stories/>



NOVEMBER 2022

THE BACONS IN BRUSSELS

OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Greetings to each of you in this season of much approaching celebration! We have several pieces of news to share with you, related to our ministries in CBS (Community Bible Study), in the local church, and in our family. Please read on!

CBS Ministry Highlights

This fall, I (Rachel) recently took on the role of Training Coordinator for CBS Europe. This is a big and exciting step and will involve being responsible for the development and dissemination of unified, tiered training materials for all of CBS in Europe, in addition to conducting the training itself for individuals and teams. I am learning much as I go and will continue to; please pray for me in this new position. On a related note, I will be doing my first international travel for CBS training purposes at the end of this month with my colleague and mentor Margré, as we are working to build a national CBS team within Slovakia. Please pray for this trip as we train, participate in a conference, and meet with existing CBS groups, that through the work of the Spirit those we encounter, learn from, and train would be encouraged and excited to grow this ministry in Slovakia!

Church Ministry Highlights

As community groups at LifePoint Brussels have kicked off for another year, we have been newly incorporating CBS training and materials into this ministry of the church. In September, I provided CBS training for all the community group leaders and for the 2022-2023 year, everyone is studying the book of Genesis! So far, we (cont. next page)



have heard encouraging feedback about groups' experience and we ourselves have been loving the opportunity to dive into Genesis with our Wednesday night group and Rachel's Monday morning group. Please pray for all the groups meeting throughout our church, that individuals would grow in love for one another and for God's Word as they meet from week to week.

Special Announcement

We are thrilled to announce that the Bacon family is growing from three to four! Lord willing, in April 2023 we will give birth to a baby boy. We are excited beyond words and know that our lives will be turned upside down once again in the best possible way by this new arrival, just as it did with Sophia! Please keep Rachel and baby boy in your prayers, for a safe pregnancy and healthy development.



MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY GROUP THAT MEETS IN OUR HOME

LOOKING AHEAD: PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Rachel's new role as CBS Europe training coordinator and upcoming trip to Slovakia
- For all the individuals and groups involved in our church's Genesis study this year
- For healthy growth of baby boy Bacon and healthy pregnancy for Rachel



ONE OF MANY PHOTOS FROM OUR VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS AS WE HAVE KICKED OFF THE STUDY OF GENESIS!

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

July 29, 2022

Update from the Sinclairs

Greetings from Salt Lake City,

I (Bruce) have a pretty long layover at the airport here, so I thought it might be a good time to send out an overdue prayer update. For the last half of 2022 we are on Home Ministry Assignment based in Tucson, Arizona.

So, why Tucson? Two reasons really. First, after nine years in Uganda, our daughter, Celeste, is transitioning back to the US. She has a job teaching middle school science at a charter school in the Tucson area, but her real reason for moving back to the US is that she is engaged to be married to Derek Tilley on December 30. They met a little over a year ago when he was checking out opportunities for mission aviation in Uganda. Derek works as a mechanic at SkyWest Airlines. **Thank God for this happy couple, and please pray for Derek and Celeste as they prepare for life together.**



The second reason we're based in Tucson this time is that our son, daughter-in-law, and GRANDDAUGHTER live in the area. It has been a blessing to see a good bit of them. We even went on a camping trip with them to Bryce Canyon National Park a couple of weeks ago. After 43 years of marriage, I finally got Pam to go camping with me ... but it took a grandbaby. 🥰



Now for some ministry news. Currently, I am returning to Uganda for three weeks to teach three intensive courses (Advanced Greek Exegesis, Lukan Writings (Luke and Acts), and Biblical Church Planting) at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary (ARTS). Each course consists of 30 hours in class, and the students have several weeks to complete and submit their assignments online. **Please pray for stamina for me and ask the Lord to bring much fruit from this effort.**

We are pleased that even though attendance has not reached pre-pandemic levels, both ARTS and ABU (African Bible University) are enrolling new students. We're also thankful that many of our former students are training pastors at Trinity Biblical Institute. **Pray that God will raise up many more well-equipped workers for the Harvest. Pray also that He would provide the needed resources to enable these students to attend seminary.**

While you're praying, please also remember the following.

Thank God for the provision of a house for Home Ministry Assignment. We hope to see many of you. Pray that we will be used to generate more interest in the ministry and that all our needed funding would come in.

Pray for the people in Uganda affected by drought and famine, especially in the refugee camps. Give thanks for the asset and needs assessment done in the Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement in July for the purpose of exploring the best ways for women to help their families through income-generating projects.

Pray for the Reformation Church in East Africa to enlarge its ministry footprint. Groups from 11 different countries have expressed interest in joining this network.

Pray for African Bible Colleges as they seek a new president to succeed Dr. Paul Chinchon who passed away unexpectedly a few weeks ago.



Thanks for praying!

Bruce & Pam Sinclair

Mission to the World account #16958

Roes Update

More “Last Times”

In August, Courtney traveled to Slovenia for the last time at our organization’s Annual Conference. We haven’t been able to have this in person since 2019. Over 700 people gathered together. It was such a delight to see many of the Europeans that Courtney has helped join the organization over the last couple of years in attendance. It was also a time to say goodbye to so many in the mission.

In October, Courtney was able to run his last Candidate Orientation (CO) virtually. There were people from Spain, Scotland, and Austria looking to join GEM. It’s always a blessing to hear how God has been at work in people’s lives bringing them to a point where He wants them to serve in full-time ministry in Europe. This was also a training time as Courtney trained two people to be able to run these COs in the future. One will actually be running one in November now for more people that want to join from the UK.

Krista’s Job Search

Courtney is continuing to work full-time with GEM through the end of the year but Krista has been freed from her ministry responsibilities to start looking for a job. Specifically, she’s looking for a Project Management position and has been recently certified as a Scrum Master. If you don’t know what that is, go Google it. It’s a fun combination of process optimization and mentoring/coaching team members. She was able to use that skill in her Community Bible Study curriculum development project and so is positioned well to continue growing in that as a career focus.

(Right) Almost everything we own is now stored on one side of Courtney's Dad's garage

Prayer Requests:

- Alex is almost half way through is senior year at Gardner Webb University. It’s been a great year for him so far and we’re excited to see what God has next for him. Next semester he needs to find a Business Management internship so if you have any leads, please feel free to contact us.
- We feel so blessed to be back at our home church in Huntersville. Prayerful about the ways we can use our giftedness to serve and bless this community that supported us so well.
- Job searches- that God would lead and we would follow well.
- Final Goodbyes - as Courtney finishes his time, he will need to say "goodbye" well with his team



Want Ads

Wanted: To purchase or borrow to use with our 1-1/2 year-old granddaughter:
High chair, Car Seat, "Pack n play" crib
Edward and Glenda Brouwer

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 September 30, 2022

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tithes and Offerings | \$128,535 |
| Other Income | 8,176 |
| Mission giving | 4,741 |
| Carryover funds - Missions | (96) |
| Expenditures other than Missions | (132,490) |
| Mission Expenditures | <u>(13,395)</u> |
| Collections over Expenditures | (\$4,529) |

Cash Balance

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|------------------|---------------|
| Checking account | \$18,514 |
| Savings account | <u>75,121</u> |
| Total | \$93,635 |

November Volunteers

Snacks

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| Nov 6 | Renee Allsbrook Paula Rhodarmer |
| Nov 13 | Glenda Brouwer Linda Wilson |
| Nov 20 | LuAnn Davis Carolyn Ramsey |
| Nov 27 | Jenny Alt Teresq Mills |

Child Care/Sunday School

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| Nov 6 | Glenda Brouwer Jennifer Reid |
| Nov 13 | Christina Roberts Linda Wilson |
| Nov 20 | Jenny Alt Teresa Mills |
| Nov 27 | Renee Mitchell Becky Brittain |

Counters

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

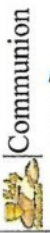



Open/Close/Usher

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

Cleaning (week of)

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

November 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------|
| | | 1 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group | 2 6:30 PM Bible study | 3 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group | 4 Help kids pack meals at Junaluska Elementary | 5 |
| 6  Communion  Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour | 7 LuAnn Davis | 8 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group | 9 | 10 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group | 11 Veterans Day | 12 |
| 13 OCC Shoe Box Collection  | 14 | 15 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group | 16 6:30 PM Bible study | 17 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group | 18 | 19 |
| 20 OCC Shoe Box Collection  | 21 | 22 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving | 25 Mission Yard Sale Renee Mitchell | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group | 30 6:30 PM Bible study | | | |

If your birthday or anniversary is
missing please give it to Linda
Wilson

Anniversaries

Birthdays