

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - An Evangelical Presbyterian Church Congregation

Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde



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2023

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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 (.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

### THURSDAY

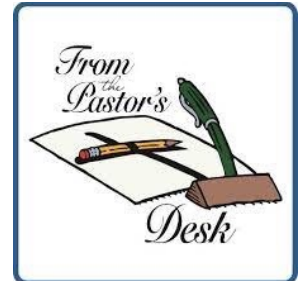
10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

### THURSDAY

6:45am - Men's Prayer Group

*I have had the privilege of being the pastor of Providence Church since November 2014. We've been here now coming on one decade. Where has the time flown? In these years we've had many milestones, one of which significantly is that we now have our own campus/facility. We had a lovely partnership with Haywood Christian Academy in sharing this location and we bought this from them several years back. But quite aside from who owns this sacred space, is the ministry and gospel life that has sprung from this Chapel, Fellowship Hall, and Christian Education wing. As believers in Jesus and members of His family, we have forged bonds of koinonia, discipleship, and mission. We have worshipped together, we have shared the gospel together, we have studied the Word and we have served in His Name. Each of us has been touched by the moments when we have rejoiced together and when we have grieved a loss together. Over potluck meals, we have shared the story of God's grace to us. In Sunday School and Community Groups, we have listened and learned. In serving the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely, we have reflected Christ to the world and to one another. Our Advent theme, in this month when we remember His first coming and look forward to, anticipate, and pray for Christ's Second Coming, is HOPE, LOVE, JOY, and PEACE. Christ is the fulfillment, the embodiment, and the Divine expression of each of these. May you experience all of these realities in your walk with Jesus in a new and fresh way this year.*

*Pastor Edward*



November 22, 2023



Dear Family and Friends

We hope you will have a wonderful holiday with your family and a meaningful time of giving thanks to God. Here are some of the things related to our ministry with MTW that we are thankful for. October was an eventful month for our family. We have been on Home Ministry Assignment in Arizona since June, but I

(Bruce) spent most of last month in Africa, preaching at various venues and teaching three intensive courses. Pam was not feeling well when I left for the airport, so I called my son and asked him to check on her. She was having severe abdominal pain and couldn't keep anything down. A trip to Urgent Care ended with her being given antibiotics for a suspected infection. Since the meds didn't help, she went to the Emergency Room. A scan revealed a blockage that required emergency surgery. By the time I landed in Uganda, she had been admitted to the hospital and was scheduled for the operation. As you might imagine, I was distressed and bewildered by the timing of it all. Before I could schedule a flight back to the US, she was in recovery and feeling so much better that she urged me not to come. Thank God with us for healing her. Thank Him that this happened while she was in America, as it would likely have been a very different experience in Africa.



I'm happy to report that the courses went well. These modular courses involve a full semester's worth of lectures (30 hours) condensed into five days. The first two were Bible courses at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary: a week in 1st and 2nd Corinthians followed by a week in the Pastoral Epistles (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus). The third week found me teaching at Trinity Biblical Institute in Kapchorwa, Uganda, close to the Kenya border. Although I have been on the board of Trinity Center for World Mission for almost three years, this was my first opportunity to teach a class for them. Recently the school received accreditation to offer a bachelor's degree, so I had the privilege of teaching one of the first courses in the program, The Doctrine



of Christ and Salvation. More than half the students are pastors, mostly in village churches. Although their educational background was not as strong as that of most of my students, they were very eager to learn. A highlight of the week for me was seeing how the students began to grasp their adoption into the family of God. The truth of a Fatherly love that is not based on their performance brought them great freedom and joy. Thank God for these dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray that they will truly experience the love of God in Christ and will be able to share that love with others. I also had the opportunity to meet with some of the leaders of the South Sudanese refugee ministry. Currently the ministry comprises five churches in the Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement with an aggregate attendance of around 4000. One church of about 750 was in danger of losing their meeting place. MTW graciously lent us the money (\$6,500) to purchase the church property. Thank God for this provision and pray that He will also supply the funds for prompt repayment of this loan.

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Other news from the refugee camp brought me great sorrow. The food situation is dire. The UN currently is only supplying food for those who are classified as disabled. "Why don't they just go back to SouthSudan?" asked a visitor from the USA. The response saddened me. "War is worse than hunger," replied a pastor in the camp. "With hunger, a few people die every month. With war, many die all at once." I was especially touched by one of these saints who said, "Pray that I can be thankful, even when there is no food." Thank the



Lord with us for preserving the lives of these refugees. Please pray that he who is able to do "exceedingly abundant above all we ask or think" would resolve the food security issue in the camp. We are grateful to be with our family and sharing a meal together this Thanksgiving. On December 1, I return to Africa where I am scheduled to attend three graduations, including giving the keynote address at one of these. I will also help conduct a four-day facilitator training at TBI in Kapchorwa, Uganda and teach some of the sessions an apologetics seminar at the TBI campus in Kigali, Rwanda. Thank God for granting the health, strength, and finances

required for this ministry. Please pray that this investment in the Kingdom of God will bear fruit for eternity. Last, but not least, we are thankful for you too! Thanks for praying.

Bruce and Pam Sinclair  
Mission to the World account #16958

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- Please be in prayer for each of our Presbytery Church planters, that they know the voice of the Lord and feel his comfort and presence, in the midst of an oft-lonely vocation.

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- For Resurrection and Ryan and Erin, pray that God would continue to grow up leadership from within the church to own ministries, train elders, and ready them for particularization in 2024.

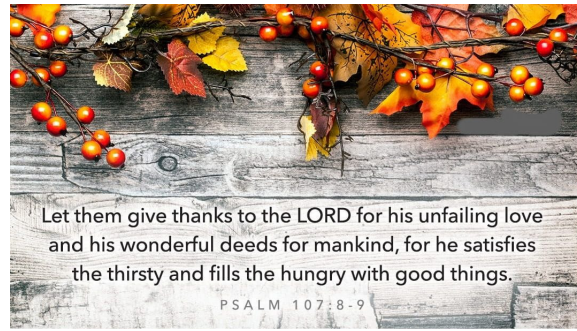
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- For Maranatha Church with Chris and Elizabeth, pray for the opportunities they have to share the gospel with unbelieving friends (particularly a young man drawn to the occult) and to share their missional community with any interested persons. Pray that God would give them favor to expand their missional community and expand to more in the coming year.

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- For Water Stone and Matt and Tiffany, pray for their first vision meeting on Sunday afternoon, December 3. Pray the Lord brings the people He wants to hear about Water Stone Church and helps them connect to 2-3 future leaders who will join us in the new year. Also pray that God continues to build trust and spark curiosity in their relationships with their unbelieving neighbors Bobby & Danni, Clint & Alicia, Ryan & Sarah, Eli & Laura, & Matt & Lauren.





Words from Lance and Lisa.....



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## **He Satisfies!**

We want to give thanks to the Lord for satisfying us with His unfailing love and wonderful deeds. We are satisfied because HE...

- Touches our family in meaningful ways with His undeserved kindness
- Protected co-workers in our region during conflict and called many to greater dependence
- Provided all the resources needed to help feed clinic patients this winter as we have a special outreach meal and hope to invite @400-500 patients and give a message of hope in Christ
- Put Makayla in a community of other believers as she does a 6-month discipleship training and outreach with Youth With A Mission
- Continues healing Natalie as she has dealt with debilitating fatigue as she's been away from home at school in Germany
- Provided a mentor for Alia to help her grow in discipleship with a heart of compassion
- Gathered workers focused on church planting work for a week-long intensive training in Cairo who desire to see His Kingdom grow
- Provides resources for the fruit and vegetable program to feed those who are hungry as over 50 families receive coupons monthly
- Launched new workers to Egypt, Saudi, and Lebanon after being a part of our team for 2-years of equipping in Arabic and culture
- Graciously supplies wisdom as we walk beside other leaders and our own teenage kids
- Answered so many prayers for needy patients and showed His compassion towards them when they felt unseen

We continue to pray for our region of the world as wars rage and suffering continues. May many in this region know that only through His Kingdom does real satisfaction and peace come.

### **Jack and Jill Update**

Thank you for praying for "Jack and Jill" for many years. They are Arab-believing friends who have dealt with so much persecution over the last 14 years of faith. Currently, Jill has gotten licensed in a European country as a nurse and has prepared an apartment for the family. Jack and the daughters have applied for a visa and waiting for final approval. They have been waiting since September. Pray for unrestricted travel permission to come quickly!

We are thankful for you and your willingness to stand with us as we were here in the Middle East. May you be blessed this Thanksgiving with a deep sense of satisfaction in Him!

Lance and Lisa  
Makayla, Natalie & Alia  
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## 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



JOIN PROVIDENCE FOR OUR TRADITIONAL LESSONS AND CAROLS, CANDLE LIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ON SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24TH AT 5:00PM.

## DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE		Sunday School-Elementary Class	
Dec 3	Luke Allsbrook	Dec 3	No Sunday School / Christmas Decorating
Dec 10	Jeffery Alt	Dec 10	Jenny Alt and Teresa Mills
Dec 17	Derek Rhodarmer	Dec 17	Chip and Kelsey Reed
Dec 24	Sam Mitchell	Dec 24	No Sunday School
Dec 31	Luke Allsbrook	Dec 31	LuAnn Davis and Linda Wilson
COUNTERS		Sunday School-Middle School Class	
Dec 3	Luke Allsbrook	Dec 3	No Sunday School / Christmas Decorating
Dec 10	Jeffery Alt	Dec 10	Glenda Brouwer
Dec 17	Derek Rhodarmer	Dec 17	Glenda Brouwer
Dec 24	Sam Mitchell	Dec 24	No Sunday School
Dec 31	Luke Allsbrook	Dec 31	
SNACKS		CLEANING	
Dec 3	Glenda Brouwer & Paula Rhodarmer	Dec 3	Edward / Jeffery
Dec 10	No snacks- Pot Luck	Dec 10	Linda Roberts/ Susan Kingshill
Dec 17	Jenny Alt & Teresa Mills	Dec 17	Mitchells
Dec 24	Renee Mitchell & Jennifer Dale	Dec 24	Matthews
Dec 31	Linda Wilson and Renee Allsbrook	Dec 31	TBD

**Providence Church  
Summarized Financial Information  
As of October 31st, 2023**

<b>Tithes &amp; Offering collections</b>	<b>\$114,600</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>7,708</b>
<b>Mission Giving</b>	<b>4,925</b>
<b>Carryover funds - Missions</b>	<b>(1,416)</b>
<b>Expenditures other than Missions</b>	<b>(137,178)</b>
<b>Mission Expenditures</b>	<b>(8,388)</b>
<b>Expenditures over collections</b>	<b>(\$19,749)</b>
<b>Cash Balance</b>	
<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>\$45,970</b>
<b>Savings account</b>	<b>50,413</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$96,383</u></b>
<b>Balance of Home Trust Mortgage</b>	<b><u>\$266,097</u></b>



**Salvation Army Bell  
Ringing**

Our church will be ringing Salvation Army Christmas Bells again this year on Tuesday, December 5th. We have signed up for 10:00AM to 8:00PM at the grocery/pharmacy entrance to Wal-Mart. One requirement for participation is that you can ring a bell — that's it! You will find that it is a great experience.



**HAYWOOD CHORAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS**

*Sounds of the Season*

**Save The Date**

Pastor Edward turns 60  
in January.

Everyone is invited to a  
drop-in celebration on  
Saturday, January 6th from  
1-5PM at The Brouwer House



**DON KIRKINDOLL, DIRECTOR**

**HILDA RYAN & GEORGE ATWELL,  
CONCERT ACCOMPANISTS**

**CONCERT IS FREE  
& OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
SUN., DEC. 3, 2023 ~ 4 PM  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
566 S HAYWOOD ST, WAYNESVILLE, NC**



Supported by The Haywood County Arts Council, The Junalusks, and Haywood Choral Society Angels.  
The Haywood Choral Society is sponsored in part by a Grassroots Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency funded by the state of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Dear Providence Church Family

Many of you do not know that we are charter members of Providence Church and have been there from the beginning, no matter where we lived our hearts were always there. Thanks very much for making the memorial for Bill a touching ceremony. One that my family and friends will always remember. Every family member and friend has a copy of the Order of Service that is already in their scrapbook. The luncheon was a delight to the eye and a tasty treat. Some people worked many hours to make such wonderful treats for all of us. We thank you very much! Your time and efforts are very appreciated. The food was so delicious! A very sincere thank you to all of you! May God bless you as you have blessed us! In His Name. Glenda #2.

## DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Lydia Lizarazu</i> <i>Sam Mitchell</i> <i>Christina</i> <i>Roberts</i>	2
3 Communion 	4	5 Ring Salvation Army Bell at Wal-Mart	6	7 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	8 <i>Glenda White</i>	9
10 Church-wide Pot Luck (after Sunday School)	11	12	13	14 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group <i>Natalie</i> <i>Brouwer</i> <i>Thom</i> <i>Morgan</i>	15	16
17 		19	20	21 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 5:00 PM	25 Christmas Day!	26 <i>Thom &amp; Jacque</i> <i>Morgan</i>	27	28 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						

*Birthdays*  
*Anniversaries*

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