

Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe, but 2022 has come and gone and 2023 is here. What will you do this year? Do you have plans for something you'd like to accomplish? Maybe you've even made a "New Year's Resolution" (and maybe you've already broken it)! While there's nothing wrong with making plans and being prepared, let me encourage you to remember what the Bible says about how we should plan for the new year and life in general.

James 4: 13-16 says: *13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.* Here, God's Word reminds us of both the brevity of life and the scope of our knowledge. We need the Lord! It's just that simple. As James wrote, if we were to proceed into the future as if we were the masters of our own destiny, with no regard for God, we become evil boasters. Instead, as verse 15 says, our focus should be on God and our desire should be for His will to be done.

As you enter 2023, do so with the full assurance that God will be with you no matter what you face. Hold on to the promise Jesus made in Matthew 28:20 when He said, *"I am with you always, to the end of the age."* And remember, the only way to really have a "Happy New Year" is to rejoice in Christ. If you make New Year's resolutions, make sure that you are seeking God's will and relying on His strength alone to do what it is you have set out to accomplish.

Your Pastor,

Patrick

January 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/Old ProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa](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, 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 new home will start on January 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. weekly with the possibility of a daytime study as well. We will use the book "Experiencing the Power of the Holy Spirit," written by Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, to assist us in our study of how a deeper dependence upon and relationship with the Holy Spirit leads us into a closer daily walk with Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, please contact Pat.

All organizational Treasurers are reminded to submit your yearly reports by Sunday, January 15th, so the annual report to the General Synod and Presbytery can be prepared by February 1st. Please leave them in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox.

Officers and Committee members please start thinking about updates for the bulletin backs and any 2023 Calendar dates you may have. Once you have them, please provide them to the church office.

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.

Sanctuary Refreshing Project Implementation update: The implementation committee is in the process of inviting qualified contractors to submit proposals for the approved Sanctuary and Narthex projects. The committee will provide schedule updates to the session of when the sanctuary area will need to be closed, so that worship may be moved to another appropriate location.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet at **10:00 a.m.** on Thursday, January 5th, for a business meeting, followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will begin studying a new book in January entitled, **Revelation for You**, by Tim Chester, pages 9 - 23. All Women are welcome.

The Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will be cooking and serving for the residents of the Valley Mission on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 3:45 p.m. If you would like to serve, cook, or provide items for this project, please see the sign-up sheet in Providence Hall near the piano. Please contact Karen or Carol with questions. You may give monetary donations to Karen. Thanks for your support!

Our Daily Bread

January is the month in which we take orders for Our Daily Bread. 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.

January 2023 Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 1

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

Wednesday, January 4

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

Thursday, January 5

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

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study



Sunday, January 8

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

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, January 10

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 15 – Special Offering for WRE

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

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, January 17

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 22

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Shirley and Laurin

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 January 24

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, January 25

6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, January 29

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Laurin and Kristi

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, January 31

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. | 15 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m. |
| Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. | 19 Little Lambs & Youth Group 5:30 p.m. |
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| 7 Home Bible Study 7:00 p.m. | 22 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m. |
| 8 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m. | 26 Youth Group 5:30 p.m. |
| 12 Diaconate Meeting 5:00 p.m. | 28 Home Bible Study 7:00 p.m. |
| Youth Group 5:30 p.m. | |

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

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).