

# Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

As I pondered what to write for this, the July newsletter, it seemed only fitting to focus on that one day that people tend to think of more than any other in the entire month...the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Independence Day! That day when we remember our nation declaring independence from British rule, thus noting the formation of a new nation. That day when we remember the glory of freedom and the fact that freedom is anything but free. That day when we celebrate our nation and take pride in who we are as a country. That day when all Americans put aside their differences and focus on just being American!

Alas...were it only that way. Please don't read what I've written thus far with a sarcastic tone in mind. I wasn't being sarcastic. I wish the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was celebrated in the way that I described. And let me be clear, Independence Day ought to be celebrated. God has blessed our nation in so many ways. We would not exist apart from His providential care and sustaining Hand of mercy. Why, even the fact that our nation wasn't overwhelmed by British forces in the American Revolution shows God's faithfulness to us. And when you consider America's meteoric rise to the status of the most powerful nation on earth, synonymous with freedom and justice? God has been so very good to us.

I think there was a time when people understood just how blessed we are and appreciated the freedoms we have. Sadly, it seems as though that time has passed. The question, then, is what do we do about it? How can all of the problems I've mentioned (and many more, besides) be addressed? The answer to all of our problems really is Jesus Christ. There is not a single problem we face as individuals or as a nation that He can't fix. But aren't we too divided? Too different? Too far gone? Absolutely not. Jesus Christ is the great unifier of humanity for it is only in Jesus that, according to Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." And remember that God never changes. He has intervened throughout human history to draw nations back to Himself. God never changes but He changes the unchangeable and redeems the unredeemable.

Do you believe these things? If so, let me encourage you to remember God and our dependence on Him this Independence Day. Pray that He would intervene in the course of our nation's future, as He has in the past. Pray that others would come to know Jesus Christ and look for opportunities to testify to His greatness. Take the time to cherish the freedoms you enjoy and praise God for His faithfulness.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



## July 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/ OldProvidence ARPChurch SpottswoodVa and will post the audio version of those sermons on sermonaudio.com/ oldprovidence. If you need help accessing online sermons, 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). To request a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, please call the office.

We are taking a summer break from Daily Devotionals which started Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> until Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. However, you may watch recorded Devotionals through our church's Facebook page via [facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa); our website [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org) by clicking on the Facebook icon; or through [sermonaudio.com](http://sermonaudio.com) 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, July 7<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 7 in July. All women are welcome to the meeting and/or the Bible Study. Contact Sylvia for more information.



### Preschool Update

Preschool registration for 2022/2023 is now in process. There is one space left in the 4-year-old class and three in the 3-year-old class. Call the church office at 540-377-2911 or visit our church website at [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org) for forms and information.

### Community Event

Raphine Volunteer Fire Company's Fireworks and Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Food and drink sales will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Fireworks will follow.

## July 2022 Calendar of Events

### Sunday, July 3

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

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

### Monday, July 4 – Independence Day

Church Office Closed



### Wednesday, July 6

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

### Thursday, July 7

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

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

### Sunday, July 10

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

4:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

### Wednesday, July 13

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

**Sunday, July 17**

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**Wednesday, July 20**

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

**Sunday, July 24**

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church leaders: Dabney and Tina

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

**Wednesday, July 27**

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

**Sunday, July 31**

9:00 a.m. - Breakfast for Young Life

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Laurin and Kristi

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

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

## Homecoming and Special Services

Please join us for Homecoming which will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> with Special Services on August 28<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Alex Pettett, Director of World Witness for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. A former missionary himself, Alex is the director for World Witness, which is the name of our denominational agency that oversees foreign missions.

## Home Bible Study

Pat and Susie are hosting a study this fall to explore how we interact with the Holy Spirit and how a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit leads us into a closer daily walk with Jesus Christ. Please let Pat know if you want to participate or have questions about this study.

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