

# Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

It's been said of the seasons that "April showers bring May flowers", but what does May bring for you? If your family is anything like ours, May is an extremely busy month. With May comes the end of our school year, and that means lots of projects and programs. But even though May is busy, when all is said and done, we get to enjoy summer break after. It's hard to believe. It seems like we were celebrating Christmas just last week, but summer really is just around the corner. And I don't know about you, but I'm excited for some lazy summer days.

Another thing I am particularly excited about this summer is our Vacation Bible School at Old Providence from Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Wonder Junction: Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory." Maybe you recognize the name "Answers in Genesis". We have used their VBS curriculum for the last few years. They are also the group that owns and operates the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. If you look up our VBS curriculum on their website, you'll see that it says: "There's no greater joy than to praise the Name of the Lord all day long. But how can your kids do that if they don't know who Jesus is or what He's done for them? Here at Wonder Junction, we marvel at Jesus and live for His glory!"

Doesn't this sound exciting? Though we'll still be in Spottswood, we'll travel out west, learn about God's creation and His power, and be reminded of who He created us to be and why it is important to know and love Jesus. Please mark your calendars and be in prayer for this exciting week that will be here before you know it! As you'll see, we've planned our VBS a week earlier in the summer, just like last year, so as not to compete with other churches, carnivals, vacations, etc. So don't let it slip up on you! Also, please consider volunteering your time and energy for this worthwhile event.

Your Pastor's Wife (and VBS Director),

Amanda



## May 2025 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. **Youth Group** meets at 5:30 p.m. every Sunday and **Little Lambs** meets from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. every Sunday, unless otherwise announced. Pastor Malphrus will post Sunday morning sermons on [Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa](https://Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa) and audio versions on [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](https://sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). To access our Facebook page, church calendar, edited newsletters, [sermonaudio.com](https://sermonaudio.com), announcements, and more, visit our website: [oldprovidencechurch.org](https://oldprovidencechurch.org). For a copy of a sermon on CD, or to add or update your contact information for notifications received via One Call, call the church office. Typically, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study meets at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays as well as Children's Ministry. Normally, Daily Devotionals are at 6:00 a.m. M-F. You may access recordings of Daily Devotionals on [facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa](https://Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa) and audio versions on [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](https://sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). For a copy of a devotional on CD, contact Patrick.

### Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. for our Business Meeting and 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. We will be studying Chapter 7 of *Lessons from the Upper Room, The heart of the Savior*, by Sinclair B. Ferguson. All women are invited.

Bonclarken conference center of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) Church 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." Camps and conferences for children, teens, adults, and families are offered. For details visit [www.bonclarken.org](https://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 are handcrafted gift cards, hanging kitchen towels, wooden items, Christian books, sealed lip balm, playing cards, individual packages of Kleenex, costume jewelry, and baby items. Ideas for children 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 8<sup>th</sup>. Collection boxes are in the breezeway. Contact Carol M. with questions.

### Monday Mid-Day 2025 Spring Program

Our last Spring Session Monday Mid-Day Program will be on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with speaker Sue W. who will be sharing her artwork. The program will be followed by a light lunch and fellowship.

### **Little Lambs and Youth Group**

Little Lambs for children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. We would love to have your children join us on Sunday afternoons! For more details, please contact Elizabeth P.

The Youth Group meets regularly on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. with a time of study and fellowship. For questions, please contact Will P. We are excited to get to spend time with our students at Bonclarken for Quest: June 16 to 21; and Horizon: June 23 to 28!

We plan to have events for our youth and children throughout the summer. So, parents and students, be on the lookout for dates and details of summer events!

### **Community Events**

The next Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at the firehouse at 11:00 a.m.

Staunton Choral Society Free Concert "Why We Sing" will be on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at Christ Lutheran Church in Staunton at 4:00 p.m. including a Silent Auction. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.

### **Spottswood Homeschool Co-op**

The congregation is invited to attend the Co-op end of year program on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in Providence Hall. The students will be showcasing what they have been working on this year.

### **Dinner Theater Bus Trip**

The Spiritual Care Committee is planning a trip to Riverside Dinner Theater in Fredericksburg, VA on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, to see "White Christmas". More details to come.

### **Old Providence Graduates**

Please provide your student's name, activities, graduation details, and your student's plans after graduation to the church office by May 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in the bulletin and newsletter in June.

## MAY 2025 Calendar of Events

### Thursday, May 1

- 10:00 a.m. - Women's Ministries
- 10:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

### Sunday, May 4

- 8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Carol and Stephanie
- 9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship
  - Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Elizabeth
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

### Tuesday, May 6

- Young Adults Dinner and Bowling (More details to follow.)

### Wednesday, May 7

- 6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

### Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day

- Special Offering for Missions
- 8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Stacy and Sally
- 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



### Monday, May 12

- 8:30 a.m. - Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, May 18, Due to Office
- 11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Program

**Tuesday, May 13 – Tuesday, May 20**

Church Office Closed – Will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21

**Tuesday, May 13**

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Spottswood Homeschool Co-op End of Year Program

**Wednesday, May 14**

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

**Thursday, May 15**

6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

**Sunday, May 18**

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helper: Vicki

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**Wednesday, May 21**

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

**Sunday, May 25 - Communion**

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

5:15 p.m. - Men's singing Group

**Monday, May 26**

Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, May 28**

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

**Thursday, May 29**

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries Visits Beulah Land



**Vacation Bible School**

*Sunday, June 1 – Thursday, June 5 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.*

Supper will be provided at 5:30 p.m. and classes will be available for children aged 2-12 years old.

Nursery will also be provided, as well as an adult class, which will be taught by Pastor Malphrus.

For more information and registration, call the church office at 540-377-2911.

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