

THE PROVIDENCE POST

PROVIDENCE CHURCH - AN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH CONGREGATION

LOCATED AT 1400 OLD CLYDE ROAD, CLYDE



JULY 2023

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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

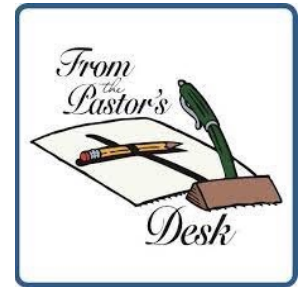
THURSDAY

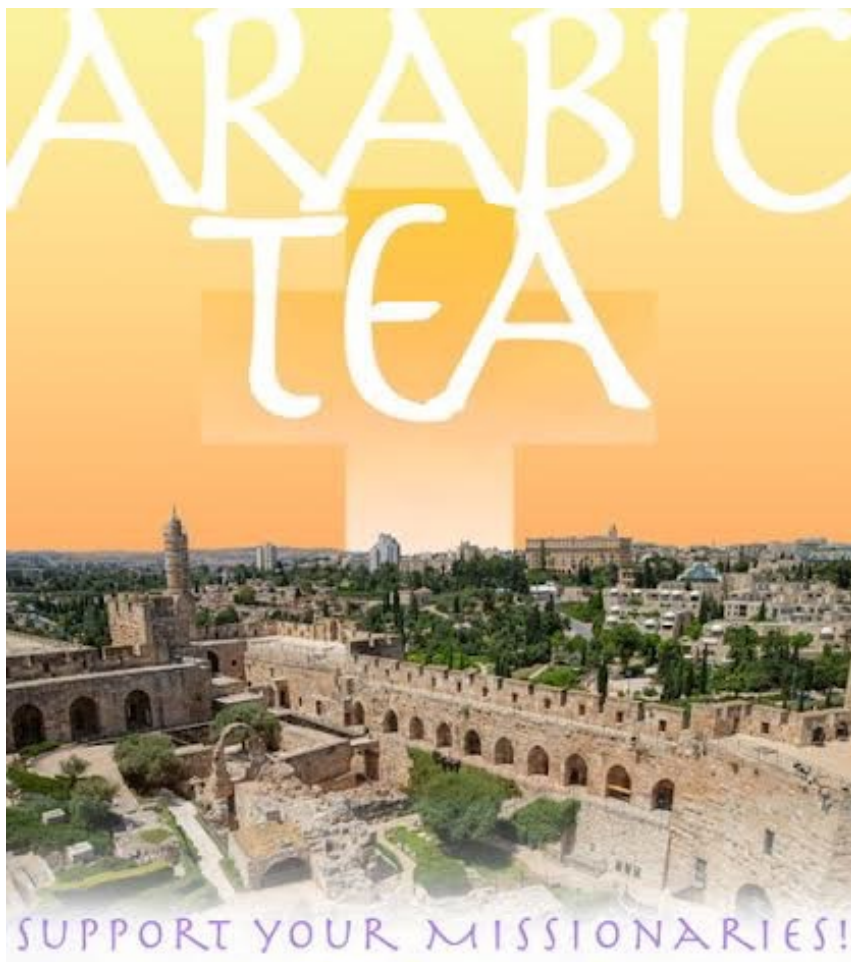
6:45am - Men's Prayer Group

Glenda and I have just returned safely from the EPC Annual Conference or what we call General Assembly. Thank you for sending me! Glenda and I decided to travel together, taking in the joy of GA, and also spending a little extra time out west in Colorado. We rented an Airbnb with several

other pastors that we know from NC and the fellowship was sweet! This was the first GA in four years that we had attended and it was a delight to refresh old acquaintances and friendships. The theme was Sharpen. Both of us and all those who attended felt the Spirit's presence in worship, in breakout sessions, and in fellowship. The speakers challenged us to press into the Lord's calling in ministry. Worship refreshed and renewed our hearts. Various equipping sessions informed and inspired us to share our faith boldly and winsomely. One thing I especially loved was that various ministries had tables in the atrium and I could visit with Global Outreach missionaries and local ministries. Take for example "He Gets Us" a ministry to help people connect with the Jesus of the gospels in His humanity. Yes, Jesus is divine but in His incarnation, He walked and talked and lived as a real human being in order that He would understand and carry our griefs and sorrows, our joys and our doubts. I felt especially moved to greater boldness in sharing the faith. On the plane ride back I had an opportunity to do just that with the two men that sat beside me on two separate flights. Both seekers, both open to the message of Jesus. We also had a bit of excitement as a tornado emergency unfolded on the afternoon of Thursday, June 22. We all huddled in the basement of the massive building as a mighty wind crashed over us. The actual tornado's path was 1 mile north of the church campus, but the shearing winds took down many trees around the church. Fortunately, only minor damage, and no one was hurt. O Holy Wind, O Spirit Divine, uprooting our complacency, unbridle our hearts in devotion and bliss for the glory of Thy Name and advancement of the Kingdom.

Pastor Edward





Saturday July 8, 9AM, Providence Fellowship Hall
Meet and Greet for visiting Middle East
missionaries Lance & Lisa

please RSVP!

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall

PROVIDENCE NEIGHBORHOOD LUNCHEON
FREE HOT DOGS!

Ever wonder, "Who is my neighbor?" On Saturday, July 15th, 2023 we are hosting a free neighborhood hot dog cookout. Come join us as we serve a simple meal with a warm smile to those in our area.

Derek and Cecil will be heading up this event and will be happy to have your assistance at the grill and also just to greet and welcome those who attend. We are also hoping to have at that time, a children's table where kids can do a simple craft and hear the gospel message. You are encouraged to take part in this outreach as we proclaim Christ to the youngest of His Kingdom.





Sinclair Stirrings

“...your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.” 2 Corinthians 9:2

Bruce & Pam Sinclair

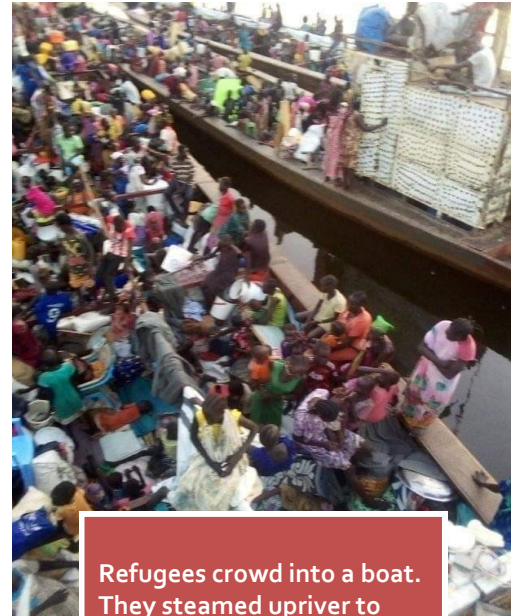
June 2023

Jesus said, “My Father is at work until now, and I am working” (John 5:17). God is at work! You and I have the privilege of partnering with Him in His work. Rejoice with us as you read some of the ways we have seen the Lord working recently.

Evacuation from Khartoum

“Don’t kill him; he’s our pastor!” The desperate plea of the Christians caught up in Sudan’s Civil War was directed toward the vicious rebels, who like the “thief” in John 10 had come “to steal, to kill, and to destroy.” The pastor rejoined, “No! The shepherd must protect his flock. Take me, but let these people go.” Miraculously, the insurgents moved on, leaving them all unharmed. That pastor was a former student named Thomas Tut. He graduated from Westminster Theological College in 2008. Although I hadn’t seen him since that time, he coordinated the MTW-funded evacuation of 1,002 refugees from Khartoum. Later, he and his family were also evacuated to safety thanks to the generosity of a mission team from Calvary Church.

Praise God for faithful servants who are willing to lay down their lives for the sheep. Thank Him for allowing these brothers and sisters to reach safety even as you pray for those who are still in harm’s way.



Refugees crowd into a boat. They steamed upriver to South Sudan and safety.



2023 New Testament Survey Class at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary.

ARTS Classes

Bruce was honored to teach two classes at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary this spring. We are very grateful to see some of the students resume their studies after leaving during the COVID shutdown. We were especially excited that Vincent, a recent ARTS graduate from Rwanda, returned to his native country to plant a church in the capital city of Kigali. Government regulations and other obstacles make Rwanda an especially challenging field. **Please pray for this fledgling church and for Vincent as he leads it.**



We were pleased to host a team from Calvary Church earlier this month. They trained more than 40 students in trauma counseling at African Bible University before spending several days in a South Sudanese refugee camp, where they led a trauma healing group. Pray for lasting fruit from this ministry.



Please pray for these new ABU graduates as they move on to the next step in their lives and ministries.



Thanks so much for your faithful prayers and financial support!

Bruce & Pam Sinclair



WELCOME LYDIA!

June 5th. Since we are on Home Ministry Assignment from now through the end of the year, we look forward to get-ting to know this precious little one.

The big family news is the arrival of our second grandchild, Lydia Grace Sinclair on



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THE BACONS IN BRUSSELS

OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

As we enter summertime here in Brussels, we have much to share with you in this exciting season of life! First, as many of you have received the announcement, you know that our son, Leo Gabriel Bacon, was born on April 14th, happy, healthy, and making plenty of noise despite the cord being around his neck a couple of times! That told us how active he must have been on the inside, flipping and rolling around; and that has only been confirmed since his birth! He loves to kick and squeal and wriggle. Big sister Sophia is loving Leo, and enjoys smothering him with her affection and curiosity - so we are working on the gentleness piece!

In our last newsletter, we had just begun Sunday worship services at Hope. As we are nearing the four-month mark since the church plant began, we have much for which to thank the Lord! We continue to have a solid core group of people involved and are encouraged by the many visitors we have seen come through the doors, some of whom have stayed to become part of this community. We have been intentional with preaching, first going through Titus (with the focus of having a healthy faith and healthy church), and now in Malachi (what does it look like to serve God in all of life?). In our gatherings, we

focus on worship services as a gospel-shaped dialogue between the Triune God and his people. It's been such a joy to gather for worship! The community is really friendly and welcoming. Two different families have told us they have been praying for about a decade for a church like this to begin in Brussels! Moving into the next several months, we will be working more on how to be intentional with our discipleship process with community groups that began this spring, training people to care for others well, and how to approach Christian education.





In Community Bible Study news, while Rachel has been taking some time off since Leo's birth, we were recently reminded of one of the reasons we so love CBS. Rachel is going to be training a pastor in another Belgian city to do CBS in his international church's small groups, and when he asked if we could provide a study that is available in English, Dutch, Farsi, Spanish, and Portuguese, it was such a joy to be able to respond, "absolutely we can!" It is amazing to see people from many corners of the world have the opportunity to study God's Word in-depth, in an accessible way.

Please continue to pray for us as we navigate life in ministry alongside the transition from one baby to two. We are grateful for this stage of life that has its share of both challenges and joys, and are incredibly thankful for your prayers!

STAYING CONNECTED

For further information on Hope and how you can support this work, you can find out more here:

Hope Website: hopebrussels.com

Mission to the World Website:
mtw.org/missionaries/details/bacon-julian-and-rachel



A MORE RECENT PHOTO OF LEO. HE HAS ALREADY GROWN SO MUCH!



RECENT SUNDAY WORSHIP AT HOPE

LOOKING AHEAD: PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for continued wisdom in decision-making for both the operational and community aspects of Hope
- Pray for patience, love, and wisdom as we navigate changes to family life
- Pray for fruitful CBS training in Belgium
- Pray for continued provision of financial support for this work

STAY CONNECTED!

To give, please go to:

mtw.org/missionaries/details/bacon-julian-and-rachel

rachel.bacon@cbseurope.org

julian@mtwbelgium.com



PROVIDENCE ANNUAL YARD SALE FOR MISSIONS

- **WHAT:** Yard sale for Mission — 100% of proceeds go to Missions local and around the world.
- **WHEN:** July 13-15, 2023 Thursday - Saturday 8:00AM to 2:00 PM
- **WHO:** You...we need lots of volunteers both before and during the yard sale.

We will have a sign up sheet for 3 hours shifts during the sale but feel free to come all day and every day! We need folks to pass out shopping bags to people, help pack boxes of purchased goods and anyone who can share a smile or the good news of the gospel to others in the community is welcome to come.

- **HOW:** In the past you and our friends have donated their gently used items which are transformed to funds available for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ. From Bible club at Lake Junaluska, flood relief in Cruso, or ministry to refugees searching for answers in war torn countries, your earthly treasures can make an eternal difference. Please pray and consider how you can donate your goods and time to make this a successful event.

PLEASE NOTE: When purchasing an item from the yard sale with a check and putting it in the offering plate, please put **YARD SALE** in the memo line.

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 May 31st 2023

Tithes & Offering collections	\$48,561
Other Income	3,615
Mission Giving	312
Carryover funds - Missions	235
Expenditures other than Missions	(71,766)
Additional Payment on Mortgage	(5,000)
Mission Expenditures	(5,850)
Expenditures over collections	(\$29,893)
Cash Balance	
Checking Account	\$27,286
Savings account	50,318
Total	\$77,604
Balance of Home Trust Mortgage	\$272,180

****WANT
ADS****

ITEMS YOU WISH TO BUY,
SELL, TRADE, OR GIVE
AWAY, MAY BE SUBMITTED
TO LINDA WILSON.

JULY VOLUNTEERS

SNACKS		CLEANING	
July 2	Renee Mitchell & Jenny Alt	July 2	Edward/Jeffery
July 9	Linda Wilson & Renee Allsbrook	July 9	Linda Roberts & Susan Kingshill
July 16	Glenda Brouwer & Paula Rhodarmer	July 16	Mitchells
July 23	LuAnn Davis & Becky Brittain	July 23	Matthews
July 30	Jennifer Dale & Teresa Mills	July 30	Edward / TBD

JULY VOLUNTEERS

OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE		CHILD CARE Boys Teachers & Assistants	
July 2	Luke Allsbrook	July 2	Chip and Kelsey Reed
July 9	Jeffery Alt	July 9	Glenda Brouwer and Beverly Altman
July 16	Derek Rhodarmer	July 16	Glenda Brouwer and Teresa Mills
July 23	Sam Mitchell	July 23	Ben and Meredith Mayer
July 30	Luke Allsbrook	July 30	Jenny Alt and Jennifer & Reid Dale
COUNTERS		GIRLS CLASS ASSISTANTS	
July 2	Luke Allsbrook	July 2	Linda Wilson
July 9	Jeffery Alt	July 9	
July 16	Derek Rhodarmer	July 16	Becky Brittain (teaching)
July 23	Sam Mitchell	July 23	
July 30	TBD	July 30	Becky Brittain (teaching)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Holy Communion 	3	4  Independence Day	5	6	7 Glenda Brouwer	8  9:00AM ArabicCoffee
9	10	11 Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Jerry Allsbrook	12	13 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM	14	15
16	17	18 Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	19	20 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM	21	22 Luke & Renee Allsbrook
23	24	25 Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	26	27 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM	28	29 Carson Alt
30 Lisa Rhodarmer	31					