

Old Providence ARP Church

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

As I write these words I look out my office window at the church and see snow falling peacefully to the ground. Not many cars are driving down Old Providence Road. The parking lot looks like someone has covered it with a fluffy white blanket. Everything is peaceful and still. Snow and its effects are not missing from the Bible.

Most are familiar with the story of Job. After losing everything, 3 friends came to Job and brought anything but comfort and wise counsel. Later a 4th man came into Job's life and offered a response to Job's suffering that proclaimed God's greatness and sovereignty—a much needed message for Job in his time of hurt and suffering.

As an example of God's sovereignty, Elihu said in Job 37: 5-8 that "God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend. For he says to the snow, "Fall to the earth," and the torrential rains, his mighty torrential rains, serve as his sign to all mankind, so that all men may know his work." In Job 38 God himself responds to Job's questions by rhetorically asking Job if he had ever "entered the treasuries of the snow". All of these references point to the fact that God is sovereign over all things, even the weather.

Let us be grateful, dear friends, that God is in control. As we see the wonder of the world unfolding around us, let us remember that God is the one who holds sway over all things. And let us not forget that in His love and mercy, He cares for us more than we could ever imagine.

Having come from a place that receives very little winter weather, my family and I marvel at the snow whenever it falls. Perhaps snow has become common to you over the years. But let none of us ever view God's power as common, and let none of us ever forget His mighty love.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



February 2018 Announcements

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, February 1st, at the Church for the business meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bible study begins at about 7:30 p.m. We are studying "The Gospel according to Abraham". Our study book is called Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality. We will be studying Chapter 2 and the scripture will be Genesis 12. We would love for you to join us.

Young Adults

All young couples, singles, and non-retired folk are invited to a drop-in Super Bowl party at Patrick and Amanda's house at 6:00 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th. Please bring your favorite football/party dish to share. If you have any questions, please see Amanda or Patrick.



Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs and Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, February 4th, but will meet on Sunday, February 18th, at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

The Youth Group will sponsor a Valentine's Social for the Seniors on Sunday, February 11th, at 2:30 p.m. We will be playing Bingo for prizes and serving light refreshments. Please come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Our Daily Bread

The time has been extended for reordering your copy of Our Daily Bread until February 15th.

This devotional can be ordered through the Women's Ministries on a donation basis. Available in regular and large print, this monthly publication includes a daily scripture and devotional reading, as well as a plan for reading through the Bible in a year. Please see Libby or Shirley to renew or start your subscription.

Bonclarken Event Highlights

Family Bible Conference is a Christian Education Ministries event for the entire family. Powerful Bible teaching, helpful seminars, and family activities highlight this great week. Schedule includes time for worship, relaxation, music, and fun. It will be held July 23rd -27th. For housing registration visit <http://www.bonclarken.org/arp-events/> or contact Susan at 828-692-2223 or sfrohlich@bonclarken.org.

Deadlines: February 1, 2018 - the earliest date written (email, fax, and US mail) housing reservation requests can be postmarked. February 15, 2018- the earliest date telephoned housing reservation requests can be accepted.

Volunteer Work Week is a week of service, fellowship, worship, inspiration, and renewal. It will be held April 15th -20th. To register visit www.bonclarken.org or contact Michael at mdill@bonclarken.org.

For a list of all 2018 ARP Events at Bonclarken visit www.bonclarken.org or see the calendar posted on the church bulletin board.

Community Event

Hope Conference: Mental Health and Human Trafficking

When: Saturday, February 24, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Snow Date – March 3rd)

Where: First Baptist Church, 406 W. Frederick St, Staunton

Why: Learn how you can respond to human trafficking and mental health challenges.

Breakout Sessions Topics: Depression, Addiction, Bipolar, Human Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Human Trafficking Aftercare, and Streetwalking Ministry

Cost: \$10.00 per person which includes lunch

RSVP by February 15th to hope@fbclife.com or 540-886-8333.

Childcare is provided with reservation.

Sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) which inspires and equips women to influence the world for Christ. Men are encouraged to attend as well.

February 2018 Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 1

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Sunday, February 4

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Marvella and Emma

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Carrie

4:30 p.m. – No Children’s Fellowship and Youth Group

6:00 p.m. – Young Adult Super Bowl Party at Manse

Wednesday, February 7

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study



Sunday, February 11

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Karen

12:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

2:30 p.m. – Valentine’s Social for Seniors

Wednesday, February 14

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, February 18

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Carrie and Kay

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Dana

4:30 p.m. – Children’s Fellowship and Youth Group

Wednesday, February 21

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, February 25 - **Communion**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship (No Children's Church)

Wednesday, February 28

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Upcoming Events

- March 1 - Women's Ministries/Bible Study
- March 4 - Children's Fellowship/Youth Group
 - Session & Deacons Meet separately
 - Session & Deacons Meet jointly
- March 5 - Monday Mid-Day Program resumes
- March 11- Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 17 - Virginia Presbytery at New Lebanon Church
- March 18 - Children's Fellowship/Youth Group
- March 19 - Monday Mid-Day Program
- March 25 - Synod Spring Offering
- March 28 - PreEaster Dinner
- March 29 - Women's Ministries Visits Beulah Land
- March 30 - Good Friday – Church Office Closed

