

Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing very well and enjoying a beautiful June. Most likely, by the time this newsletter reaches you, Vacation Bible School will either be about to begin or underway. This being the case, let me say a big THANK YOU to all those who have worked so hard to pull everything together. As I write this newsletter, I do not know how many children and adults will attend our VBS, but I do know that the gospel will be taught, and that children and adults alike will have the opportunity to respond to the good news of Jesus Christ. For this reason alone, all of the time, energy, and resources we put into VBS are worth it. But what do we do now?

Pray, that's what we should do. And then we should pray again. And then we should pray some more. Why? We should pray because all sorts of people, adults and children alike, come to Old Providence for VBS and hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Some of those who attend VBS are our very own. We see these children and adults on a regular basis. While we know one another, God's Word makes it clear that only the Lord can see what's inside someone else's heart. There are those within our midst who have never trusted in Christ and been saved. Pray that they would turn to Him. Also, many from outside Old Providence attend VBS. There is a high probability that many of them do not know Jesus Christ. Pray that they, too, would turn to Jesus in faith and be saved. But should we only pray? What else should we do?

I Peter 3:15 says "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." I know that evangelism can be a frightening prospect. I've heard it all before... "I wouldn't know what to say.", or "What if somebody asks me a question I can't answer.", or, worst of all, "But I'm not a preacher!" None of these are valid excuses. As I've often taught and preached, don't overcomplicate evangelism. There's a reason the Bible talks about evangelism in terms of bearing witness and offering testimony. You don't have to have all the right answers, knowing every answer to every question. But you are called to follow what I Peter 3:15 says. Be prepared to give the reason for your hope in Jesus. Tell people what Jesus has done for you. Just like a witness in a trial offers testimony about what he or she has seen and knows, let it be the same with bearing witness for Jesus. Tell others what He has done for you. This is, by far, the most effective means of evangelism. And then what? See the last paragraph. Pray. And then pray again. And then pray some more. You'll be amazed at what God does.

Your Pastor,

Patrick

June 2024 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 Sabbath School. During the school year Youth Group typically 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. Pastor Malphrus will post Sunday morning sermons on **Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa** and the audio version of those sermons on **sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence**. To access our Facebook page, church calendar, edited newsletters, sermonaudio.com, announcements, and more, visit our website: **oldprovidencechurch.org**. For a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, or to add or update your contact information for notifications received via the One Call System, call the office.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study will resume on September 11th and Daily Devotionals will resume on September 9th. You may access recordings on **facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa** and audio versions on **sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence**. For a copy of a devotional on CD, contact Patrick.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, June 13th, at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting, followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will be studying Chapters 8 and 9 in the book entitled, *The Next-To-Last Word* by Michael P.V. Barrett. All women are invited to join the meeting and/or the Bible Study.

Reminder: Women's Ministries is collecting items for the Bonclarken Gift Shop until Sunday, June 9th. Collection boxes are in Providence Hall. For questions, please contact Gail.

Community Fundraisers

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company Annual Fireman's Carnival fundraiser will be held June 12th – 15th.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Old Providence ARP Church will be held June 2nd-June 6th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. nightly. Supper will be provided at 5:30 p.m. and classes will be available for children ages 2-12 years old. Nursery will also be provided, as well as an adult class, which will be taught by Pat. For more information call the church office at 540-377-2911.

Below is the schedule for servers at supper each night during VBS:

Servers to arrive around 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 2 - Session; Monday, June 3 - Diaconate; Tuesday, June 4 - Open Door Class

Wednesday, June 5 - Men's Class; Thursday, June 6 - Willing Workers Class

Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping

Don't forget to continue looking for shoebox items. June's suggestion from the year-round guide to maximize your impact for the Gospel: Quality Toys

June 2024 Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 2

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

Sunday, June 2 - Thursday, June 6

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 9

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

5:15 p.m. - Men's Singing Group Rehearsal

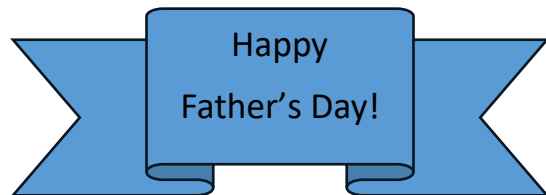
Tuesday, June 11 - Thursday, June 13

General Synod Meeting at Bonclarken

Thursday, June 13

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

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



Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

Monday, June 17 - Saturday, June 22

Middle School Conference at Bonclarken

Sunday, June 23

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

4:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

5:15 p.m. - Men's Singing Group Rehearsal

Monday, June 24 - Saturday, June 29

High School Conference at Bonclarken

Sunday, June 30

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast for Local Missions

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Laurin and Kristi

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July 4 - Church Office Closed - Independence Day Observed

July 11 - Women's Ministries 10:00 a.m.

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

July 21 - Diaconate Meeting 4:00 p.m.

July 28-30 - ARP Women's Ministries Annual Meeting at Bonclarken

July 29-Aug 1 - Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken

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