

Old Providence ARP Church

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Dear Old Providence Family,

What does it mean to be the Church? This question, though simple at first glance, is based on an assumption. Namely, that “the Church” is far more than buildings dedicated as places of worship. Much to the contrary, it is the people of God that are the Church. Every Lord’s Day we confess in saying the Apostles’ Creed that we believe in the “Holy Christian Church”. Furthermore, we know that the promises of God are true, including Jesus’ own promise in Matthew 16:18 to build His Church. But again, when it comes right down to it, what does it mean to be the Church?

God’s Word is not silent on this issue. In his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus said ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. What is revealed in this passage about what it means to be the Church, is both encouraging and convicting.

First, the people of God should be encouraged by Jesus’ words. After all, we are called the light of the world! God has given us the grand responsibility and privilege to be His ambassadors to a dark world, in desperate need of salvation. But second, Jesus’ words ought also to convict us. It is because we are light that we are given the responsibility to shine forth into darkness so that the world may see our faith as genuine, pointing to the glory of God. With these things in mind, and the grand call to point others to Christ, let us move forward together, always remembering that we are the Church, and that we have much work to do.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



August 2019 Announcements

Women's Ministry Window

All women of the church are invited to attend Women's Ministries on **Thursday, August 8th** (not August 1st) at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Hope you can join us.

Everyone is invited to join us when we visit Beulah Land on Thursday, August 29th, at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Ministries is sponsoring the Virginia Presbytery Fall Hymn Sing at Old Providence on Saturday, September 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. A light dinner will be served. Sign up details to follow.

Rally Day and Sunday School Picnic

Join us on August 11th after the morning worship service for games and activities before our covered dish luncheon in Providence Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided. There will be games and activities for everyone so be sure to join in the fun and fellowship.

PreSchool



The PreSchool Open house will be held on Thursday, August 29th, at 7:00 p.m. There are still two openings in the 3-year-old class for 2019/2020 PreSchool. The 4-year-old class is now full but a wait list is available. (Update as of 8/14/19: There is one opening in each class.)

College Student Addresses

If you know of a College Student who would like to receive the Old Providence Newsletter, please provide their new or updated address to Stephanie in the church office by August 15th.

Community News

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Fundraiser will be held at Raphine Christian Church (5131 Lee Jackson Hwy, Greenville) Saturday, August 10th, at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Monday Mid-Day

Make plans to attend the Monday Mid-Day program Fall series which resumes on Monday, September 9th, at 11:00 a.m. Look for more details in next month's newsletter and bulletins.

Little Lambs and Youth Group



Youth Group will resume on Sunday, September 8th, at 5:30 p.m. and will typically meet every Sunday. The leaders will be Mitchell and Holly, Carrie, and Kristi. Little Lambs will resume on Sunday, September 15th, and will typically meet on the first and third Sundays of each month beginning with a light supper. The Little Lambs leaders will be Amanda and Tonya.

SAVE THE DATE! It's time for us to update our photo directory. We will be photographing all families September 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Watch for more information to come in bulletins and our website in the following weeks.



Bus Trip

The Spiritual Care Committee has been working hard to find the most cost effective trip to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY and the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. We have scheduled this bus trip for October 10th – 12th. The bus will be leaving on Thursday from Old Providence at 7:30 a.m. and return on Saturday at 9:30 p.m. We will be going to the Ark on Friday and to the Creation Museum on Saturday morning.

The following rates are based on 30 people. If we have 40 seats filled, then the cost will be reduced some. Rates are:

Single - \$499.00 - (one person in a room)

Double - \$380.00 - (two persons in one room)

Triple - \$341.00 - (three persons in one room)

Quad - \$321.00 - (four persons in one room)

These prices include transportation, 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfast buffets, 2 dinners, admission to both museums, baggage handling for 1 bag per person, and all taxes and gratuities on these items. We are requesting \$100.00 deposit when you sign up with the final payment being made by August 28th. We are giving Old Providence members until August 5th to sign up and then we will open it to the community. You can sign up with Martha or Linda. They will in turn give the money to Randy who will serve as the Treasurer for this trip.

The committee members are Bob, Jeff, Randy, Woody, Donnie, Elizabeth, Martha, and Linda. If you have questions, we will try to answer them.

August 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 4

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Lois and Katie

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie, Connie, and Lois

Wednesday, August 7

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, August 8

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study



Sunday, August 11 – **Rally Day and Sunday School Picnic**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Connie and Scott

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Karen and Justine

Wednesday, August 14

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Dot and Vicki

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leaders: Stacy, Dana and Kristin

Wednesday, August 21

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, August 25 – **Communion**

WRE Special Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Stacy and Kayla

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children’s Church

Wednesday, August 28

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, August 29

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministries visits Beulah Land

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