

# Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

What an amazing two months it has been at Old Providence Church. We are incredibly grateful for the warm welcome, open hearts and homes, as well as the prayers we have received in these few short months. From the moment our U-Haul truck was unpacked in 30 minutes, we knew this was going to be such a special place to be. You all, the congregation of Old Providence, have become our new home and family. We are grateful for the new relationships made and cannot wait to meet and get to know more of you!

Since August, we have hit the ground running by regularly having Youth Group, Little Lambs, and Wednesday night activities. Our goal has been to establish ourselves as the Family Ministry Directors and offer consistent weekly activities. For both little lambs and youth, we have been laying the basic foundations of the Christian life. So far, we have taught about forgiveness, and Jesus as Son of Man, Son of God, and King, as well as the omnipotence of God. Starting with these foundational concepts has allowed us to help the students truly look at what faith in Christ is and what their faith should be. We have had such a great time getting to know each student as well as their families more and more. One of our main goals is having the whole family involved within ministry. It starts in the home and we as a church are an extension of it. Through each of these activities we are hoping to help families understand this aspect of ministry.

The family ministry opportunities at Old Providence are vast. Our vision over the next few months focuses on building deeper relationships between each other and Christ. For the youth, we will continue our foundations series by teaching on grace, sin, mercy, and thankfulness. We are also hoping to begin bible studies for High School guys and girls. During this time, we are going to study certain books of the bible and learn how to truly study and read Scripture. How to read and study the bible is a lost art for teenagers in today's world, so we would love to better equip our youth during these important years on how to read the bible. There are also several events we have planned soon to build deeper relationships with each other. A guy's camping trip, baking and crafts, movie nights, bonfires, and a Christmas party are just a few events coming up. As for the younger students, our goal is to grow their knowledge through catechism questions, the ten commandments, and basic theological concepts. It has been a joy already to teach these children and see their joy for the Lord.

As we move forward in family ministry as a church, we ask for your prayers. Pray for the students to trust more and more each day in the Lord, pray for the Holy Spirit to work through us to show the gospel each week, and pray for growth within our church. We would love to also hear from you all on any ideas or insights you may have for family ministry at Old Providence. It truly takes the Church to build the Kingdom, and we are very thankful and excited to have the congregation of Old Providence as our church.

Blessings, Will and Elizabeth



## November 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. **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/OldProvidence ARPChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/old providence. To access our Facebook page, church calendar, edited newsletters, sermonaudio.com, announcements, and more, visit our website: 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.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study meets at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays as well as children's ministry opportunities. Daily Devotionals are at 6:00 a.m. Monday-Friday. You may access recordings of Daily Devotionals on facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. For a copy of a devotional on CD, please contact Patrick.

### Officer Elections

In a congregational meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> the Congregation elected four elders: Matt, Nate, Glenn and Sam. The Session will submit the names of nominees for Deacons to the congregation on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. In a congregational meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> the Congregation will elect four Deacons.



### Home-Based Bible Study

The Tuesday evening home-based Bible Study is a study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism using G. I. Williamson's study guide. The group meets at Pat and Susie's home (1742 Old Providence Road) at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday. Please see Pat or Susie with questions.

### Holiday Drive-Thru or Dine-In Dinner

Our Annual Community Holiday Drive-Thru or Dine-In Dinner will be Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Old Providence. All dinners **must be pre-ordered** by Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, by calling the church office at 540-377-2911 or texting 540-292-5499 or 803-577-4810 giving your name, phone number, and number of dinners. Please specify if you will be picking up orders or dining in. If you would like to donate food, contact Carrie, Ashlie or Elizabeth.

### Monday Mid-Day Program

Our last Fall Monday Mid-Day Program will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> with speaker, Isabella, sharing about her experience at "Camp Joy". The program starts at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch and fellowship following.

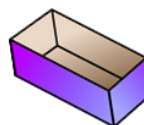
## Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting, followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will be studying Chapters 17 and 18, and the Conclusion in the book entitled, *The Next-To-Last Word* by Michael P.V. Barrett. All women are invited to attend.

Women's Ministries is sponsoring the project to help Kingsway by collecting dressing and gravy to be given out before Thanksgiving. The collection will run through November 17<sup>th</sup>. Collection boxes are in Providence Hall. For questions, contact Gail.



## Operation Christmas Child



Don't forget to pick up your boxes for Operation Christmas Child in Providence Hall. There is a \$10 shipping charge per box. To support OCC, make a donation through the church, with OCC in the memo. The deadline for turning the boxes in is November 24<sup>th</sup>. For questions, see Carrie or Carol. November's suggestion from the year-round guide to maximize your impact for the Gospel is a \$10.00 donation for shipping.

## Single Women's Lunch

**Update:** Our single women's lunch will be at **Rowes Restaurant** in Staunton at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. All single women are invited. Please RSVP to Kay or Brenda by Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, if you plan to attend.

## New Pictorial Directory

Women's Ministries plans to have the Directories completed soon. Please note that each person/ family will have their own 8 ½" x 11" page in each 3 - ring binder directory that everyone may purchase for \$10.00. This will include photos of the congregation, OP ministries, groups and events. We will be able to update annually. Details about pre-ordering will be available in upcoming bulletins and on One Call. Contact Sylvia with questions.

## Community Event

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. at the Firehouse.

## November 2024 Calendar of Events

### Friday, November 1 - Saturday, November 2

Youth Group Guys Camping Trip

### Sunday, November 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

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

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

### Monday, November 4

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

6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

### Tuesday, November 5

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 6

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

### Thursday, November 7

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

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

### Saturday, November 9

Youth Group Girls Craft Night at the Phillips



**Sunday, November 10**

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Ashlie and Gratia

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Little Lambs

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

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**Tuesday, November 12**

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 13**

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

**Sunday, November 17**

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

4:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

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

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**Tuesday, November 19**

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 20**

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

**Saturday, November 23**

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Community Holiday Drive-Thru or Dine-In Dinner

## **Sunday, November 24 - Communion**

Fall Special Offering for Synod Causes

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

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

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

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group Friendsgiving Meal and Fellowship

## **Tuesday, November 26**

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

## **Wednesday, November 27**

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

## **Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29**

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

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

## **December 2024**



5 Women's Ministries & Bible Study

5-11 Church Office Closed

8 Diaconate Meeting

24 & 25 Church Office Closed

25 **Christmas Day**

29 Breakfast for Local Missions - TBD

31 New Year's Eve

Church Office Closed