

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

By the time this newsletter reaches you I suspect that the outside will look much greener, and the weather will feel warmer! Perhaps it is the budding trees. Maybe it's seeing grass growing again (or in the case of the Manse, the green onions in the yard). You might have even seen daffodils emerging or robins in the yard! No matter what the sign, spring is here, and with spring comes so many tangible reminders of the resurrection and new life. Let us all glory in these reminders that point to newness of life. In addition, let us turn our minds to the passion of our Savior's crucifixion, the glory of His resurrection, and what these things really mean for us.

In I Corinthians 15, Paul addressed the church by talking about the Lord's resurrection and what it means for God's people. Some in the early church, and all outside the church, questioned the validity of Jesus rising from the dead. In verses 13 and 14 Paul wrote that ¹³*If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.* ¹⁴*And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.* What bold statements these are! Bold, yet perfectly reasonable. After all, if Jesus remained dead, what promises could He possibly offer? But the fact is that He rose again! In so doing He defeated death and Hell forever for those who trust in Him.

Paul would go on to write in verses 20 and 21 ²⁰*But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.* ²¹*For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.* This passage reveals the beauty of Easter and the fact that though Christ was handed over as the perfect Lamb of God, death could not possibly hold Him. As a result, not only did Jesus pay for the sins of His people, He also points to our hope for the future as He is the evidence of rising from the dead. Another way of saying this is that His resurrection points to God's promise for all those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation. Christ's resurrection shows us that this life is not all there is. As a result, Easter is the central event of our existence as the people of God.

Would you consider celebrating with us this year? Our plans for this year's Easter services are contained in this newsletter, but we will gather at the Stone Hall (weather permitting) at 7:00 a.m. for our Sunrise Service. We will enjoy breakfast immediately after, go to Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m., and then have our regular service at 10:00 a.m. It would be wonderful to see you there. Let's celebrate our Lord's resurrection and all of God's promises together.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



April 2025 Announcements

As of publication of this Newsletter, we have Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. Children's Church is available during the Worship Service. Nursery is available during the Worship Service and Sabbath School. **Youth Group** meets at 5:30 p.m. every Sunday and **Little Lambs** meets from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. every Sunday, unless otherwise announced. Pastor Malphrus will post Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.com/ OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. To access our Facebook page, church calendar, edited newsletters, sermonaudio.com, announcements, and more, visit our website: oldprovidencechurch.org. For a copy of a sermon on CD, or to add or update your contact information for notifications received via One Call, call the church office. Typically, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study meets at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays as well as Children's Ministry. Normally, Daily Devotionals are at 6:00 a.m. M-F. You may access recordings of Daily Devotionals on facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. For a copy of a devotional on CD, contact Patrick. On Tuesday evenings at 7:00 there is a home-based Bible Study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism which meets at the Patterson's home.

Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs for children ages 3 to 5th grade meets on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. They are learning about the truths of God through songs, devotionals, and fellowship! We are even preparing to bless the congregation through song on Sunday mornings. We would love to have your children join us on Sunday afternoons! For more details, please contact Elizabeth P.

Everyone is invited to the **Easter Egg Hunt** at Old Providence on **Sunday, April 13th**, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be Fun Games, Food and a Bible Lesson. Hope to see you there!

The Youth Group meets regularly on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. with a time of study on the Ten Commandments and fellowship. Here are some upcoming events that will take place outside our usual meetings: June 1 to 5 - Vacation Bible School Week; June 16 to 21 - Quest at Bonclarken; June 23 to 28 - Horizon at Bonclarken; June 30 - Youth Group Bonfire Night. For questions, please contact Will P.

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 1 – Thursday, June 5 from 5:30 –8:30 p.m. Supper will be provided nightly. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Monday Mid-Day 2025 Spring Program

Our next Monday Mid-Day Program will be on April 14th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The program will be followed by a light lunch and fellowship in Providence Hall. The cost of lunch is \$4.00 and there is a sign-up sheet to help with meals by the kitchen door. The Spring schedule will continue April 28th and May 12th. You will find details about speakers/activities in upcoming bulletins and our church website: www.oldprovidencechurch.org/programsandclasses.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, April 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. for our Business Meeting and 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. We will be studying Chapter 6 of *Lessons from the Upper Room, The heart of the Savior*, by Sinclair B. Ferguson. All women are invited.

Women's Ministries is sponsoring a **project to help Kingsway families** by collecting canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce, etc.) in small or large cans. The collection will run through April 13th. Collection boxes are in the vestibule and the breezeway. For questions, please contact Carol M.

The Virginia Women's Ministries Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 12th, at Redeemer ARP Church in Christiansburg, VA with guest speaker Robin Williams, the Missions and Outreach Chairperson for the ARP Women's Synodical. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. and lunch is provided at no charge. Please RSVP to Joanie H. by April 1st.

Riverheads Weekday Religious Education Fundraisers

The Cakewalk was very successful with a huge turn-out and a profit of \$2,545.85 was made.

The Spring Praise Night will be Sunday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Raphine Christian Church. If anyone would like to share their gift of song, please contact Dana C.

Baja Misson Trip

This year's **Baja House Building trip** will be July 6th-12th. The deadline to sign up to join them is April 7th. To support the upcoming Baja Mission Trip, you may purchase tickets for any USA Tidal Wave Auto Spa \$30 Graph-4X Car Wash for \$10 each expiring on 12/31/25. See Dan W. to order tickets.

Easter Sunday



On Easter Sunday, April 20th, there will be a Sunrise Worship Service at 7:00 a.m. outside at the Stone Hall so please bring lawn chairs/blankets. Immediately following that service, we will have breakfast available in Providence Hall. We will have Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Children's Church will meet, and Nursery will be available during Sabbath School and the 10:00 a.m. service.

APRIL 2025 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 1

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, April 2

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry Resumes

Thursday, April 3

10:00 a.m. - Women's Ministries

10:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

Sunday, April 6

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Ashlie and Terri

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Elizabeth

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs & 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, April 8

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, April 9

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

Saturday, April 12

Virginia Women's Ministries Retreat

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

Kingsway Collection Due

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Cindy and Gratia

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

4:00 p.m. - Joint Meeting Session & Diaconate

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

5:15 p.m. - Men's singing Group



Monday, April 14

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Program

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, April 16

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

Thursday, April 17

6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Communion and Dinner



Sunday, April 20 – EASTER

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Easter Service

8:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Vicki and Sally

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

Tuesday, April 22

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, April 23

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

Sunday, April 27

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Amanda and Isabella

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs & 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

5:15 p.m. - Men's singing Group

Monday, April 28

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Program

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, April 30

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

*Please keep in mind, calendar dates are tentative and could change or cancel after publication of the newsletter.