

# Old Providence ARP Church

## Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Friends and Family,

As I reflect on what has transpired since last writing you, which was a little over a month ago, I can honestly say “Well, I didn’t see THAT coming!” What a time to be alive. Who would’ve thought it even possible that things would have, or could have, transpired as they have? If you had told me in the middle of March that society as we knew it would slow to a crawl, I don’t think I would’ve believed you. I remember thinking how all of this COVID-19 stuff might play out, including the impact it would have on everyday life. I had no idea things would go as they have.

Doesn’t the shifting nature of life point to so many things God teaches us in His Word? Take, for instance, the faulty concept that our lives are just that—ours. That we belong to ourselves and no other, and therefore, our lives exist only for our benefit and pleasure. Or consider the silly concept that we are in charge of our goings and comings...the ludicrous notion that we have the power to move independently, without giving thought to God and His will, instructions, warnings, etc.

Colossians 1:17 says that “He (Jesus) is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” Psalm 36:6 says “Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast.” Much to the world’s dismay, and contrary to worldly wisdom, the Bible is full of passage after passage that shows us God is really in control. The Bible testifies to the fact that while we are responsible for our decisions and that we should strive to act with wisdom, it is God who determines the course of our existence. Again, many passages convey the same idea, but Proverbs 16:9 says it so well: “The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.” Hasn’t this pandemic shown these things to be true?

Let me encourage you to take the time to prayerfully consider what you believe. In the midst of a changing time when many are without hope, those who have placed their faith in the Lord have not been, and will not be disappointed. Faith in Christ results in the assurance that no matter what transpires in the world around us, we have every hope for the future.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



## May 2020 Announcements

Please continue to join us online for sermons and daily devotionals. Our pastor is live on our church Facebook page every weekday morning, Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m., with a Daily Devotional Thought. In addition, every Sunday morning our pastor offers a live sermon at 9:00 a.m. If you do not use Facebook, the audio and video recordings of all sermons and devotionals are available at [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](http://sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). Morning devotionals are available by 7:30 a.m. and sermons are usually available by 10:00 a.m. and will continue to remain available for watching online or for download. A link to sermonaudio can also be found on the left hand side of our church webpage: [oldprovidencechurch.org](http://oldprovidencechurch.org). If you have any questions, please call the office and let us know. Also, please let us know if you would like audio copies of the sermon on CD.

All church events are cancelled, including Vacation Bible School, until further notice.

Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day



Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day



Church Office Closed



## PreSchool Registration Reminder

PreSchool Registration is in Process for the 2020/2021 School Year. Applications and details are available on the church website [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org) and in the Church Office.

### June 2020

(Tentative)



9-11	Gen. Syn. Meeting at Bonclarken (Rescheduled to August 18-20)	21-25	Bible School Cancelled
14	Diaconate Meeting	21	Father's Day Special Offering for Camp Joy
15-20	Middle School Conference at Bonclarken	22-27	High School Conference at Bonclarken

(Please keep in mind, these dates are tentative and could be cancelled or rescheduled after publication of the Newsletter which took place earlier in March.)