

# Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

Let me first begin this newsletter article by saying a big “THANK YOU” for all of your hard work in making Vacation Bible School a great success! The numbers are in and on our largest night we had 62 children in attendance and over 40 adults for our adult class. We had a wonderful week of ministry and fellowship for people of all ages. Please continue to pray that those who know the Lord will grow in their relationship with Him, and that those who do not know the Lord would come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Also, please continue to pray that Old Providence would reach our community with the love of Jesus Christ, and that God’s Kingdom would grow as a result.

With Vacation Bible School behind us, the next big event on our church calendar is “Homecoming and Special Services”. Homecoming will be Sunday morning, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., with a wonderful covered dish meal to follow in Providence Hall immediately after the worship service. Not only will we enjoy Homecoming on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we will also take the Lord’s Supper as we celebrate communion together. Special Services begin that same day at 7:00 p.m. and will be held nightly at 7:00 through Wednesday. On Wednesday night we will enjoy an Ice Cream Social together in Providence Hall, immediately following the evening service.

It is my fervent hope and prayer that you will make Homecoming and Special Services a priority. Not only will you be blessed as a result of attending, you’ll also be a blessing to one another and to our guest speakers. And yes! You read that right. We are actually having two speakers this year. The first will be Mr. Alex Pettett, Executive Director of World Witness for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Alex served as a missionary in the middle east for over a decade before leaving the field to head our denomination’s international missionary organization. Our second speaker will be Rev. Lee Shelnut, former pastor of Huntersville ARP Church, who has just entered the mission field by starting the Barnabas Ministry, wherein he travels to Rwanda and Pakistan to train pastors for local service. Both Alex and Lee are excellent, dynamic speakers who boldly proclaim the truth and point to the importance of missions. We are blessed by their willingness to come and speak, and I know you will be greatly blessed by making the commitment to join us. I hope to see you soon!

Your Pastor,

Patrick



## August 2022 Announcements

As of publication of this Newsletter, we have Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School at 11:10 a.m. Children's Church is available during the Worship Service. Nursery is available during the Worship Service and during Sabbath School. Youth Group meets every other Sunday at 5:30 p.m. during the summer. Pastor Malphrus will broadcast his sermons on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and will post the audio version of those sermons on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. If you need help accessing online sermons, please contact Patrick. You may access our Facebook page, sermonaudio.com, edited newsletters, announcements, church calendar, and more by visiting our website at [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org). For a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, call the office.

Live Daily Devotionals with our pastor will resume on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 a.m. and will continue each week Monday through Thursday through our church's Facebook page via [facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa](https://facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa) or our website [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org) by clicking on the Facebook icon. Recordings will be available afterwards through [sermonaudio.com](http://sermonaudio.com), which may also be accessed from our website, or the sermonaudio app.

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Services are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. led by our Pastoral Intern, James.

### Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. with Bible Study following at 7:30 p.m. Our Bible Study is based on the book, "Faith in the Face of Apostasy: The Gospel According of Elijah & Elisha", by Raymond B. Dillard. We will cover Chapter 8 in August. All women are welcome to the meeting and/or the Bible Study. Contact Sylvia for more information.

Attention Ladies! Our Women's Weekend Retreat is planned for September 16 and 17, 2022. "Finding Balance in an Unbalanced World" with speaker Susan Blackwell Jones. The retreat will be held at Camp Bethel, which is in Fincastle, VA. Please contact Sylvia for more information. Please note deadlines: ARP members have first priority for overnight accommodations until September 1<sup>st</sup>, Non-ARP members deadline for overnight accommodations is September 4<sup>th</sup>, and Final Deadline for meals and conference only is September 6<sup>th</sup>. There are registration packets at the church in Providence Hall or you may call the church office if you would like one emailed.

### Bulletin Deadline

Please provide announcements to the church office for the Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> bulletin by 9:00 a.m. Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## Homecoming and Special Services

Please join us for our Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Children's Church will meet. There will be a covered dish meal immediately following the Worship Service. We will not meet for Sabbath School. Special Services will be held each evening at 7:00 on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> with an Ice Cream Social after the Wednesday night service.

Our guest speaker on Sunday and Monday will be Mr. Alex Pettett. Alex has served for 11 years in missions in the middle east working with refugees and church planting. His life in ministry also included five years of youth ministry at First ARP Church, Gastonia, NC. Alex has been the Executive Director of the ARP Mission Agency, World Witness since January 2014 and completed his M.Div. at Erskine Seminary in 2021. Alex's wife, Jamie, is originally from Illinois where she did BA studies at the University of Illinois in the subject of Islam. They met in Amman, Jordan in 1999 as Alex was completing an M.A. in Judaic studies at Hebrew University. They have been married for 21 years and have three children.

On Tuesday and Wednesday our guest speaker will be Rev. Lee Shelnett who began serving with World Witness full-time in June as the Team Leader for a new ministry/field called the Barnabas Ministry. The Barnabas Ministry is a ministry of pastoral and leadership training and discipleship in two countries -- Pakistan and Rwanda. In addition to the work in Pakistan and Rwanda, he will serve as an encourager, facilitator, and coordinator for many of our World Witness missionaries in Europe and give oversight for our school ministries in Pakistan. Before coming onboard with World Witness full-time, Lee served as the Senior Pastor at Huntersville ARP Church, in Huntersville, NC, where he pastored from 2011 to 2022. He was ordained to gospel ministry in 1997 and served first as the church planter and then pastor of the Westminster ARP congregation in Albemarle, NC. He is a former moderator of the General Synod and has served in various capacities throughout the ARP denomination, including present service on the Erskine Board of Trustees. He is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary - Charlotte, the Atlanta School of Biblical Studies, and Georgia Tech. He has worked in the engineering field with Delta Air Lines. Lee and his wife, Joni, have one daughter.

## Preschool Update



The 2022/2023 Preschool session will begin Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, for the 3-year-old class and Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, for the 4-year-old class. There is still time to register and there are spaces available. Only one space is left in the 4-year-old class and three in the 3-year-old class. Visit our website at [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org) or call the church office at 540-377-2911 for forms and information. Open House is on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## August 2022 Calendar of Events

### Monday, August 1

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, August 3

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, August 4

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study



### Sunday, August 7

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Kevin and Tonya

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

### Tuesday, August 9 – Friday, August 12

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, August 10

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

### Sunday, August 14

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Cindy and Vicki

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**Wednesday, August 17**

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

**Sunday, August 21**

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri and Stacy

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children’s Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

**Wednesday, August 24**

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

**Sunday, August 28 – HOMECOMING**

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9:45 a.m.. - Nursery Helpers: Amanda and Isabella

10:00 a.m.. - Worship

Children’s Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

**Sunday, August 28 – Wednesday, August 31**

7:00 p.m. - Special Services

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



1 Women’s Ministries & Bible Study	12 Monday Mid-Day Program resumes
4 No Little Lambs & Youth Group	18 Session & Diaconate Joint Meeting
5 Labor Day – Church Office Closed	Diaconate Meeting
6 PreSchool begins	Little Lambs resumes
11 Rally Day & Sunday School Picnic - TBD	Youth Group
Session Meeting	25 Youth Group
Youth Group resumes	26 Monday Mid-Day Program