

THE PROVIDENCE POST

PROVIDENCE CHURCH - AN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH CONGREGATION

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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

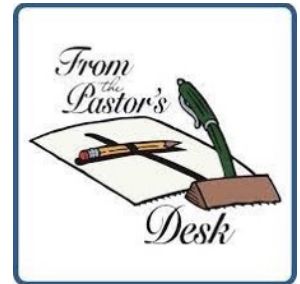
THURSDAY

6:45am - Men's Prayer Group

Sunday, May 28 is Pentecost. Aside from Christmas and Easter, it is truly one of the most significant celebrations of the church. Some people even say that day is the "birth of the church". Maybe. If you exclude all the saints of Israel

beforehand. But even they "looked forward to the day of the coming of the Messiah". Of which The Feast of the First Fruits was a "foretaste". You see, exactly 50 days after Passover, the people of Israel were instructed to celebrate the coming of the Law (and when, later, in the Promised Land) the bringing in of the very first crops, in anticipation of the much larger harvest later in the summer and fall. Israel literally has a Mediterranean climate in which farmers could plant say, winter wheat in December (when the rains are typically plentiful up until March) and then harvest these in May. Pentecost is the Greek word used in the Septuagint (OT Greek translation) to describe this Torah-mandated feast. And so it was a shadow of the greater harvest to come. Israel exited Egypt, the land of their captivity the day after Passover (The Feast of Unleavened Bread), and 50 days later they gathered at the foot of Mount Sinai to receive the Law. Paul spills a considerable amount of ink on vellum scrolls to contrast the coming of the Law and its purpose and the coming of the Spirit. Now that we live in the day after Pentecost, the ancient prophecy of Jeremiah would come to pass in which people would not need to refer to the Law written: "not on tablets of stone but rather on tablets of human hearts". (Jeremiah 31:33 see also 2 Corinthians 3:3). So let us remember the words of Paul to be filled with the Spirit. And this Greek word for filling is not a one-and-done filling but rather a daily repetitive filling. As the song goes "Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up Lord, come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven feed me til I want no more, fill my cup, fill my cup and make me whole".

Paster Edward



PROVIDENCE NEWS



LEO GABRIEL BACON

BORN APRIL 14, 2023
2.97 KG | 6 LBS 8 OZ
48 CM | 19 IN



We would like to open the invitation to everyone at Providence to the Spring recital of Suzuki violin studio to which McKenna belongs. There are a number of levels in the mix, from beginner young to advanced intermediate. This will be her final recital before her high school graduation.

The recital will be held **6:30 on Friday, May 12th** in the Chapel at the First Baptist Church in Waynesville.



HAYWOOD HIGHER HANDS TO

HEAVEN

A NIGHT OF PRAYER, WORSHIP, & ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ALL HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES & THEIR FAMILIES, CHURCH MEMBERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WORSHIP | 6:00-7:30PM
*PISGAH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM

MAY 7, 2023

COME LIFT UP
OUR SCHOOLS &
COMMUNITY

SPONSORED BY HAYWOOD COUNTY BIBLE CLUB AND HAYWOOD COUNTY FCA

*IN THE EVENT OF RAIN-PHS AUDITORIUM

Looking for a good lightly used grill.
Call Pastor Edward
@ 828-550-4615



Volunteers Needed:

Spring is just around the corner. With its arrival comes beautiful spring grass around the church. Unfortunately, that green grass needs cutting but this gives you an opportunity to serve in a unique, "cutting edge" way. If you are interested in helping us this summer we would love to have you come on board. We have the necessary equipment (riding mower, weed eaters, and petrol to feed them. We work in groups of two or more with a rotation of about once every six weeks. If you are interested, and I KNOW you are, please call Sam M. at **(828) 734-1392**

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

Dear Family and Friends,

As we begin our observance of Holy Week, I wanted to get you up to speed on what's happening with the ministry here. I hope you'll find some fuel to stoke your prayer fires.



Last week our preaching team at New City Community Church started a new sermon series on a New Testament letter. Today, Robert, our pastoral intern, was scheduled to preach on "The God of All Comfort" from 2 Corinthians 1:3-11. It was a timely passage, but on account of what this young man has suffered in the past few weeks, he was not ready to resume any preaching responsibilities. Less than three weeks ago, Robert shared this very passage at the graveside service of his infant child. Four days later, his 29-year old wife, Grace, succumbed to the complications of a difficult childbirth. Robert is now left as the single parent of a two-year old daughter and is trying to pick up the pieces of his broken life. I have known Robert most of his life and couldn't help thinking of him as I expounded the passage in his absence this morning. **Please pray that the "God of all comfort" will comfort Robert in this difficult time. And please pray for us and others who desire to comfort him with "the comfort that we ourselves have received from God." Please also remember the families in Nashville who have suffered similar terrible losses in the wake of the shooting at the Covenant Christian School. They too need an extra measure of comfort from the Father of mercies and God of all comfort along with the peace that passes understanding from the God of Peace.**

As you are praying, please join us in giving thanks to God and petitioning Him for these matters.

- We are grateful of the many opportunities God gives us to share His Word. Pam's conflict management course this semester has been the catalyst for many students to come to us for counsel. We are thankful to have seen some positive results come out of these sessions. ***Please pray that the only wise God will give us wisdom as we point these dear student to appropriate portions of Scripture and- most importantly- to Jesus Himself.***
- We are thankful for the update we heard this morning from our pastoral search committee. They have narrowed the applicants down to two candidates and hope to recommend a way forward in three weeks. ***Pray that the Good Shepherd will guide New City Community Church to call the right pastoral candidate.***
- We are very grateful that attendance at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary has rebounded after the two-year, pandemic-related hiatus. ***Pray also that Jehovah-jireh will provide scholarships for those prospective students whose enrollment is hindered by a lack of funds.***
- We are thankful to be expecting our second grandchild next month. ***Pray the Father for whom every family derives its name will care for Hannah, our daughter-in-law, and allow her to have a safe and healthy delivery.***



As always, we are thankful for you too! Thanks for praying.

Bruce & Pam Sinclair

Mission to the World account #16958



THE BACONS IN BRUSSELS

APRIL 2023

OUR DEAR BROTHERS
AND SISTERS,

We hope this update finds each of you well. Since we have returned from the U.S. in early February, we have really hit the ground running, particularly with the church plant project as we wanted to send you all an update a bit earlier than our usual quarterly letter. Please read on for updates on the church plant and more!

In early February we began several weeks of Wednesday evening information sessions to share with others about Hope International Church Brussels (called Hope from here on out). Our desire behind these nights was to share first an overview of the who, what, why, and how of a new church in Brussels. Then sharing the mission, vision, and values, and finally the theological distinctives of Hope. These sessions were also a helpful gauge for how many people we might expect as Hope launched: would we be small enough to work in a home, or would we need another space? These weeks in February were very heartening: from the joyful encouragement, interest, and dialogue we were having with people. It seemed additional confirmation of the felt need we had for a church plant in Brussels. (one of our Wednesday nights pictured to the right).



The month of March has been a big one, we began Sunday worship at the start of the month and have just finished our first four-week series in Titus. We have had about 35 people each Sunday and almost every generation and continent represented. What a gift! We have continued our Wednesday night gatherings in the form of prayer and planning meetings with the plan to begin community groups later this spring.

Our church plan proposal has been approved by the International Presbyterian Church so we are now an official IPC church plant. And after several bumps in the road, it looks like we have a consistent place to

worship beginning after Easter! We have so much for which to celebrate and thank the Lord!

In Community Bible Study news, Rachel has been busy working with the Europe training team in developing materials to help equip leaders who shepherd other leaders in Bible studies and national ministry teams. Meetings with developing teams elsewhere in Europe are continuing and we have been very encouraged by more potential local leaders who want to see more people study God's Word. The CBS Europe annual conference is also coming up the weekend of April 21-22, so please pray for the hearts of all those who will be attending and involved. The theme this year is KNOW JESUS, KNOW HOPE.



From Hope's First Sunday Worship

Looking Ahead: Prayer Needs

Please join us in prayer in these areas:

- Pray for continued wisdom in decision-making for both the operational and community aspects of Hope
- Pray for consistency in our place of worship
- Pray for our nearing transition of family of three to four (on or near April 23!)
- Pray for continued provision of financial support for this work

STAY CONNECTED!

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Mission to the World Website

btw.org/missionaries/details/

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March 2023



Hannah Frazier
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Dear Partners of Youth for Christ Western NC,

I came on staff as Community Engagement Coordinator with Youth For Christ Western North Carolina a little over two months ago. Before coming on staff, I knew very little about Youth For Christ. Over the past two months, I have learned a lot (and still am!) and have come to appreciate this organization and how the Lord can use it to impact young people's lives and others. I'm thankful for this opportunity that the Lord has given me to work with YFC WNC, and it's neat to think about how the Lord worked it out for Scott and Evie Shives to meet my dad one day, which led to me meeting with Scott and Evie and ultimately working with YFC.

We have a group that has started meeting weekly on Tuesday mornings to pray for each other and for the teachers and students in Haywood County. We are praying about where the Lord may open a door for us to minister to students.

Just this week, we hosted the first youth leaders' luncheon for those working with youth in Haywood County. We hope that more youth pastors/youth leaders will come as we plan to host this event monthly. Our desire is to see community build among youth leaders in the area. It was an encouraging time of fellowship!



YFC WNC serves Buncombe, Haywood, and Henderson counties. We currently have school Campus Life clubs meeting in Buncombe County, and I recently visited the before-school Campus Life club at Enka Middle School. It is exciting to see how the Lord is working in some of these kids' lives! At the same time, it can be heartbreaking to hear people's stories and helps me realize more that there is such a need for the gospel in our schools. Please be praying for the kids, leaders, and teachers involved, that the Lord will work in and through them, for His glory!

Thank you for your prayers and support! You are appreciated!

-Hannah

Lori Kreig, (Renee's sister), who has *Hole In your Heart Ministry* and *Impossible Marriage Ministry* is doing much, much better. She is most grateful to Providence for their prayers and thankful to God for His answering prayers.





Mid East Update

Please do not post or distribute on the internet or post on a website. Please keep security in mind when posting on Social Media, commenting on a post, etc....



Snap-Shots of Life Currently

Area Leadership and Development

Recently, Lance was able to lead a training for 38 field workers looking at ways to lead, develop and care in our ministry roles. One highlight was having a room filled with Chinese, Latino, Arab, and Western workers focused on ways to work together to see God build His church here in the Middle East. Here are a few keywords we focused on: align, set direction, model, connect, and protect.

Refugee Health Clinic

Saliima is a Somali refugee. At the young age of 17, she was captured in the war and abused. She fled to Yemen and received UN Refugee status and was brought to our country. In the process, she became pregnant and unmarried which is illegal in our Islamic country so the officials placed Saliima and her newborn in the prison together for the last three months. She came to the clinic this week and began to recount her story as we treated her and her baby for malnourishment. She told us she would never fast in Ramadan because her sins were too great to ever be accepted by Allah. Since our clinic is on church property, we have an opportunity to pray with Muslim patients freely and we prayed with Saliima. She wept at the kindness of being cared for and a simple message of what Christ has done for all her shame. It made our hearts tender to the ways the gospel is living water to those who walk in places of darkness, shame, and fear.

Equipping Team

We currently have 20 adults part of our equipping team as they spend their first term learning Arabic and culture. Recently, we were able to take turns praying and fasting for the Middle East and those around us during Ramadan. We are encouraged to see God leading these teammates to start or join teams in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, West Bank, Bahrain, Sudan, and Egypt. We celebrated Orthodox Easter a week ago which is the tradition of the Middle East and joyfully remember what Christ has done for us!



We would appreciate prayers for Natalie who is recovering from Mono and trying to finish 10th grade well. Thanks for keeping up with us and praying for the Lord to move in the lives of those around us!

Lance & Lisa

Makayla, Natalie, & Alia

email us: law5tribe@gmail.com

SUMMER PLANS

We look forward to being in the NC area for a short time this summer to see Makayla who is finishing up her freshman year as well as family connections. We are thankful for the provision of a car! We are hoping to have a gathering in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and Wilmington. We'll let you know the dates soon and hope you can join us.



More Life through Christ!



Whether Easter Sunday was a glorious and rejoiceful day for you or a day of being down, we all have this truth as we begin the days after Easter: our lives are not temporal but eternal, and His gift of eternal life can flow through us, even on our low days. Perhaps this finds you under some clouds and even storms. If so, rest and lean into this Risen Savior. Lisa and I find over and over again, that the task of being his son and daughter, is really not a task. It is a position, a secure one. We had actual storms and dark clouds on Friday and Saturday. And then Sunday burst forth with sun and warming weather. And this sunshine drew us outside and into the yard and working in the dirt and soil in the afternoon. Such is our life with our Abba Father.



This week begins a lot of missions project that need to be completed: Shawn has been helping redevelop our application and sending process for all our EPC long-term workers. It will be presented this week at the World Outreach Committee. He has been working on this for the past two months with a small team. He will also begin promoting an endeavor to reach more EPC college young adults who may sense

a call to missions. This will be trying to connect to the elusive college leaders (There is no central list of these folks, so it is a lot of asking others to help spread the word.) And he is preparing for some travel; he will be going to two Presbyteries and then out of the country to Hungary, and then on to Dubai. Lisa is also very busy with her home visit for lactation consulting. We are heading into the next few weeks, alive and feeling His eternal life drawing us into each person, plan and project. We hope that somehow God will use this in His rescue of all of us out of brokenness and to his awaiting banqueting table.

We are praying that you too will find yourself, as you are able, to live that eternal life we have from Christ in a way that enables you to be fully alive. And if you find yourself down, or in a slump, may you rest, and be still with Jesus; He will bring the sunshine back in and restore your joy, and in His time, enable you to reflect His Gospel to your neighborhood and beyond.

We cherish our partnership with each of you and pray this week that you will experience more life through Christ!

Lance and Lisa

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 March 31st 2023

Tithes & Offering collections	\$24,557
Other Income	1,806
Mission Giving	115
Carryover funds - Missions	285
Expenditures other than Missions	(43,496)
Additional Payment on Mortgage	(5,000)
Mission Expenditures	(400)
Expenditures over collections	(\$22,133)
Cash Balance	
Checking Account	\$10,048
Savings account	75,266
Total	\$85,314
Balance of Home Trust Mortgage	\$274,589

MAY VOLUNTEERS

SNACKS

May 7	Glenda Brouwer Paula R
May 14	LuAnn Davis Becky B
May 21	Jenny Alt Teresa Mills
May28	Renee Mitchell Jennifer Dale

OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE

May 7	Luke Allsbrook
May 14	Jeffery Alt
May 21	Derek Rhodarmer
May 28	Sam Mitchell

COUNTERS

May 7	Luke Allsbrook
May 14	Jeffery Alt
May 21	Derek Rhodarmer
May 28	Sam Mitchell

CLEANING (Week of...)

May 7	Edward / Jeffery
May 14	Linda R / Susan K
May 21	Mitchells
May 28	Matthews

CHILD CARE / SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 7	LuAnn Davis Linda Wilson
May 14	Glenda Brouwer Beverly Altman
May 21	Meredith and Ben Mayer
May 28	Jenny Alt and Jennifer and Reid Dale

Want Ads

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

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday`	Saturday
	1	2 10:15 Women's Prayer Group	3	4 National Day of Prayer	5 6:45 Men's Prayer Group Paula Rhodarmer	6
7  Holy Communion	8	9 10:15 Women's Prayer Group	10	11	12 6:45 Men's Prayer Group	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 10:15 Women's Prayer Group	17	18 Roberta Edwards	19 6:45 Men's Prayer Group	20
21	22	23 10:15 Women's Prayer Group	24	25	26 6:45 Men's Prayer Group Makayla Lawrence	27
28 Pentecost Charlotte Allsbrook	29  Memorial Day Observed	30 10:15 Women's Prayer Group	31			

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