

Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

It's February and love is in the air! Or at least it's advertised all over the shelves at Walmart and CVS. Boxes of chocolates, greeting cards, and all sorts of other items point to love's importance. But do these things point to what love is really all about? Have you ever pondered love and how it works? Love is a term that has been applied to so many things that its true definition has, in some ways, been lost. And the word "love", itself, has become so overused. Instead of being used to reference self-sacrificing action and affection, "love" is now used to convey trivial things such as preference and strong liking. For instance, McDonald's slogan is "I'm lovin' it." While people may enjoy McDonalds, do they really love it? And, to that end, is love based only on emotions?

Thankfully, as in all areas of life, the Bible does not leave us wondering. We are told and shown what love is throughout the Scriptures. While there is an emotional side to love, its authenticity rests in what you actually do, not just what you feel. Love, in its truest form, involves sacrificing one's self for the sake of the other. The ultimate demonstration of love can be found in Romans 5:8 which says "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." What glorious news this is! That though all people deserve judgement, in Christ alone there is salvation. And this salvation is based on Christ's perfect righteousness and sacrifice. So, we see that Love is an action.

Also, love is not only defined in the Bible, but God's people are also commanded to consider, behold, and appreciate God's love for us. I John 3:1 commands us to "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Not only are we loved for the sake of Christ and His work, but we are also named as the children of God because of this love. How magnificent! Because of Christ and His love, people who trust in Him are changed from sinners deserving God's wrath to the very children of God. And not only are God's children changed, according to I John 4:19, "We love because He first loved us." With salvation comes the call to love God and others, and to do so through action. Let us never forget our call to love God and one another, and in so doing, let us all point to Christ's love.

Your Pastor,

Patrick

February 2023 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 Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Little Lambs meets the first and third Sunday monthly from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pastor Malphrus will broadcast his sermons on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on [Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa) and will post the audio version of those sermons on [sermon audio.com/oldprovidence](https://www.sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). Please contact Patrick for assistance. You may access our Facebook page, edited newsletters, [sermonaudio.com](https://www.sermonaudio.com), announcements, church calendar, and more by visiting our website at [oldprovidencechurch.org](https://www.oldprovidencechurch.org). For a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, or to add or update your information for notifications received through the One Call System, please contact the church office.

Live Daily Devotionals with our pastor are at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday through our church's Facebook page via [facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa) or our website at (www.oldprovidencechurch.org) by clicking on the Facebook icon. Recordings will be available afterwards through [sermonaudio.com](https://www.sermonaudio.com), which may also be accessed from our website, or the sermonaudio app. For a copy of a devotional please contact Patrick.

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Services are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. with Pastor Malphrus.

Home Bible study at Susie and Pat's home takes place on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Pat .

The Cemetery Trustees will be cleaning the cemetery on Saturday, February 25, 2023. All flowers/ decorations that you wish to save need to be removed prior to this date. Any flowers/decorations remaining in the cemetery on Saturday the 25th will be discarded.

We are still taking orders for *Our Daily Bread* devotional. Please see Libby or Shirley to renew or start your subscription.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet at **10:00 a.m.** on Thursday, February 2nd, for a business meeting, followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will be using the study book entitled, **Revelation for You**, by Tim Chester, pages 24-32. All Women are welcome.

WRE Update

Save the Date: Riverheads Weekday Religious Education will have a Cakewalk Fundraiser on Saturday, April 15th, at the Mint Spring Ruritan building. The next WRE meeting will be held on Monday, February 20th, at the WRE building in the classroom.

February 2023 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 1

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Thursday, February 2

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

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, February 5

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Ashlie, William and Blake

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:30 p.m. - Little Lambs and Youth Group

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, February 8

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, February 12

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

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

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study



Wednesday, February 15

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, February 19

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:30 p.m. – Little Lambs & Youth Group

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, February 22

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, February 26 - Communion

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

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| 1 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m. | 14 Home Bible Study 7:00 p.m. |
| 2 Women's Ministries Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. | 15 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m. |
| 5 Little Lambs & Youth Group 5:30 p.m. | 19 Little Lambs & Youth Group 5:30 p.m. |
| 7 Home Bible Study 7:00 p.m. | 21 Home Bible Study 7:00 p.m. |
| 8 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m. | 22 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m. |
| 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
Youth Group 5:30 p.m. | 26 Youth Group 5:30 p.m. |
| | 28 Home Bible Study 7:00 p.m. |
| | 29 Bible Study Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m. |

Bad Weather Closings

We make our decisions on cancellation of service based on safety concerns. We evaluate conditions at the church and in the immediate area around the church as well as on the weather forecasts available to us. When we cancel Sunday morning services or other major events, we will announce these closings by: One Call System (phone, text and email); Web Page: oldprovidencechurch.org; and TV: Channel 3 (Sunday Service or major events only).