

Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

It is my sincerest hope that this newsletter finds all of you doing very well and enjoying the beautiful Spring weather. With Spring comes so many signs of the newness of life! These should serve as a reminder of II Corinthians 5:17 which says *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."* You'll notice from this verse that Paul did not write SOME things have become new, or that even MOST things have become new.

On the contrary, God's Word indicates that Salvation brings comprehensive newness for the better. This means new eyes that can see and new ears that can hear the truth of Jesus Christ and His Word. This means a new heart of flesh that beats, rather than a heart of stone that is closed to the truth of Jesus Christ and His Word. This means new sets of motivations, goals, and what should be a new life's purpose. Certainly, this is the case with new converts to Christianity, but what about people who have been Christians as long as they can remember?

Realize that the truth of Christ making all things new is not reserved for those recently converted to Christianity. Every day is a new opportunity to follow the Holy Spirit and yield to God's calling through Him. Let me encourage you to take the time to examine yourself and consider how often you seek God's will. Do you search the Scriptures and spend time in prayer, asking God to show you what He would have you do? Do you evaluate the situations you encounter as new opportunities to share the truth of Jesus Christ? Do you approach life with the perspective that, as Ephesians 3:20 says, Christ *"is able to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine"*? I hope that you do, because we Christians, above all others, should be convinced and excited about the prospect of God intervening in any situation, at any time, for our good and His glory.

Remember God's faithfulness as you enjoy this beautiful Spring season. Examine your own actions to be sure that they are in keeping with what God has called His people to do and who He has called us to be. Never forget the grand responsibility, and at the same time, the wonderful privilege we are given in being called the Children of God.

Your Pastor,

Patrick

May 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. 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 post his sermons after Sunday Morning Worship Services on [Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa) and will also post the audio version of those sermons on [sermonaudio.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/oldprovidence), 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.

Daily Devotionals with our pastor are available at 6:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday through our church's Facebook page via [facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa) or through our website (www.oldprovidencechurch.org) by clicking on the Facebook icon. Recordings are available through [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](https://www.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.

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 home takes place on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Pat at 540-461-1083.

Monday Mid-Day Program

Our next Monday Mid-Day Program will be on May 1, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Carlton's shop where he will have a demonstration on turning wooden bowls. It will require standing so you may want to bring a taller stool or something for support. We will go back to the church for our meal and aim to eat soon after 12:00 p.m. Our final Spring Session Monday Mid-Day Program will be on May 15th with our guest, Mr. Taylor, speaking about Buffalo Creek Boy's School.

PreSchool Graduation

Everyone is invited to attend the Old Providence PreSchool Graduation on Thursday, May 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Providence Sanctuary.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, May 4th, at 10:00 a.m. for a business meeting, followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will be studying Chapter 4 in the book entitled, *Revelation for You*, by Tim Chester, which covers Chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the book of Revelation. All Women are welcome. Please provide names of our Old Providence High School and College Graduates for the Women's Ministries to Sylvia or Shirley.

Bonclarken is the conference center of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) Church and is in Flat Rock, N.C. Bonclarken's mission is "to provide and promote a Christian environment for inspiration and renewal, worship, education, fellowship, and recreation by the power of the Holy Spirit." A variety of camps and conferences for children, teens, adults, and families are offered throughout the year. For more information, please visit www.bonclarken.org. Each year the gift shop at Bonclarken requests donated items to sell and the proceeds go toward the operational expenses of Bonclarken. Items that sell well are craft items, especially ones that have "Bonclarken" or "ARP" on them. Other ideas include handmade gift cards, hanging kitchen towels, wooden items, Christian books, sealed lip balm, playing cards, individual packages of Kleenex, costume jewelry, and baby items. Children's items suggested are grab bags with fun items, coloring books, crayons, small trucks and cars, and inexpensive items that children can purchase for Mom and Dad. Used clothing or toys are not recommended. **Women's Ministries is now collecting items for the Bonclarken Gift Shop until Sunday, June 4th.** 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 or in the church office. For more information, please call 540-377-2911.

Upcoming Graduates

Please provide names, schools, activities and future plans for upcoming College and High School Graduates by Monday, May 15th, to the church office. They will be listed in the bulletin and newsletter in June.

Save the date: *Vacation Bible School* will be held Sunday, July 9th - Thursday, July 13th from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. with supper at 5:30 p.m. More details and updates to come.

Community Events

Staunton Choral Society Spring Concert - Sunday, May 7th, 4:00 p.m. Christ Lutheran in Staunton.

Reminder: WRE Praise Night at Raphine Christian Church - Sunday, May 7th, 6:00 p.m. If you would like to perform, please contact Dana. Praise: WRE had an excellent turnout for the cake walk! Thanks for all your support!!!

Raphine Volunteer Fire Co BBQ Chicken Fundraiser -Saturday, May 13th, 11:00 a.m. at firehouse.

May 2023 Calendar of Events

Monday, May 1

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Program

Tuesday, May 2

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, May 3

No Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Thursday, May 4

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

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



Sunday, May 7

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

5:30 p.m. - Little Lambs and Youth Group

Tuesday, May 9

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day

Special Offerings for Missions

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki



Monday May 15

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Program

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 18

7:00 a.m. - PreSchool Graduation

Sunday, May 21

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Little Lambs & Youth Group

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 28 - Communion

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

No Children's Church

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, May 31

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



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