

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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CHURCH CONGREGATION

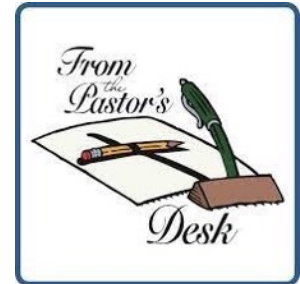
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Set clocks
forward 1
hour at

MARCH 2023

“Restore unto
me the joy of
my salvation,



Meeting with women from several CBS Groups
running in Northwestern Slovakia.

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Direction 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 (.03 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

9:45am - Morning Worship
11:15- Sunday School

TUESDAY

10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

THURSDAY

6:45am - Men's Prayer Group

These are the words of the sweet psalmist of Israel, David, the man after God's own heart. He wrote these words after Nathan the Prophet confronted him with his heinous sin. David had experienced the love of God in this life in deep and profound ways, speaking of the Lord as his Shepherd, the One who led him and fed him, protected him, loved him, and Who had ultimately promised that goodness and mercy would follow him all his days and afterward he would dwell in the house of the Lord, in the very presence of God forever! Is your soul experiencing this right now? Or perhaps you feel as David did in another season of his life recorded in Psalm 63 "earnestly I see you, my soul thirsts for you in a dry and weary land where there is no water to be found." It seems as though our journey with God is marked by seasons. Just as winter is a time of dormancy and March here in the mountains promises a burst of new life and vitality, so also oftentimes our walk with Christ is marked by longing for revival, renewal, and reawakening. Remind yourself and remember the words of David the he wrote "I waited patiently on the Lord, he inclined unto me and heard my cry, He drew me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay and set my feet on a rock." Christian take heart, the Lord is attentive to the cry of His people. God desires to lavish upon you His abundant, extravagant, prodigious love in Christ through the refreshing of the Spirit. Hear the words of Jesus, the Rock of our salvation: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Greetings from Uganda!

Today makes a month since we returned to the Pearl of Africa. As always, it took several days to readjust, but we are back in the swing of ministry here. This semester, Pam is teaching two classes at African Bible University, Speech and Communication and Conflict Management! It's always a great to hear her first-year speech students give their testimonies in chapel. They remind us why God has us serving here. Bruce is teaching six classes this semester. Four are at African Bible University, namely Introduction to the Bible, John Old Testament Biblical Theology, and Church Planting. He is also reaching Old Testament Survey and New Testament Survey as intensive graduate courses at ARTS (Africa Reformation Theological Seminary).



Since our local church is currently searching for a pastor, Bruce also helps out with the preaching and serving the Lord's Supper. A very exciting development in our local presbytery has been to commission Ezra Kwizera as the first RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) campus minister in Uganda. Ezra just received his > Div. from ARTS in December and is serving on the campus of Makerere University, the largest and most influential university in the country. We considered this to be a very strategic ministry, since 80% of Ugandans are under the age of 30, and Makerere is where many of tomorrow's leaders are being trained. We're thankful to Mission to the World and Reformed University Fellowship for helping get the ball rolling on this important campus.



On a personal level, we are thankful to be "home" in Uganda but also for our time in the States. The family highlight of these past few months was Celeste's wedding. What an honor for Bruce to walk his daughter down the aisle and then lead this precious couple in their wedding vows. It was great to reconnect with family and friends at the wedding, including quite a few from our former church, New Song, in Pace Florida. The other big family news is that Hannah, our daughter-in-law is expecting our second granddaughter in May.

Here is our most current list of praise reports and prayer requests.

- In our last update we asked you to pray for God to meet our support needs, so that we could return to the field. We praise Him for graciously answering

those prayers. Although our account has dipped into deficit in December, end-of-year giving brought it back into the black. Every day, as we pray for our ministry partners, we thank God for using you in our life and ministry.

- Thank God for our local congregation. **Pray that the Lord will guide New City Community Church to call the right pastoral candidate.**
- We are very grateful for those who graduated from ARTS in December. **Pray that the Lord will guide them into their various places of ministry. Pray especially for the church planters and the new university ministry.**
- Thank God for preserving our health and strength, so that we can serve Him here. **Pray that the Lord will preserve our physical and emotional health, and that He would draw us closer to Himself so that others will see Jesus in us and seek to know, love, and serve Him.**

Thanks for praying!

Bruce and Pam Sinclair

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Please continue to pray for one of our missionaries, Laurie Krieg as she continues to have health issues.

She had a new neurologist and we ask that you join us in praying that God will use this new doctor as an instrument of His healing.



In Laurie's own words:

One of the most comforting things to me.....

Suffering is inexplicable.

*If I could figure out why I am suffering, then I would *not* need an inexplicable God to understand it for me.*

I would be good without Him.

However, because suffering is inexplicable I am not good with Him.

I need an inexplicably powerful, loving, and all-knowing God to understand it for me.

The inexplicableness of suffering proves to me I need an inexplicable God.



The Bacons in Brussels

Our Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to each of you in 2023! We have some exciting updates and highlights to share with you all, including a transition in local church ministry, so please read on!

Community Bible Study Update

Thank you to everyone who prayer for my (Rachel's) trip to Slovakia at the end of November. It was a precious time getting to meet people involved in CBS there in person for the first time after having been meeting with them on zoom for a year. The current core team of people in Slovakia held a mini-conference at which I had the opportunity to train new, potential, and existing leaders. I also got to attend several women's CBS groups that have already been running in different parts of the country. We are thankful to God for the great He has been and will continue to bring about in CBS Slovakia! Please pray that the Lord would provide the right people as they pursue further leadership team development.



In other CBS training related news, the training team and I are continuing to develop more necessary trainmen material throughout the European region. Just recently, some of the new material were used to train in Estonia and Russia. Much of this trainmen in CBS relates to equipping people to facilitate a Bible study. Praise God for the many translators who make this possible in so many languages and continue to pray for our efforts as we develop further content.

The Bacons..... continued

Family Update

At the close of January, we are just about to finish spending six weeks in the US. It was very special to spend Christmas in the mountains of North Carolina with Rachel's family and to see many other friends and family! Sophia has loved spending lots of quality time with Opa and Gigi (Rachel's parents). Since our last newsletter, she has become a confident walker which is bringing new adventures with it! Rachel's pregnancy is continuing smoothly and we are looking forward to welcoming baby boy in the world in April!



Church Ministry Update

As we are about to head back to Belgium on the 1st of February, we are excited to share that we have joined a church planting project in Brussels and will be transitioning fully into this new adventure upon our return! In a country that is around 1% evangelical, Belgium is in deep need of more churches and Christian workers. Due to the vastly international nature of Brussels, we are excited about this church plant in Brussels. We hope to have a core group by the end of February and to begin worship services in March. If you want to know more about the church, this is our website: hopebrussels.com.

For those of you currently supporting us financially, you do not need to make any changes at this time. We are raising support for this church plant, and if you are interested in specifically giving to this work, whether one time or in an ongoing way, you may do that here: <https://mtw.org/missionaries/details/bacon-julian-and-rachel> We will continue to keep you in the loop with all forms of updates!



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LOOKING AHEAD PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Hope Brussels, the church planting project - for wisdom in leadership and how best to serve kingdom needs in the city
- For continued leadership development in CBS Slovakia
- For healthy growth of baby boy Bacon and healthy pregnancy for Rachel

Stay Connected!

If you would like to give, please go to

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

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Want Ads

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

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2023

Sam Mitchell

Will Roberts - Clerk

Class of 2024

Luke Allsbrook

Derek Rhodarmer

Class of 2025

Jeffery ALT

Elder Emeritus

Kent Roberts

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Linda Wilson

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of January 31st, 2023

Tithes & Offering collections	\$6,431
Other Income	659
Mission Giving	100
Carryover funds - Missions	(100)
Expenditures other than Missions	(14,418)
Mission Expenditures	700
Expenditures over collections	(\$8,028)
Cash Balance	
Checking Account	\$24,593
Savings account	75,211
Total	\$99,804

Balance of Home Trust Mortgage \$282,028

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

SNACKS

March 5	LuAnn Davis Becky Brittain
March 12	Jenny Alt Teresa Mills
March 19	Renee Mitchell Jennifer Dale
March 26	Linda Wilson Renee Allsbrook

OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE

March 5	Luke Allsbrook
March 12	Jeffery Alt
March 19	Derek Rhodarmer
March 26	Sam Mitchell

COUNTERS

March 5	Luke Allsbrook
March 12	Jeffery Alt
March 19	Derek Rhodarmer
March 26	Sam Mitchell

CLEANING

Week of:	
March 5	Edward / Jeffery
March 12	Linda R / Susan K
March 19	Edward / Matthews
March 26	Edward / Jason

CHILD CARE / SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 5	Glenda Brouwer Linda Wilson
March 12	Glenda and Edward Brouwer
March 19	LuAnn Davis Jennifer / Reid Dale
March 26	Jenny Alt Becky Brittain