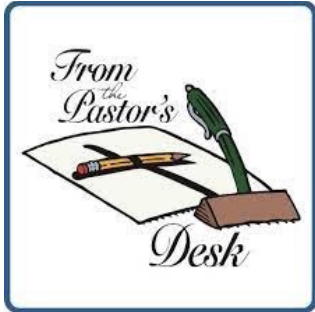


THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - An Evangelical Presbyterian Church Congregation

Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde



JANUARY 2025



As we step into this new year, my heart is filled with gratitude for the faithfulness of God that has brought us this far and with hope for what He will do in the days ahead.

Scripture reminds us in Jeremiah 29:11, *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”*

The turning of the calendar offers us a moment to reflect on the blessings of the past year, even amidst challenges. God’s hand has been at work, shaping us, sustaining us, and drawing us closer to Himself. Let us take time to thank Him for His provision, His grace, and His unfailing love. He has been faithful to us our whole lives, faithful to guide us as a church since 2007 and at this milestone of the first quarter of the 21st century, we see God's continued loving grace at work in us and through us. As we embrace the new year, let us do so with hearts anchored in hope. This hope is not rooted in the ups and downs of circumstances but in the unchanging promises of our Lord. He has promised to be with us always (Matthew 28:20), to renew our strength (Isaiah 40:31), and to bring to completion the good work He has begun in us (Philippians 1:6). My prayer for you is that this year will be marked by spiritual growth, deeper trust in God, and abundant blessings as you walk in obedience to Him. May His peace guard our hearts and His joy fill our lives, both now and forevermore. Your pastor and friend Edward Brouwer

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Worship and Church Activities

SUNDAY 9:45am - Morning Worship

11:15am - Sunday School

THURSDAY 6:45am - Men’s Prayer Group

THURSDAY 10:15am - Women’s Prayer Group

Directions 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



Our Mission Team had, in 2024, two broad categories of people we supported, namely ongoing work and one-time opportunities. Please continue to pray for the following ongoing opportunities:

Local/USA:

Junaluska Bible Club--volunteers from Providence share the gospel weekly in an afterschool program in Waynesville.

Haywood Christian Ministries--helping the least, last, lost and lonely right here in our community thru joint gospel ministry.

Youth for Christ--sharing the gospel in a local school in town

Ascend Women's Center (Mountain Area Pregnancy Services)--helping expectant mothers through counseling and practical help.

Families for ALL, a local foster care ministry.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry

Salvation Army

Mason Stevens with YWAM

Laurie and Matt Krieg serving with Hole in My Heart

Ministries, a ministry of the gospel to the LGBTQ community



International:

Rachel and Julian Bacon in Brussels with Mission To the World--Rachel Brouwer Bacon is the daughter of Edward & Glenda and married to Julian. They have Sophia (3) and Leo (1) and expecting a boy January 2025! Rachel is the European Trainer for Community Bible Study International and Julian is pastoring HOPE Church, a church plant with the International Presbyterian Church.



Adger and Sandra McKay with World Outreach, (the mission arm of the EPC), in Germany. This couple and their two sons began work with refugees in Germany several years ago. They do discipleship and church planting.





Eric and Emily Lizarazu serve with Alliance Bible Church and are directors of Camp Kewina in Bolivia. They have 5 grown children and spend their time between Bolivia and Alaska.



Bruce and Pam Sinclair serve with Trinity Center for World Missions. Much of his work involves teaching at a seminary in Uganda. They have two grown children and home

L and L serving in the Middle East with Pioneers. They have 3 High School and College age daughters. *We do not post a picture as they are in a sensitive area,*

Shawn and Lisa Stewart with World Outreach. Shawn travels extensively from their home base in Black Mountain NC to encourage and support missionaries with WO across the world. Shawn worked as the Youth Pastor in Waynesville with First Presbyterian and is known and loved by many in our fellowship.





Our one time opportunities in 2024 included:



Daniel and Emma Paserang in Jambi Indonesia through our partnership with EPC Presbytery of the Southeast. Daniel is doing radio ministry and Emma is a doctor and takes patients in her clinic.

Elias and Caris Yohannes in Ethiopia with World Outreach. They have two small children. Their **mission** is to share the Gospel and God's love with young people through camps, sports outreach and after-school activities, teaching and discipleship in partnership with Bingham Academy and the Child Development Training Research Center.



Laurie Lucas with World Outreach in France. Laurie is a retired educator and will start work in 2025 as a teacher in Lyon "The Chrysalis" with a ministry to young French-speaking children. (*Laurie is pictured here with the director of LaChrysalide*)

Annalise Smith with World Outreach EPC in Mongolia doing ESL

Alex and Valerie Crawford in the Middle East



Grady and Becky Davidson in The Americas (North, South and Central) with Timothy Two ministries. Grady travels to various locations and does seminary-level teaching for pastors. Homebase is Chattanooga TN.



Abby Cole is with World Outreach in Kyrgyzstan. She is a trained nurse and plans to get married to Jared Archer. They will under go preparation for field work as yet to be determined, in Spring 2026. She is the eldest daughter of our previous pastor Josh Cole & Sara.

Josephine and Louisa Koehring on Spring break 2025 Mission Trips with Cru in the Middle East and in Cuba. These two sisters (daughters of our members Ralph and Maryanna) have an exciting opportunity to serve Christ and grow in their calling through a campus ministry called CRU.



Women's Second Saturday Fellowship 9:30-11:30

Our January 2025 Second Saturday Fellowship (second Saturday of every month) will be at the Mitchell home and will be hosted by Renee Mitchell. I hope many of you are available to come for a time to relax and encourage one another. Remember you can drop in or stay the whole time. Contact Glenda Brouwer for more information and to RSVP at 828-713-6115.

Where: Renee Mitchell's home
1256 Evergreen Farm Circle
Waynesville, NC 28786
Saturday, January 11th 9:30-11:30

JANUARY Volunteer Schedule

OPEN / CLOSE SCHEDULE		Sunday School-Elementary Class	
Jan 5	Luke / Derek	Jan 5	LuAnn Davis and Judy Kauffman
Jan 12	Luke / Jeffery	Jan 12	Reid and Jennifer Dale
Jan 19	Luke / Derek	Jan 19	Chip and Kelsey Reed
Jan 26	Luke / Derek	Jan 26	Edward Brouwer and Beverly Altman
COUNTERS		Sunday School- Middle School	
Jan 5	Luke / Derek	Jan 5	Renee Mitchell
Jan 12	Luke / Jeffery	Jan 12	Glenda Brouwer
Jan 19	Luke / Derek	Jan 19	Renee Mitchell
Jan 26	Luke / Derek	Jan 26	Glenda Brouwer
SNACKS		CLEANING	
Jan 5	Jenny Alt and Teresa M.	Jan 5	Haywood Haven
Jan 12	Linda W. and Renee A.	Jan 12	Haywood Haven
Jan 19	Glenda B. and Paula	Jan 19	Haywood Haven
Jan 26	LuAnn and Becky B.	Jan 26	Haywood Haven

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

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 Tithes / Offerings to Budget As Of October 2024

	Accumulated Tithes & Offerings	Accumulated Budget	Over (under) Budget
Jan 2024	\$12,763.65	\$14,473.50	-\$1,709.85
Feb 2024	\$14,425.00	\$14,473.50	-\$48.50
Mar 2024	\$12,345.00	\$14,473.50	-\$2,128.50
Apr 2024	\$18,359.15	\$14,473.50	\$3,885.67
May 2024	\$21,935.10	\$14,473.50	\$7,461.60
June 2024	\$23,648.00	\$14,473.50	\$9,174.50
July 2024	\$10,328.60	\$14,473.50	-\$4,144.90
Aug 2024	\$8,704.33	\$14,473.50	-\$5,769.17
Sept 2024	\$13,017.25	\$14,473.50	-\$1,456.25
Oct 2024	\$12,502.25	\$14,473.50	-\$1,971.25
Nov 2024	\$17,142.58	\$14,473.50	\$2,668.75
	\$165,170.58	\$159,208.50	\$5,962.08
	Balance of Home Trust Mortgage		\$249,861.11

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Jim Bracket</i>	2 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	3	4 <i>Michael Lear</i> <i>Sandra McKay</i>
5	6	7	8	9 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	10	11 Women's 2nd Saturday Fellowship 9:30-11:30
12  Communion	13	14	15	16 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	17	18 <i>Edward Brouwer</i>
19 Congregational Meeting <i>Margaret Allsbrook</i>	20	21	22	23 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 AM Women's Prayer Group 10:15 AM	31	

Birthdays
Anniversaries

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