

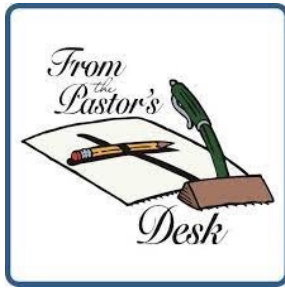
THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - An Evangelical Presbyterian Church Congregation

Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde

JANUARY 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Another year is dawning! We look back and we look forward and this is what we know and believe: Great is God's faithfulness. Whatever the circumstances of our lives, whether filled with lament or songs of praise and sometimes



both, we experience the truth that Christ will never leave us nor forsake us. We have said goodbye to people who have been near and dear to us but believe that we will meet them again on the other shore. People like Bill Silverthorne, Robbie Hargrove, Bill White, Diana Bush, and Charles Mooneyhan come to mind. On the other hand, we welcomed many new people into our circles and our fellowship. Glenda and I became grandparents again to Leo and others of you have seen your families expand. Last year was a year of growth in discipleship and community as apprentices of Jesus. A few books that rocked my world this year include "Creative Love" by Jeremy and Audrey Roloff as well as the biography on Eugene Petersen's life "A Burning in my Bones". As a church, we raised a pile of funds for missions both around the corner and around the world, to our near neighbors and to the nations. Glenda and I had the privilege of attending our Annual General Assembly in Denver and two big takeaways were connecting with dear brothers and sisters in Christ and becoming aware of a Sunday School Curriculum for Providence recommended by our denomination. I believe that the Lord has wonderful plans ahead for Providence!

Pastor Edward

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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

11:15am - Sunday School

THURSDAY 6:45am - Men's Prayer Group

THURSDAY 10:15am - Women's Prayer Group

The Paserangs

December Updates



Assalamualaikum, wr. wb.

Alhamdulillah, we're doing good in Jambi.

Thank you so much for continuing Praying and Support our ministry in Jambi.

There's a lot of new things happened to us, Especially Gabriel has start to go to school since the beginning of August. Hopefully he will have a lot of new friends.

Radio Ministry

Alhamdulillah, Radio Benan Bertuah has broadcasting On air and spreading goodnews to the Peoples in Benan Island. Pak Ujang and Pak Joni is enjoying their new activity as radio staff.



Pray for the radio planting movement to grow more and there are more radios that broadcast the truth about Isa Almasih, so that more and more people are willing to believe, receive, and following Isa as. Also pray for the the needs of electricity for the radio station, plan for regular visiting the station for training and maintenance.



Follow up reports

Meeting with Pak Gino, Bu Mutmainah, Pak Annas and encourage them to keep learning and grow spiritually in Jesus. They making a good progress studying Bible together. Now we're reading The Book of Luke to study the birth of Isa Almasih.

Henos and Dakka is doing great in sharing their testimonies with people in Benan. I can see that right now they have more 'good friends' in the Island and they can freely share Good News through their daily life experience. We need to pray more for them.

The Futsal ministry is doing great. We're recruiting new member. Now we have 30 member both Senior and junior. Hoping that we're not just growth in quantity but also in quality so that they will growth as a youth with lots of positive values.

"One real action speak louder, than a thousand meaningless words."

- DEG



Regular sharing with Bu Mutmainah

Clinic Ministry

We're doing great in the clinic. The rain season has started in here and it cause health issues for most of the people especially the elders. We're trying our best to provide good medicine and healthcare for them.

We have an incidents in the clinic few days ago. There's a storm hit this city and it cause some part of the clinic and the clicic sign was broken. Alhamdulillah, we can use the monthly fund and managed to fixed it.

Praying so that people who already come to the clinic will be healed by God through medicine that we gave and also pray so that we can continue become blessing to them, especially for those who are in needs.



"Thank you so much for always praying supporting our ministry. May God, through His Son, Isa Almasih, continue to bless you to become bless for others."





DECEMBER 2023

THE BACONS IN BRUSSELS

OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

As December begins, we hope that you are experiencing a rich start to the Advent season! We would love to share with you a few brief highlights from this fall in Brussels.

As you can see below, welcoming a fairly full house to worship at Hope has started to feel like the new normal! This photo was taken on a recent Sunday, and we are thrilled that we are continuing to see new faces each week alongside familiar ones. When we began meeting in this theatre in March of this year, we could not have anticipated that by December, we'd already need to be searching for a new building in which to worship. But here we are, and

praise be to God! Please pray for us as we navigate this process in the coming weeks: it can be a challenge for a church body to find rental space in Brussels.

At the beginning of October, Hope restarted community groups for the year, and we began hosting one in our home. We are making our way through a CBS study called God's Amazing Book, an introduction to the Bible. Over shared meals and discussion of key themes, literary genres, and challenges of Scripture, we are experiencing the richness that comes in a special way when people commit to community over God's Word!





Continuing in church news, this past Sunday (3 December), we had the privilege of receiving members at Hope for the first time. It was a joyful opportunity to celebrate what God is doing in the life of this community and to look back on how he has carried us these past nine months. Thank you for praying for this body of believers from across the world; we are blown away! This month, it is a special joy to do daily Advent readings as a family (and Sophia's favorite part...her first advent calendar. Think hidden chocolate!). In whatever place you find yourself this Advent season, may the Lord strengthen and comfort you in the knowledge that Jesus, the desire of all nations, the hope of the weary world, has come. And he will come again!



THEY WON'T STOP GROWING!



INVOLVING OLD AND NEW FRIENDS IN THE TRADITION OF AMERICAN THANKSGIVING. EVEN WITH THIRTEEN NATIONALITIES AROUND THE TABLE, ALL WERE HAPPY TO EMBRACE AN EVENT THAT MEANS GOOD FOOD AND CONVERSATION!

LOOKING AHEAD: PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- For the church's process of searching for a new place of worship
- For wisdom to care well for a growing congregation
- For family health as winter approaches, both physically and emotionally, to work and to serve

STAY CONNECTED!

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To give, please go to:
mtw.org/missionaries/details/bacon-julian-and-rachel

By check: Mission to the World,
PO Box 744165, Atlanta, GA 30374
Memo: Bacon Acct. #400722

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

JANUARY 2024

OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE		Sunday School-Elementary Class	
Jan 7	Luke Allsbrook	Jan 7	Chip & Kelsey Reed
Jan 14	Jeffery Alt	Jan 14	LuAnn Davis & Beverly Altman
Jan21	Derek Rhodarmer	Jan21	Jenny Alt & Teresa Mills
Jan 28	Sam Mitchell	Jan 28	Ben & Meredith Mayer
COUNTERS		Sunday School-Middle School Class	
Jan 7	Luke Allsbrook	Jan 7	Renee Mitchell
Jan 14	Jeffery Alt	Jan 14	Glenda Brouwer
Jan21	Derek Rhodarmer	Jan21	Renee Mitchell
Jan 28	Sam Mitchell	Jan 28	Glenda Brouwer
SNACKS		CLEANING	
Jan 7	Glenda B. & Paula R.	Jan 7	Edward / Jeffery
Jan 14	Robin B. & Liz R.	Jan 14	Linda Roberts/ Susan Kingshill
Jan21	LuAnn D. & Becky B.	Jan21	Mitchells
Jan 28	Renee M. & Jennifer D.	Jan 28	Matthews

Fellowship & Fun

60th Birthday Celebration for
Pastor Edward
Everyone is invited to a drop-in
celebration on Saturday, January 6th from
1-5PM at The Brouwer House
63 Hideaway Drive
Canton, NC
No Gifts Please

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of November 30th, 2023

Titles and Offering Collections	\$135,780
Other Income	\$8,497
Mission Giving	\$5,135
Carryover funds - Missions	-\$2,196
Expenditures other than Missions	-\$166,411
Mission Expenditures	-\$13,338
Expenditures over Collections	-\$32,533
Cash Balance	
Checking Account	\$33,948
Savings Account	\$50,431
Total	\$84,379
Balance of Home Trust Mortgage	\$264,870

PROVIDENCE CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT

FEBRUARY 23-24

*Theme for the retreat is
THE SONGS OF JESUS*

*We Will focus on time
together in Psalms*

*Contact Jennifer Dale
for further information*

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group <i>Michael Lear</i> <i>Sandra McKay</i>	5	6 Edward's Birthday Open House 1-5:00 PM
7 Communion 	8	9	10	11 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group <i>Edward Brouwer</i>	19 <i>Margaret</i> <i>Allsbrook</i>	20 Bridal Shower for Teresa Mils' Niece Fellowship Hall
21	22	23	24	25 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Birthdays
Anniversaries

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