

# Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

It's June, one of my favorite months of the year! With June comes warmer, longer days, and among other things, children who are out of school have more free time for fun activities. As a kid, I remember my mom sending us outside to play all day. We would ride our bikes and explore the woods behind our house. We would have sleepovers at friends' houses and even spend a week at summer camp. But my favorite summer activity was attending Vacation Bible School. I looked forward to VBS every year.

Now, even as an adult, I still get excited about VBS. And this year is no different. Our curriculum for this year's VBS comes from Answers in Genesis and is called "Keepers of the Kingdom", and its theme is the Armor of God. What an appropriate subject! Children are bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given His people armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies. During VBS, the kids will learn how they can be a part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and what it means to be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom and stand strong in today's battle for truth.

Each day will focus on a different part of the Armor of God. The first day focuses on how we are in a battle for truth between the two kingdoms of light and darkness. On Day 2, the kids will learn how to fasten the Belt of Truth firmly around their waists. They will learn to have a Biblical worldview in order to stand strong in the truth. Day 3 will focus on the Breastplate of Righteousness and the shoes of Peace. On Day 4, the kids will learn about the Shield of Faith and the Helmet of Salvation. And Day 5 will focus on the Sword of the Spirit and Prayer.

Along with reading Scripture and hearing Bible lessons, we will be memorizing scripture, enjoying craft time, and playing games in recreation. We will also learn new songs during our Assembly times. This is sure to be a wonderful week learning about the Lord and his Word. We would love for you and your family to join us. And if you have not yet signed up to help, please do so!

Your Pastor's Wife (and VBS Director),

Amanda

## June 2023 Announcements



As of publication of this Newsletter, we have Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. Children's Church is available during the Worship Service. Nursery is available during the Worship Service and during Sabbath School. During the school year, Youth Group meets every Sunday at 5:30 p.m., and Little Lambs meets the first and third Sunday monthly from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They do not meet in the summer. Pastor Malphrus will post his Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and will also post the audio version of those sermons on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. Please contact Patrick for assistance. You may access our Facebook page, edited newsletters, church calendar, sermonaudio.com, announcements, and more by visiting our website at 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.

Daily Devotionals with our pastor will start back in September after a summer break. Recordings are available through our church's Facebook page via facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa or our website (www.oldprovidencechurch.org) by clicking on the Facebook icon. They are also available through sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence, which may also be accessed from our website, or the sermonaudio app. For a copy of a devotional on CD, please contact Patrick.

Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer Meetings with Pastor Malphrus will start back in September after a summer break.

Home Bible study at Susie and Pat's home takes place on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Pat at 540-461-1083.

### Sanctuary Refreshing Update

The Sanctuary Refresh Project committee has met with numerous contractors on various portions of the project. Currently we have proposals for the electrical work and balcony safety railings. A proposal for the sanctuary pulpit platform and the hallway bathroom projects is in the final stages of pricing at this time and is expected before the end of May. As soon as these schedules are understood and contracts are signed, we will work with the plaster repairman, painter, and carpeting to coordinate their schedules. Once we have the overall schedule understood, we will provide the overall schedule and solicit inputs on the paint color scheme and carpet. Please pray for the project and contractors as we begin signing contracts.

## **Women's Ministries Window**

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting, followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will be studying Chapter 5 in the book entitled, *Revelation for You*, by Tim Chester, which covers Chapters 10 and 11 in the book of Revelation. All Women are welcome.

Women's Ministries is collecting items for the Bonclarken Gift Shop until Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Collection boxes are in Providence Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Gail.

## **Preschool Registration**



Old Providence Preschool applications are currently being accepted for the 2023-2024 School Year! Registration packets are available at our church website at [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org) or in the church office. The four-year-old class is full so we will start a waiting list if there is more interest.

Please share this information with our community so this Ministry can be a blessing to others. For more information, please call the church office at 540-377-2911.

## **Community Event**

The Annual Raphine Volunteer Fire Company Fireman's Carnival will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Vacation Bible School**

VBS at Old Providence ARP Church will be held July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 8:30 each night with supper provided at 5:30 p.m. Classes will be available for children ages 2 - 12 years old. An adult class will be taught by Pat. For more information, call the church office at 540-377-2911.

## June 2023 Calendar of Events

### Thursday, June 1

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

10:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

### Sunday, June 4

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Amanda and Isabella

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

### Tuesday, June 6

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

### Tuesday, June 6 - Thursday, June 8

General Synod Meeting at Bonclarken



### Thursday, June 8 – Friday, June 9

World Focus 2023 at Bonclarken

### Sunday, June 11

Special Offerings for Missions

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Ashley, William and Blake

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

**Monday, June 12 -Saturday, June 17**

Middle School Conference at Bonclarken

**Tuesday, June 13**

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

**Sunday, June 18 – Father’s Day**

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri and Stacy

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children’s Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue



**Monday, June 19 – Saturday, June 24**

High School Conference at Bonclarken

**Tuesday, June 20**

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

**Sunday, June 25**

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Cindy and Karleen

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children’s Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

**Tuesday, June 27**

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

## **July 2023**

- July 4 Church Office Closed - Independence Day Observed
- July 6 Women's Ministries - 10:00 a.m./Bible Study - 10:30 a.m.
- July 9-13 VBS - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- July 16 Diaconate Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
- July 24 ARP Women's Ministries Annual Meeting at Bonclarken
- July 24-27 Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken
- July 30 Breakfast for Local Missions