

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



October 2022



From
the Pastors Desk

"A thief in the night" is the term that Paul writes to the church at Thessalonica to let them know that the coming of the Lord will be unexpected, at an hour you don't anticipate. (Jesus used the term in Matthew's Gospel and John in turn in Revelations). There was so much persecution at that time, so many strange things going on, plus a general understanding of the apostles that the Lord's Second Coming, His return, was imminent. So much so that some people had quit their jobs because, after all, why do anything if Jesus is coming today or tomorrow? Paul tells them to wait in expectant hope but that in the meantime, since none can know the time of Christ's return, we are all to work with our hands and continue to give a good and beautiful witness to unbelievers. In the fall of 1979, a local Pentecostal church in my hometown of Red Deer Alberta had a series of revival meetings that showed the 1972 film "A Thief in The Night". I was on my way home from a late study night at the local High School (9th grade), walked by the church and saw the parking lot full and the shimmering light of a film being watched--so I stole up into the balcony and watched the rest of the movie. Now mind you I had been raised in a lovely Christian home and knew Jesus to be my Saviour from my earliest memories, but being the strict hardworking Calvinists that we were, there was little talk of Jesus' return and more talk of how can we make the world a better

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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

Providence Happenings



place through our life and calling? Be that as it may, this was the first time I had heard an "altar call" and right there in the back of that church, I made an adult decision to give my life to Jesus. That was 43 years ago, an entire generation. The coming of Jesus is closer today than ever before but He will not come according to our well-worked out maps and diagrams. Don't spend an ounce of your energy on figuring out the end times scenarios. Rather give all your creative energy to living for Jesus, sharing the gospel, and bearing fruit for His Kingdom. And whether we pass before He comes or whether we meet Him in the air, let us strive to the upward calling in Christ. Even so, Lord Jesus, Come Quickly.

Pastor Edward



Potluck Sunday, October 2

It's time for a church-wide meal together! Sunday, October 2, after the worship service we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for an Oktoberfest - themed potluck. The church will provide all the meat (sausages/wurst) and we'll have a signup sheet for sides and desserts. There will be no Sunday School that day. See you all there!

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.

Nominating Committee--Each year at our congregational meeting in January we have the privilege of voting for elders to serve in leadership. Elders serve terms of 3 years, and Luke Allsbrook and Bruce Kingshill have served their terms and will be leading the search for a slate of men/ women to put before the members. Please be in prayer for this Nominating Committee that meets this coming Thursday. Pray that the Lord will lead them to capable and qualified people that are called to serve. As a member of Providence, you are welcome to put forth a suggestion of a fellow member for this committee to consider (but kindly get that person's permission first). The members of this committee were chosen at our January 2022 meeting, and are Linda Roberts, Bill Allsbrook, Glenda Brouwer, Luke Allsbrook and Bruce Kingshill.



Mission News



McKays September Update

Our hope is that you all are noting the Lord's presence in your lives, as Summer gives way to Fall. We are reunited as a family now, after Sam, Ian and I had three weeks together in the U.S. and I stayed an extra couple of weeks to visit so many wonderful people through Indianapolis and then to the West Coast. (Hi, wonderful people I visited this summer). Sadly, Sandra was unable to join us and spent a major portion of the time helping out with her father... see prayer requests below.



In late June, we were able to visit a sister ministry in Hamburg, (over our 25th wedding anniversary weekend)... and had a delightful time fellowshiping with them and seeing how they do ministry with similar international groups to us. We were very encouraged by the time there and made some notable friendships... and the promise of future collaborations is wonderful. We were blessed to be able to minister to some of their refugees and share ministry insights, as well. It was a fruitful time.

We returned from the trip stateside exhausted and exhilarated, as always. It is such a joy to meet with the Lord's people, most of whom have a heart for missions... and to get to know new people, pray together, hear your stories and even preach in several of your churches. After a red-eye to Charlotte from Portland and a return flight to Munich the same afternoon, I said to Sandra,... I loved it!

Some of you asked about A, the Afghan girl we mentioned in the last update...to whom we gave a Farsi Bible. Sandra was able to meet her for coffee since then and give her another book about conversion from her belief system to Christ. Please keep up the prayers!

As a side note, I have had a number of people request that I do some video teaching, so believing that the Lord speaks through you all.... I plan to begin attaching short video messages to these updates... feel free to check them out, they are usually 4 to 8 minutes long. See link below for the second one... if you do not have vimeo, some phones will let you temporarily use the app to watch without downloading it. If not, please let us know and we will get it to you another way.

<https://vimeo.com/749532295>

Thank you for sharing in the mission with us! May His peace prevail,

Adger, Sandra, Sam and Ian

Prayer/Praise:

- We rejoice to be able to rejoin 'our' refugees... in full swing, looking forward to what the Lord has up His sleeve.
- Samuel was unable to find housing in Amsterdam for university, thus a forced gap year, job, emotions, seeing the Lord's hand in this!
- Remember that prayer request about a car for the U.S., I was loaned FOUR different cars to drive around the east and west coast !! Thank You, Jesus... and generous friends!
- Sandra's father has Alzheimer's and the difficult decision about finding a special home for him.

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 August 31, 2022

Tithes and Offerings	\$115,440
Other Income	8,168
Mission giving	4,618
Carryover funds - Missions	(273)
Expenditures other than Missions	(120,132)
Mission Expenditures	<u>(13,095)</u>
Collections over Expenditures	(\$5,274)

Cash Balance

Checking account	\$18,605
Savings account	<u>75,113</u>
Total	\$93,718

October Volunteers

Snacks

Oct 2	Pot luck luncheon
Oct 9	Glenda Brouwer Paula Rhodarmer
Oct 16	LuAnn Davis Carolyn Ramsey
Oct 23	Jenny Alt Teresa Mills
Oct 30	Renee Mitchell Jennifer Dale

Child Care/Sunday School

Oct 2	No Sunday School
Oct 9	Renee Mitchell Jennifer Dale
Oct 16	LuAnn Davis Lisa Rhodarmer
Oct 23	Christina Roberts Teresa Mills
Oct 30	Jenny Alt Becky Brittain

Counters

Oct 2	Luke Allsbrook
Oct 9	Will Roberts
Oct 16	Derek Rhodarmer
Oct 23	Bruce Kingshill
Oct 30	Luke Allsbrook



Open/Close/Usher

Oct 2	Luke Allsbrook
Oct 9	Will Roberts
Oct 16	Derek Rhodarmer
Oct 23	Bruce Kingshill
Oct 30	Luke Allsbrook

Cleaning (week of)

Oct 3	Edward/Jeffery
Oct 10	Linda R/Susan K
Oct 17	Mitchells
Oct 24	Edward/Jason
Oct 31	TBD

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Natalie Lawrence					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 9:45 AM Communion  11:00 AM Potluck	Jefferey Alt	10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group Rhonda Lear	6:30 PM Bible study Julie-Joy Dale	6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Alia Lawrence	Edward & Glenda Browner	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Columbus Day (Observed)	10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group Luke Allsbr	6:30 PM Bible study	6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	Benjamin Davis	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Will & Christi Roberts	10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group Jacque Morgan	6:30 PM Bible study	6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	6:30 PM Bible study	6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group		
30	31	If your birthday or anniversary is missing please give it to Linda Wilson				

Anniversaries Birthdays