

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

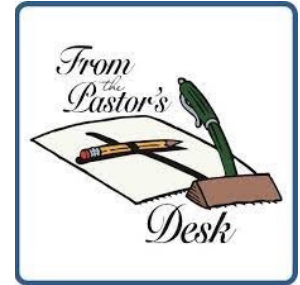
PROVIDENCE CHURCH - AN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH CONGREGATION

LOCATED AT 1400 OLD CLYDE ROAD, CLYDE



## August 2023

If you have been out on vacation or just taking a summer break you may know that I have been preaching from the book of Ruth. Ruth is a powerful redemptive story of two women who lived in the time of the Judges, before the time of Israel's United Monarchy (Saul, David, Solomon). Naomi, whose Hebrew name means pleasant, left Bethlehem with her husband (Elimelech) and two sons. They leave their parched farm during a drought and went to neighboring Moab. There her sons married, but within a decade both her husband and sons died. She decides to return home because she's heard things had improved there, and attempts to dissuade her daughters-in-law from returning with her. But Ruth, whose name means friendship, vows to cling to and love Naomi, "your people shall be my people, your God my God, and where you go I shall go until death parts us". These two women return penniless, and people hardly recognize Naomi. She insists that people call her Mara (bitter) for she tells them "God has dealt bitterly with me". We see the hand of God's purpose and plan at work as He moves them from death to life, from poverty to riches, through a man named Boaz (Strength) according to God's providence and grace. But before Boaz can act another closer relative has first right of refusal on the land that Elimelech has left. This man can buy it and sees an opportunity to enrich his portfolio, because, without an heir, this land is not subject to the Jubilee Law that on the 50th year all property sold or mortgaged, returns to the original owners. Some Redeemer! Like most of us, he's looking out for number 1. But not Boaz. He agrees to redeem the land and also marry Ruth so that she can raise a family that will inherit Elimelech's land and so keep the legacy alive. Jesus is the Greater Boaz. He is the true kinsmen Redeemer who rewrote Ruth's story making her His bride, giving her a legacy and hope. And He welcomed Ruth into His forever family making her "a friend of God". We are all Ruth in this story. Foreigners. Bereft. Aliens to the Commonwealth of Israel, to the Covenant of Promise in Christ, having no hope in this world (Ephesians 2:12). Jesus risked His own wealth and position to win us to Himself, the Bride of Christ. That's Ruth in a nutshell. It's the gospel. Pastor Edward



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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

Most of you did not get to attend the General Assembly in Denver Colorado in June (but I was glad to connect with Edward and Glenda!). We had SO many highlights as shared in the previous epistle post. Tuesday evening Mike Kuhn, one of our global workers gave the message for the evening commissioning for our newest WO global workers. So inspiring!



Also, would you have a few moments to light up these prayer needs Lisa and I have this third week of July? Since General Assembly, I have been working on three key projects in my area of Co-op Support and Field Development. So, in these first three prayer requests, we need help and discernment on moving them forward; we need wisdom and favor with:

Business as Missions, (BAM) is a new way to send people out! In the past 6 months, I have met EPC BAM people who want to be part of the global efforts of the EPC in countries with little Christian witness. We currently do not have a direct pathway to come behind and send them out. I am hoping to form a working group to help us discern if this is where God might lead us, and if so “how to do it wisely and make it beneficial” for those wanting to go in a BAM direction. The potential areas that we already have BAM people wanting to work through us are textile production, fashion, photography, microfinance and education. Pray for God to move this forward or clearly close this door. I need to find and coordinate the right people to help us discuss this, so pray I can find and convene this group.

Connecting EPC World Outreach with our 17 sending agencies: We have written memos of understanding with each of these 17 agencies with whom we have active workers. With a lot of transitions, I want to bring our WO leadership team together to meet each of the leadership teams of all 17. That’s a LOT of coordinating. I need help!

Co-op workers administration fee reduction: I have for the past year been getting approval to have us review this. I will be meeting with a small group to finally fully discuss this. Pray for favor and generosity on behalf of EPC World Outreach.

Please pray that I can keep each of them items moving at a steady pace and for God to help us wisely and quickly discern how to proceed.

And also pray for the:

The upcoming trip back to Bolivia, South America for the annual “La Red – Fe Extrema” youth workers conference at Camp Kewiña August 4 - 6. Lisa and I arrive on August 2 and return home on August 10. It has been 16 years since Lisa last visited and 3 and a half years since I was able to go. This is the ministry we began in 2000. We joined Jake & Sarah Wetzel who worked with the camp and we started this training ministry team led by River & Ana Claire. It is still going, still working with young youth leaders from across Bolivia helping them in student ministry.

And for Lisa and me as we work on my travel plans for the fall. I need to visit a few new fields this fall, pray that we schedule wisely. These are to visit our field workers and discern how we can help them improve their efforts and keep their connections with churches back in the US.

We sure hope you get to listen to Mike's sermon!

We close out by saying this to you... what Mike said, “You are our lifeline that makes all this happen!

With our love and thanks.  
Shawn & Lisa



## Providence Yard sale Blessings

Deuteronomy 28:12, the chapter often sited as the “Blessings and Curses” chapter tells us, “The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.”

We were indeed blessed by the Lord during our Providence Yard sale, enabling a three day total income for missions of over \$4000.

We are grateful to the Lord and also to all of you who donated your prayers, time, muscles, trucks and material items to make our event a success.

Furthermore we were blessed by members of West Canton Baptist and Hazelwood Presbyterian church who donated their time to assist us during the yard sale with carrying, bagging and sorting items and also helped in our “Gospel corner” children Bible story/ craft area.

Our neighborhood hot dog luncheon was a big “hit” as we served over 150 hotdogs and quenched many a parched throat on that hot Saturday. We had three new visitors to our Sunday Worship service following this outreach event.

The “work of your hands” enables Providence to continue supporting missions locally and globally, spreading the gospel in Haywood County and around the world.



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS			
OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE		Sunday School	
August 6	Luke Allsbrook	August 6	Becky Brittain & Linda Wilson
August 13	Jeffery Alt	August 13	Glenda Brouwer & Teresa Mills
August 20	Derek Rhodarmer	August 20	Renee Mitchell & Jennifer / Reid Dale
August 27	Sam Mitchell	August 27	LuAnn Davis & Glenda Brouwer
COUNTERS		CLEANING	
August 6	Luke Allsbrook	August 6	Jeffery / Edward
August 13	Jeffery Alt	August 13	Linda Roberts & Susan Kingshill
August 20	Derek Rhodarmer	August 20	Mitchells
August 27	Sam Mitchell	August 27	Matthews
SNACKS			
August 6	Renee Mitchell & Jennifer Dale		
August 13	Linda Wilson & Renee Allsbrook		
August 20	Glenda Brouwer & Paula Rhodarmer		
August 27	LuAnn Davis & Becky Brittain		

## 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

## INQUIRERS' CLASS

Are you interested in learning more about our church? Pastor Edward is leading a New Members Class beginning August 13th for three consecutive Sundays. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:15. Please consider attending. Join the conversation — attending does not lock you into becoming a member.

- Evangelical
- Presbyterian
- Church

These three topics will shape our discussion.

*Pastor Edward*



### Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of June 30th 2023

Tithes & Offering collections	\$57,226
Other Income	4,254
Mission Giving	312
Carryover funds - Missions	235
Expenditures other than Missions	(83,168)
Additional Payment on Mortgage	(5,000)
Mission Expenditures	(5,850)
Expenditures over collections	(\$31,989)
Cash Balance	
Checking Account	\$25,172
Savings account	50,336
Total	\$75,508
Balance of Home Trust Mortgage	\$270,971

## AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday`	Saturday
		1 Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	2  <i>Benjamin Lizarazu</i>	3  <i>Lance Lawrence</i>	4	5
6   Holy Communion	7	8 Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM  <i>Reid &amp; Jennifer Dale</i>	9	10 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM	11	12  <i>Linda Roberts</i>
13	14  <i>Ian Dale</i>	15 Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	16	17 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM	18	19
20	21  <i>Bill &amp; Glenda White</i>	22 Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM  <i>Ellie Lizarazu Samuel McKay</i>	23	24 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM	25	26
27	28	29 Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	30	31 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM		

### *Birthdays Anniversaries*

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



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