

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - An Evangelical Presbyterian Church Congregation

Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde



OCTOBER  
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

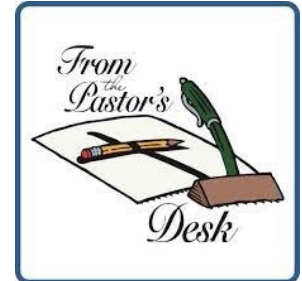
### THURSDAY

10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

### THURSDAY

6:45am - Men's Prayer Group

One of my all-time favorite Bible verses is from the book I am now preaching through. Hebrews 4:12 states "for the Word of God is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow and discerning the thoughts and the intentions of the heart." It resonates so deeply with me because the Bible in its 66 books, in the Old



and New Testaments, written over 1500 years by dozens of authors in several different languages, has One, True and Singular Author: namely the Spirit of God. And when the God of All speaks, His Word is alive and transformative, cutting to the quick like a surgeon's scalpel, countering our rationalizations and doubts, pointing us to the truth of the gospel that God is always pursuing us, stripping us of our defenses against Him and graciously offering us salvation through His great rescue plan in Jesus. In the context of the book of Hebrews and this particular section, the writer tells us that God's Spirit speaks now, in the moment, and expects us to respond "today". He speaks comfort and healing as well as admonition. The upshot of the letter to the Hebrews is: do not postpone obedience when God speaks to you. The beauty of God's Word, in narrative, poetry, gospel, epistle, and history, is that the Spirit quickens the Scripture to point to His truth in our lives. So we listen or study or meditate upon God's Word asking the Spirit to reveal His truth to us. We could spend a lifetime reading and contemplating the Bible and never run out of applications for our own lives. Let us be hearers and doers of God's Word.

*Pastor Edward*

**Providence Church Mission Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes August 8, 2023, 5 pm Fellowship Hall**

**Members present:** Renee Mitchell, Derek Rhodarmer, Cecil Caldwell  
Rev. Edward Brouwer



**Opening Prayer:** Edward opened our meeting with a prayer for our missionaries and meeting.

**Minutes of June Meeting approved:** First Cecil C. Second Renee M.

**Financial Report** - Our budget for 2023 is \$10K (of which \$4950 already been expended). Our fundraisers are over and above this amount:

Yard Sale in July raised \$4000+ and we have spent YTD: \$600 (Bacon \$100, Yohannes \$500)  
Yard Sale Total YTD Revenue (per Bruce's Finance Report and including 2022 carryover of \$1915.43): \$5908.35

**Mission and Missionary Updates**

**Local Missions:**

YFC rep Hannah Frazier spoke at Providence on June 18. Edward spoke with the Director of Canton Community Kitchen (A. Jennings) and she requested that our team organize a Friday morning field visit in the coming weeks.

**Global Missions:**

McKay family is in the Asheville area this week and could meet at Starbucks Friday afternoon from 1-3 on Merrimon Avenue. Edward will visit with them. The Team arranged two interviews with missionaries: Rev Grady Davidson with Timothy Two and Annaliese Smith with WO Mongolia (ELIC). We approved a one-time gift of \$500 for each. We also approved a one-time gift for *Voice of the Martyrs* and plan a Moment for Mission in October. We also approved \$500 for Engage2025 Indonesia through our presbytery. These funds will come from our Yardsale \$. Renee presented an opportunity with Compassion International "Hope Starts Here". We like the idea in principle and Renee will get more details.

**New/Old Business**

- ***Lawrence Visit July 8 Arabic Brunch-themed*** Saturday morning was a wonderful time with about a dozen people attending. Edward on behalf of the team wrote a note and enclosed a \$125 cash honorarium. They stayed at TJ's Barn Dominion and were so grateful!
- ***Yard Sale For Missions***
  - July 13-15 8-2 pm daily was a huge success raising over \$4000. A big thank you to all who made it happen. Derek, Renee, Edward and Cecil's organizing and volunteering along with a dozen others made it all happen. Special thanks to TJ.
- ***Community Hot Dog Outreach was held Saturday 11 am @ Yard Sale and was a huge success! Great for our exposure in the community and we even had a few people come to church that next Sunday to check us out!***

***There are still a few outstanding reimbursements that Edward will check on (Derek for Hotdog lunch, Linda for Hotdog lunch, Renee A for Lake J Bible Club)***

- ***Monthly Minute for Missions scheduling for August 27: Haywood Christian Ministry (Blake Hart Director) September 14 Thursday evening @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall with Belgium Waffles: Bacon family. October: Voice of the Martyrs.***

**Closing Prayer Derek R.**

**Providence Church**  
**September Session Meeting Agenda**  
**September 12, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**

Present: Moderator: Rev. Edward Brouwer and Ruling Elders: Sam Mitchell, Jeffery Alt, Luke Allsbrook, Derek Rhodarmer, and Will Roberts

Call to Order/ Opening Prayer – Meeting is called to order and opened with prayer by Derek. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes for the Stated Meeting of August 08, 2023.

Clerk's Report

- 1) Holy Communion was celebrated during morning worship on September 10, 2023.
- 2) PCC meeting invitation Sept 29/30 in Swannanoa at Valley Hope EPC.
- 3) Next meeting on October 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Pastors Report:

Bill White went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 3 at 5:50 a.m. in Wake Forest at the age of 89. His memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th at 2 p.m. at Providence. Linda Roberts is organizing a small reception in the Fellowship Hall for family and friends after the service. Rev Josh Cole and I will be officiating. Glenda is comforted by Lynn, Billy, and her family. On Tuesday, September 5th Glenda and I visited Glenda White at her retirement home and we gave a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Providence Church Family. Glenda expressed appreciation for the visits of Sam/Renee and Derek recently.

Bill Dudley from POSE called me and said the GA was asking him to birdog the redistricting of boundaries for presbytery after two failed attempts to see us transfer in as many years. *Are you at Session interested in changing to P Central Carolinas or shall we stay in POSE?* Let's vote on this at our upcoming meeting.

Happy news that after many years of hoping for a grand piano on the dais, we now have one! Lynne Browne a lady in Highlands donated the 1939 Knabe baby Grand to our church. Special appreciation to Reid Dale for his technical and mechanical expertise and for the muscle power of several elders: Jeff, Luke, Will, and Edward.

I began a new series in Hebrews "Jesus is Better" in which we focus on Jesus as the greater Priest, better prophet, more than angels, and superior to the sacrificial system described in God's Word. A word of appreciation to Rev. Rick Sawyer for filling the pulpit on September 3. Communion will be celebrated on September 10.

It's that time of year for Performance Evaluation. I will be conducting these with Renee and Linda this month. I am including their respective Job Descriptions for information because the Evaluation is based on this. For some reason, Providence did not write a JD for Renee and so I am asking you to review and approve this JD.

I am leading a CBS Evening Bible Study in Ruth/Samuel beginning Monday, September 11 on Zoom and I invited people from our New Members class to join and will invite any and everyone interested. This runs weekly until May 2024.

Thank you for leading your Shepherd Groups in creative ways. Let's continue to act/pray for all our new people and seek ways to welcome them.

Blake from Haywood Christian Ministry attended church to give a Moment for Mission. I met with the McKay Family, over a coffee at Starbucks in Asheville, working with WO doing Refugee work in Germany.

Rachel and Julian will be at our home for several weeks in September. They will offer a Belgian Waffle/Tea on September 14 in the evening, telling of their church planting work with HOPE Presbyterian in Brussels. All are invited.

I have registered as an Observer for the upcoming Presbytery of the Central Carolinas meeting on Friday, September 29. I have also registered Sam, Renee, Glenda, and Edward for the Oct 6-7 POSE meeting in Knoxville. We two as Commissioners and R/G as Observers.

I have completed a 3 Sunday New Members Class under the rubric Evangelical, Presbyterian, and Church. Let's make arrangements to interview folks interested in membership and have them join in the next 2 months. Linda and I continue to work on a draft of the Photo Directory for 2023.

Sally Waters expressed a desire to invite a friend, who is a lawyer and is seeking an office space to rent (possibly from us). This would be the back room first floor. I have cleared this out of all our storage items and have cleaned it.

Bill & Glenda White celebrated their 63 rd Wedding Anniversary on Monday, August 21. They all gathered in Bill's room with their children and grandchildren—a poignant week before his passing. Glenda and I visited LuAnn in her home after her surgery, which was successful. We also visited Greg and Jeannie Matthews and viewed their lovely home construction project—and we also saw the beautiful home of Will/Christina and had the privilege to write Bible verses on the studs/beams. I've reached out for lunch/coffee with many of our people I attended two short continuing education events recently: a 2-day pastor's retreat at the Cove and a morning workshop on small groups. Pastor Edward

Monthly Treasurer's report:

The monthly budget report was received by the session members electronically prior to the meeting for their review. After presentation by Jeffrey Alt and review by session.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance: Job Descriptions and Evaluations  
Music Director  
Administrative Assistant  
Pastor

Congregational Care: Small Groups and Plan to Interview New Member

Building and Grounds: Set a fall work day and the need for Better Wi-Fi

General Question: What do we do well and what can we do better?

A motion to adjourn is presented by motion passes unanimously. The meeting was closed in prayer.

<b>Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of August 31st 2023</b>	
<b>Tithes &amp; Offering collections</b>	<b>\$83,025</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>6,080</b>
<b>Mission Giving</b>	<b>4,355</b>
<b>Carryover funds - Missions</b>	<b>(1,542)</b>
<b>Expenditures other than Missions</b>	<b>(108,615)</b>
<b>Additional Payment on Mortgage</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>
<b>Mission Expenditures</b>	<b>(8,263)</b>
<b>Expenditures over collections</b>	<b>(\$24,960)</b>
<b>Cash Balance</b>	
<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>\$40,924</b>
<b>Savings account</b>	<b>50,375</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$91,299</b>

## 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

## OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE		Sunday School	
Oct 1	Luke Allsbrook	Oct 1	Meredith and Ben Mayer
Oct 8	Jeffery Alt	Oct 8	Renee Mitchell and Linda Wilson
Oct 15	Derek Rhodarmer	Oct 15	LuAnn Davis and Teresa Mills
Oct 22	Sam Mitchell	Oct 22	Becky Brittain and Beverly Altman
Oct 29	Luke Allsbrook	Oct 29	Jenny Alt and Jennifer / Reid Dale
COUNTERS		CLEANING	
Oct 1	Luke Allsbrook	Oct 1	Jeffery / Edward
Oct 8	Jeffery Alt	Oct 8	Linda Roberts & Susan Kingshill
Oct 15	Derek Rhodarmer	Oct 15	Mitchells
Oct 22	Sam Mitchell	Oct 22	Matthews
Oct 29	Luke Allsbrook	Oct 29	TBD
SNACKS			
Oct 1	LuAnn Davis & Becky Brittain		
Oct 8	Jenny Alt & Glenda Brouwer		
Oct 15	Renee Mitchell & Jennifer Dale		
Oct 22	Linda Wilson & Renee Allsbrook		
Oct 29	Teresa Mills & Paula Rhodarmer		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion 	2	3	4	5 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM  <i>Julie-Joy Dale</i>	6	7 Bill White Celebration of Life 2:00 PM  <i>Edward &amp; Glenda Brouwer</i>
8	9 Columbus Day (observed)	10	11  <i>Luke Allsbrook</i>	12 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	13	14
15	16	17  <i>Will &amp; Christina Roberts</i>	18  <i>Jaque Morgan</i>	19 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM  <i>Jeannie Matthews</i>	20	21
22  <i>McKenna Reed</i>	23	24	25  <i>Murin Reed</i>	26 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	27	28
29	30	31	<p><i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i></p> <p>If your birthday or anniversary is missing please give it to Linda Wilson.</p>			

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

This is your chance to send Pastor Edward a note of encouragement!  
It is always nice to hear that one is doing something that is appreciated!

Do mail him a note, text him a message, or bake him his favorite cookies!  
Have fun with this, and let Pastor Edward know how much we do appreciate him.