

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - An Evangelical Presbyterian Church Congregation

Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde



## NOVEMBER 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

#### THURSDAY

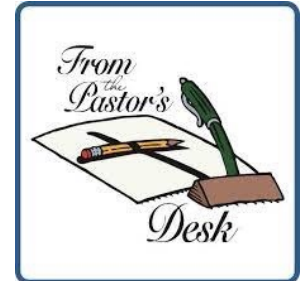
10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

#### THURSDAY

6:45am - Men's Prayer Group

Law versus Grace. This is a theme one sees running throughout the history of the Bible and also Church History. It's what Luther discerned in his epiphany of God's grace rather than achieving status with God through performance. It's what God told Adam and Eve after they had sinned so grievously--that He would send a Savior who would crush the head of the serpent--our ancient enemy. It is what God so

powerfully affirmed in the life of Abraham, who believed the promise of God and stepped out in faith and obedience. And it's what the author of Hebrews is so earnestly writing about to Messianic Jewish believers. He says something pretty radical in the 8th chapter saying that the old covenant was flawed! Well, it was fine in so far that it was a shadow, a sign, a pointer to something so much better and greater. Actually, he writes that the Law itself wasn't defective, it was people who were defective! To put it another way, the Law and the Old Covenant that it represented was like a recipe. In every detail a perfect indicator, written down as it was, but representing the potential and possibility of a full and satisfying indeed life-sustaining reality. But we all know that a recipe is not a meal. Directions to a place or goal are not actual arrival. In fact, with the coming of Jesus, he writes that the old way of thinking has become obsolete. In other words, we don't need a recipe pointing us to the reality anymore, we simply can come to the Savior by faith and "taste and see that He is good". In the incarnation, Christ has taken the righteousness of the law, fulfilled it in and through His own obedience, even to death, and now singularly and for all time and to the uttermost, because of His indestructible life, applied it to us! He has taken written words, on tablets of stones, and by His grace and the gospel, written these on hearts of human flesh. The old has passed behold the new has come. Pastor Edward



Looking for a way to share the true Meaning of Christmas  
around the globe this year?

**THIS IS IT!**

**Pack and Operation Christmas Child Shoebox!**



Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child.

For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, Shoebox gifts provide and opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

*Providence will be collecting OCC Shoeboxes on Sunday November 5th and 13th. To start your packing journey, we will have some plastic shoeboxes, with a few "goodies" already included, available for fee at the church Sunday October 29th on a first come, limited basis.... so grab a box or three and start packing!*

## SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



### "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



### TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



### ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



### DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

## Prayer

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Including a short personal note of encouragement telling of God's love for the child can be life changing. Feel free to add a photo to delight the heart of the child.



## God Uses a Gift and a Letter to Change Lives



As a 7-year-old in Mongolia, Jargalmaa (pictured left) described one particular day as "unexpected." After school, her teacher invited her to a church where she received her very first gift! This Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift included, among other fun toys, stationery, and a set of hairclips. Inside, she also found a letter that said, "You are valuable and so loved by God." Jargalmaa cherished this message because her parents and grandparents had never told her that they loved her.

Jargalmaa went on to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program where she especially appreciated the lessons about God as Creator. Later in 10th grade, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Through her testimony, five of her family members and two close friends also made this life-changing decision.

Now 15 years after receiving her shoebox gift, Jargalmaa, her husband, and two young children (pictured above) have recently moved to a new community where they are ministering to youth in hopes of starting a church.

**"I would like to challenge people who are preparing shoebox gifts to also write a letter showing God's love," Jargalmaa said. "What's written there may be very simple, but those simple words could completely change somebody's life."**







Your mission team is hard at work identifying ways we can support the gospel around the corner and around the world and we want to give a little update and thanks for your support and prayers. We have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers from Providence who are serving at Junaluska Elementary with the Bible Club. Around 30 children meet every Tuesday at 3 for an hour of singing, stories, games, and gospel in life. We also heard from Rev. Grady Davidson about his recent gathering with pastors in Central America where, through Timothy Two, he was able to lead training and encouragement for area pastors. Also with our presbytery ministry in Indonesia, we heard the wonderful news that Daniel was able to get the radio station up and running on the island where we are supporting a team that uses micro-enterprise, specifically enabling fisherfolk to raise sea cucumbers as an entry point for sharing the gospel. Thank you for supporting the work of evangelism to our near neighbors and to the nations.

**Providence Church  
Summarized Financial Information  
As of September 30th, 2023**

<b>Tithes &amp; Offering collections</b>	<b>\$104,845</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>6,935</b>
<b>Mission Giving</b>	<b>4,355</b>
<b>Carryover funds - Missions</b>	<b>(1,416)</b>
<b>Expenditures other than Missions</b>	<b>(123,210)</b>
<b>Mission Expenditures</b>	<b>(8,388)</b>
<b>Expenditures over collections</b>	<b>(\$16,879)</b>
<b>Cash Balance</b>	
<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>\$48,860</b>
<b>Savings account</b>	<b>50,393</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$99,253</b>
<b>Balance of Home Trust Mortgage</b>	<b>\$267,321</b>



**Help Solve the Missing Mop Mystery**

**The mop and yellow mop bucket, which previously resided in the "janitors closet" seems to have gone absent.**

**It is sorely missed by some of our Providence cleaning volunteers. Any leads would be appreciated. The mop is not**

**armed but the bucket has known to be dangerous on occasion. If you have any information please contact Sam or Renee Mitchell.**

## 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



## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE		Sunday School-Elementary Class	
Nov 5	Luke Allsbrook	Nov 5	LuAnn Davis & Linda Wilson
Nov 12	Jeffery Alt	Nov 12	Jenny Alt & Jennifer/Reid Dale
Nov 19	Derek Rhodarmer	Nov 19	Chip & Kelsey Reed
Nov 26	Sam Mitchell	Nov 26	Chip & Kelsey Reed
COUNTERS		Sunday School-Middle School Class	
Nov 5	Luke Allsbrook	Nov 5	Glenda Brouwer
Nov 12	Jeffery Alt	Nov 12	Glenda Brouwer
Nov 19	Derek Rhodarmer	Nov 19	Renee Mitchell
Nov 26	Sam Mitchell	Nov 26	Renee Mitchell
SNACKS		CLEANING	
Nov 5	LuAnn Davis & Becky Brittain	Nov 5	Jeffery / Edward
Nov 12	Jenny Alt & Teresa M	Nov 12	Linda Roberts & Susan Kingshill
Nov 19	Renee Mitchell & Jennifer Dale	Nov 19	Mitchells
Nov 26	Linda Wilson & Renee Allsbrook	Nov 26	Matthews

## **New Curriculum and New Sunday School classes for our children in Grades 1-7!**

Starting on November 5, we will have two Sunday school classes for our children:

Class 1: Grades 1-4

Class 2: Grades 5-7

Our new curriculum comes from Great Commission Publications whose mission fits very well with ours:

“We help churches carry out Christ’s Great Commission to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Matthew 28:19-20

... we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. Ephesians 4:15 (ESV)”

### **A little about each level:**

*For Grades 1-4*, the first quarter is titled “Worshiping God”: “In this interactive Sunday school curriculum, your learners will discover important biblical truths as they look up, figure out, do, respond and listen. The teacher becomes a facilitator and instructor, enabling students to actively find out Bible truths on their own, learning Bible study skills as they read from the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit works in their hearts and minds as they discover what God’s Word says.”

*For grades 5-7* the two-year study is G2R (Genesis to Revelation Bible Survey): with the aim being, “to point students to the Scriptures, ask questions, and fill in the gaps, not lecture. Students will learn much as they dig into God’s Word for themselves, as well as from the discussion of others in the group. This interactive methodology will challenge the new learner as well as the more well-versed student...The intent of G2R Bible Survey is to whet the appetites of your preteens and young teens to desire God’s Word and to grow closer in relationship with Christ as they see God’s whole story from beginning to end. In all of this we pray that our children will grow as Jesus did: “in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52



# NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	3	4  Don't forget! Do this tonight
5 Shoe Box Collection  Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	7 Election Day  <i>LuAnn Davis</i>	8	9 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Shoe Box Collection	13	14	15	16 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25  <i>Renee Mitchell</i>
26	27	28	29	30 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group		

*Birthdays  
Anniversaries*

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