# **THE PROVIDENCE POST**

Providence Church - An Evangelical Presbyterian Church Congregation

Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde



# September

2023

this Autumn in Hebrews with the theme that Jesus is Better, Greater, and More than the prophets, the kings, all the priests of the Tabernacle and Temple, the patriarchs, angels,

I have started a new series



and the sacrificial system of the Old Testament. The author of this letter quotes the OT many times as he seeks to convince the Jewish converts to Christ. completed Jews as it were, that everything in the OT was pointing to Jesus as Messiah. They can have full confidence that their faith is resting on The Solid Rock. Eusebius, in his Ecclesiastical History (written in the mid-300s), quotes Origen, a famous Early Church Father as saying "Whoever wrote Hebrews, God only knows!". Some say, Paul, others Apollos, even John has been suggested. What remains is that God is ultimately the Author of all Scripture. Jesus Christ is Prophet, Priest, and King. As Prophet, Jesus speaks the Truth of God to the people, the Gospel, in His death and Resurrection. As King, Christ is now ruling and will ultimately crush every foe (Satan and Death itself) and establish His forever reign over all. As Priest, Christ has made sacrificial atonement, once and for all, and is seated at the right hand of Majesty from where He intercedes for all believers. And we also, as followers of Jesus in this world have the role of prophet, priest, and king. We are to serve with our gifts and steward God's creation as co-regents. We are to speak the Gospel prophetically to our generation and make disciples. As priests, we interceded and pray for believers and non-believers that they may know Christ and come to true and greater faith in God. I pray that each and every one of us at Providence may walk in this tri-fold calling to the glory of God. Pastor Edward

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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 Dear Providence Church Family.

We are on mission together and are grateful for the partnership in the gospel we enjoy in connecting our church to the broader church and the sharing of the gospel to our near neighbors and the nations, around the corner and around the world! We raised well over \$4000 in our recent Yard sale--thank you for your donations and for your





Mt. Area Pregnancy Services

time. Truly we are all stepping up for God's Glory with our time, talent, and treasure! Our local ministries include advocacy for moms and their preborn children through *Mountain Area Pregnancy Services*--and one of our own, Jennifer Alt, serves this ministry as a nurse in an area clinic. We have a team of people invited every week to *Bible Club*, where we share the gospel with around 50 young children at the local Junaluska Elementary School where Christina Roberts is a



teacher. Oh, the stories we can tell of gospel truth finding its mark. We support **Youth For Christ**, a powerful gospel ministry to young people in our area public schools through the

efforts of Hannah Frazier. We also support a ministry to the least, last, lost, and lonely through **Haywood Christian Ministries** and we plan to have Blake Hart, their Director speak at Providence in our monthly **Moment for Mission**. On the international front, Edward recently met with the McKay family in Asheville (home briefly for a short summer US visit) and heard a report of Adger's work with refugees in Germany. We welcomed the Lawrences to share



their gospel work in Jordan with an Arabic Tea one recent Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall. And we plan to do a similar evening event with Rachel and Julian Bacon (Church Planting in Brussels/Discipling through **Community Bible** 



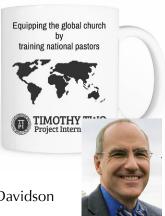
**Studies International**)) who will be in the USA for several weeks. They will be hosting a Belgian Waffle & Belgian Chocolate evening sharing event in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 pm.

The Bacons in Belgium



Through your support, we were able to give \$500 gifts each to the following ministries: Grady Davidson, with *Timothy Two*, teaching pastors and leaders in

theological training in least access places.Grady is a retired EPC pastor working with World Outreach.



Grady Davidson



We supported Anneliese Smith with \$500 for her work in *Mongolia with ELIC*. Anneliese Smith is a recent graduate of Covenant College and commissioned missionary with World Outreach.

Anneliese Smith



We supported our local Presbytery in its mission effort in Indonesia with \$500 for Engage2025, an EPC effort to have all our Presbyteries engaged in a unified outreach in the 10/40 window. We also gave \$500, through your generous support, to a ministry called Voice of the Martyrs, an advocacy group that supports believers suffering persecution in extremely difficult gospel-opposing countries.

And do you remember Elias Yohannes who preached at Providence in January, well we also supported them with a one-time gift of \$500 as they have now moved to Ethiopia with his family. We are thrilled to share the wealth of joy in Christ with so many people as we labor for the gospel.

Your Mission Team.

Renee Mitchell, Derek Rhodarmer, Cecil Caldwell, Edward Brouwer

You may have heard of Christmas in July, but I would like to suggest now is the time to think of Christmas in September. School supplies can often be found at a great discount this time of year and make wonderful additions to your Operation, Christmas Child Shoeboxes which we collect in November. Please consider starting two or three boxes with your family and adding to it over the next few months. Such a simple way to spread the gospel to children around the globe who need the good news of Christ, true Hope, in places or hunger, war and poverty.





Congratulations to Bill and Glenda White on their very special 63rd Wedding Anniversary (Monday, August 21st)

Dear Providence Family,

As I continue to work on the "bend" in my new knees, I wanted to thank you all for your kindness during my recovery. It has been a long road, but your willingness to provide prayer, phone calls, meals, and transportation help has made it so much easier! What a blessing to belong to such a wonderful church family. Thank you again for everything..... Blessings, LuAnn Davis

#### Mark it on your calendars: POT LUCK Fellowship Hall Sunday, September 16th After Sunday School .. around noon

SEPTEVIDER VOLUNTEERS								
	OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE	Sunday School						
Sept 3	Luke Allsbrook	Sept 3 Chip and Kelsey						
Sept 10	Jeffery Alt	Sept 10	Chip and Kelsey					
Sept 17	Derek Rhodarmer	Sept 17	Becky and Teresa M					
Sept 24	Sam Mitchell	Sept 24 Renee and Jennifer D						
COUNTERS		CLEANING						
Sept 3	Luke Allsbrook	Sept 3	Jeffery / Edward					
Sept 10	Jeffery Alt	Sept 10	Linda Roberts & Susan Kingshill					
Sept 17	Derek Rhodarmer	Sept 17	Mitchells					
Sept 24	Sam Mitchell	Sept 24	Matthews					
SNACKS								

# SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS





#### <u>Belgian Waffles</u> <u>and Chocolate</u>

Thursday, September, 14th 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall

Hosted by Julian and Rachel Bacon



#### Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of July 31st 2023

Tithes & Offering collections	\$69,337		
Other Income	5,395		
Mission Giving	4,255		
Carryover funds - Missions	(3,855)		
Expenditures other than Missions	(95,040)		
Additional Payment on Mortgage	(5,000)		
Mission Expenditures	(5,850)		
Expenditures over collections	(\$30,758)		
Cash Balance			
Checking Account	\$30,473		
Savings account	50,336		
Total	\$80,829		
Balance of Home Trust Mortgage	\$269,758		

### **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

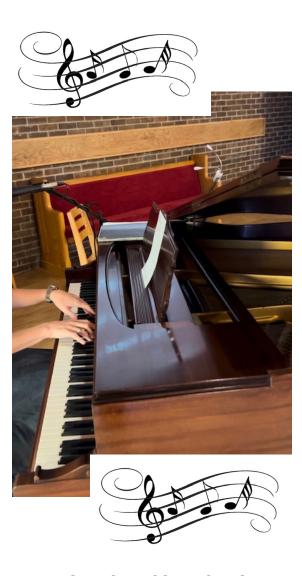
Jeffery Alt

**Elder Emeritus** 

Kent Roberts

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Linda Wilson



We have been blessed with a beautiful elegant, and bright baby grand on our dais. Renee makes this sweet instrument soar! Recently we became aware of a lady who was moving from Highlands to Atlanta that was interested in donating her 1939 Knabe Butterfly Baby Grand to us. Thanks you, Lynne Browne! A small group of us moved it from her home to its new home at Providence. Special thanks to Reid Dale for lending his technical expertise and equipment, plus the muscle power of Jeffrey, Luke, Will, and Edward.

SEPTEMBER 2023								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday`	Saturday		
					1	2 Emily Lízarazu		
3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	8	9		
10 HOLY COMMUNION Churchwide PotLuck (Following Sunday School at Noon)	11	12	13	14 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM BELGIAN WAFFLES & CHOCOLATE with the Bacons 6:30 PM	15	16		
17	18	19 Clara Alt	20	21 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	22	23 Sam & Renee Mitchell		
24	25	26	27 Loren Alt	28 Men's Prayer Group 6:45 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	29	30		

Bírthdays Anniversaries

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