

# Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

I hope that this newsletter finds you doing very well and enjoying the last days of Summer. With the Fall season comes lots of new opportunities for fellowship at Old Providence, including Homecoming and Special Services. I am excited to announce that Homecoming will be Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. with a covered dish meal to follow in Providence Hall. Special Services will begin the same night at 7:00 p.m. and will continue on Monday and Tuesday nights, and conclude Wednesday night, with our ice cream social after. And let me just tell you, if you've never experienced our Homecoming meal and ice cream social you really are missing out!

I'm also excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Rev. Joe Fleming, founder of the international mission agency Training2Send. Rev. Fleming is based right here in Augusta County, Virginia but is involved in mission efforts throughout Africa and serves as a missionary, himself. I don't want to take away from what he'll be presenting, but I will say that his testimony is both compelling and amazing. Also, the work that is being done by his agency is phenomenal, resulting in thousands of baptisms and hundreds of churches being planted throughout Africa. I know that you will be blessed by Rev. Fleming's preaching and teaching, along with his stories of God's care and provision. I am asking that you make every effort to be a part of our Homecoming and Special Services. In addition, I ask that you pray for not only Rev. Fleming, but also for Old Providence as we consider how the Lord would lead us to greater faithfulness in supporting missions and His Kingdom.

Also, as you consider missions and missionaries, let me encourage you to think about why sending out the good news of Jesus is so important. Not only is the world around us suffering in darkness, but the end goal of missions is that God would be worshipped because He alone is worthy. In his book, *Let the Nations be Glad!*, John Piper wrote "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever."

Your Pastor,

Patrick

## September 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. During the school year Youth Group 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 his Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and will also post the audio version of those sermons on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. You may access our Facebook page, edited news-letters, church calendar, sermonaudio.com, announcements, and more by visiting our website at [oldprovidencechurch.org](http://oldprovidencechurch.org). For a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, or to add or update your contact information for notifications received through the One Call System, please call the church office.

Daily Devotionals with our pastor will resume on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 a.m. Recordings are available through our church's Facebook page via facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa or our website ([www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org)) by clicking on the Facebook icon. They are also available through 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.

Wednesday night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study with Pastor Malphrus will resume Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 p.m. Our study will be an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

The 2023 Election Process for Elders and Deacons will begin September 17<sup>th</sup> with the distribution of Recommendation Forms. There will be a Congregational Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> for members to submit names for consideration as Elders and Deacons. Please be in prayer for our Officer Elections.

### **Women's Ministries Window**

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, September 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 Chapter 8 in the book entitled, *Revelation for You*, by Tim Chester, which covers Revelation 17:1 - 19:10. All Women are welcome.

### **Men's Signing Group**

The Men's Singing Group rehearses the second and fourth Sunday each month at 5:15 p.m. All men are welcome and encouraged to join us!

## Monday Mid-Day 2023 Fall Program

From the Spiritual Care Committee: Our Monday Mid-Day Program for the fall will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please join us for presentations on various topics and a light meal. The cost of the meal is \$4.00. A meal volunteer sign-up sheet has been posted in Providence Hall by the kitchen door. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

September 11	Glen H.	“Dutch Hollow Cemetery”
September 25	James R.	“End of Life Planning/Living Will”
October 9	TBA	
October 23	TBA	
November 6	Rev. Patrick Malphrus	“The ARP Church Today”

## Homecoming and Special Services

Homecoming will be held on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, and Special Services will be held nightly from Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Joe Fleming, founder of Training2send international missions organization, will lead our services. Sunday we will have Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. with a covered dish meal immediately following the Worship Service. Little Lambs will meet at 7:00 p.m. on September 17<sup>th</sup> so parents can attend Special Services at the same time. Special Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. each night with an Ice Cream Social after the Wednesday night service.



## Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs will resume on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. and will then meet every first and third Sunday each month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. September through May. This class is offered for children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Amanda M. will be leading the class as they learn about various Bible stories and learn how to grow in God's word. Snacks will be provided. Parents are invited to stay and participate as well. For more information, please contact Amanda!

Youth Group will meet on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. and will continue to meet weekly during the school year. Please see Patrick with questions.

## Community Event

Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Fundraiser: Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.

## Preschool Registration Update



**We now have one opening in the 4-year-old class for this fall and there are still openings in the three-year-old class.** Registration packets are in the church office and on the OP website. Please share this information with our community so this Ministry can be a blessing to others. The first day of class for the 3-year-olds will be Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, and for the 4-year-olds it will be Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

## September 2023 Calendar of Events

### Sunday, September 3

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



### Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, September 5

9:00 a.m. - First Day of PreSchool for 3-Year-Old Class

### Wednesday, September 6

9:00 a.m. - First Day of PreSchool for 4-Year-Old Class

### Thursday, September 7

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

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

### Sunday, September 10

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

3:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

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

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**Monday, September 11**

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

**Sunday, September 17 - Homecoming**

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

Covered Dish Meal following Worship Service

7:00 p.m. - Little Lambs

**Sunday, September 17 – Wednesday, September 20**

7:00 p.m. - Special Services

(Ice Cream Social after Wednesday night service.)

**Sunday, September 24**

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

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

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**Monday, September 25**

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

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

## October 2023

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| 1 Communion<br>Little Lambs & Youth Group 5:30 p.m.<br>Special Offering for Missions | 15 Diaconate Budget Meeting 5:00 p.m.<br>Little Lambs & Youth Group 5:30 p.m.     |
| 5 Women's Ministries 10:00 a.m.<br>Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m.                    | 21 Virginia Presbytery  |
| 8 Youth Group 5:30 p.m.  | 22 Youth Group 5:30 p.m.  |
| 9 Monday Mid-Day Program 11:00 a.m.  | 23 Monday Mid- Day Program 11:00 a.m.   |
|  | 29 Breakfast for Local Missions<br>Reformation Sunday<br>Truck or Treat 5:00 p.m. |