

# Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

The Lord is working at Old Providence! I'm so excited to tell you about some of the goings on at our church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend Homecoming and Special Services at Old Providence from September 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Sam Cotten, World Witness Missionary to Africa and Pakistan, will be our guest speaker and will share about the exciting work the Lord is doing through SEED Ministry. SEED stands for Serve by Educating, Equipping, and Disciplining church leaders. Practically speaking, SEED ministry focuses its efforts on training pastors in areas of the world where they would otherwise receive no training. This work is of the utmost importance, especially considering how quickly Christianity is growing in places like Africa and Pakistan.

In addition to Homecoming and Special Services, we will also have a rededication service for our sanctuary on September 15<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the morning worship service, just prior to lunch. God has been so gracious throughout this refreshing project and our work is now complete. The end result is a beautiful sanctuary that embraces the historical tradition of Old Providence but also provides much needed aesthetic and physical updates. Special guests will be in attendance at this rededication service as we give God the glory for His faithfulness throughout this entire project.

Finally, I am so pleased to announce that God has added to our ministries at Old Providence by bringing us Will and Elizabeth Phillips, our new directors of Family Ministries. Will and Elizabeth both have youth and children's ministry backgrounds and look forward to using their skills and gifts at Old Providence to help us expand our ministry to families. Elizabeth will focus primarily on children's ministry and Will is serving as our Youth Pastor. In addition, Will also plans to start Erskine Seminary soon and will serve as my pastoral intern.

Again, the Lord is working at Old Providence, and I couldn't be more encouraged or excited. If you are a regular part of our family, be sure to praise God and thank Him for His faithfulness. If you are not a regular part of our fellowship, let me invite you to come and see what the Lord is doing. Plan to be a part of our Homecoming and Special Services, too. I know you will be blessed.

Your Pastor,

Patrick

## September 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 beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, **Little Lambs** will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. every Sunday, unless otherwise announced. Pastor Malphrus will post Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.comOldProvidenceARChurchSpottswood Va 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 the One Call System, call the office.

**Prayer Meeting and Bible Study** will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. and children's ministry opportunities will be added. **Daily Devotionals** will resume on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m. and will continue Monday-Friday. You may access recordings of Daily Devotionals on facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. For a copy of a devotional on CD, please contact Patrick.

### Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, September 5<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 12 and 13 in the book entitled, *The Next-To-Last Word* by Michael P.V. Barrett. All women are invited to join the meeting and/or the Bible Study.

### Monday Mid-Day Program

Our Monday Mid-Day Fall Program will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> (changed to Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> ) with speaker, Carlton Truxell, sharing about Kingsway Help Center. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> Brig. Gen. Theodore G. Shuey, National Guard, will speak on "Augusta Militia 1741". Monday Mid-Day will continue October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and November 4<sup>th</sup>. The program starts at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch and fellowship following.

### Officer Elections

Officer elections at Old Providence are just around the corner. Please be in prayer for the entire election process, including who you may nominate for service. Men, please prayerfully consider your willingness to serve, if nominated. We will be electing Deacons and 4 Elders. If you have any questions, please see the pastor or one of our elders.

## Homecoming and Special Services

Homecoming will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, and Special Services will be held each night from Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, to Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Sam Cotten will lead our services. He is a member of World Witness and the SEED (Serve by Educating, Equipping, and Discipling church leaders) Ministry team. On Sunday we will have Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.; a Sanctuary Rededication Service, with special guests invited, following Morning Worship; and a covered dish meal after the Rededication Service. Special Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. nightly with an Ice Cream Social provided by the congregation after the Wednesday night service. A Children's Program will be offered during each night of Special Services. **A Congregational photo will be taken on Homecoming after the Sanctuary Rededication Service and before the meal.**

## Training2Send update

Many of you have prayed for and financially supported the ministry of Training2Send so we wanted to give you a report. In July alone there were 1459 baptisms and 75 new church plants in Africa and Pakistan. We now have a presence in 27 of the 48 countries in Africa as well as Pakistan and Portugal. In 2024 alone there have been **7 cargo containers full of Bibles** shipped into Africa as we have found other ministries who want to send Bibles out but did not have a conduit, especially a foundation of Christianbook. We have conducted the first pastor training sessions, and we are implementing this training in the older regions during the next few months. As a result of these successes and great needs, Joe Fleming and his family are returning to Africa to live in early 2025 and will be implementing an intern program to allow more western Christians to experience and assist with the ministry there. Please pray for the effectiveness of the presentation of the gospel, safety of the trainers, and financial help for materials and travel expenses. If you have specific questions or suggestions, please contact Pat.

## Lunch Cruise at Smith Mountain Lake

The Spiritual Care Committee has scheduled a **lunch cruise on the Virginia Dare at Smith Mountain Lake on October 10<sup>th</sup>**. The narrated 2-hour tour includes seeing Nantucket style housing development, the sail boating club, two islands that are actually ridge tops, an antique carousel, wildlife and birds, plus interesting things and places on the shoreline seen from the lake. The boat has a lower deck, that is enclosed, with large panoramic windows. Due to the number of people that the lower deck can accommodate, there will be limited seats. The cost per person will be \$70.00 for the bus trip, cruise and lunch. **The last day to sign up is Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Martha to make your reservation.

## September 2024 Calendar of Events

### Sunday, September 1

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 Lois

### Monday, September 2 – Labor Day

Church Office Closed

### Thursday, September 5

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

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



### Sunday, September 8

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

4:00 p.m. - Session and Diaconate Joint Meeting

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

### Monday, September 9

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

### Wednesday, September 11

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

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary Rededication Service

12:00 p.m. - Covered Dish Meal

**Sunday, September 15 - 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

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary Rededication Service

12:00 p.m. - Covered Dish Meal

**Sunday, September 15 - Wednesday, September 18**

7:00 p.m. - Special Services and Children's Program

Ice Cream Social after Wednesday Service

**Sunday, September 22**

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

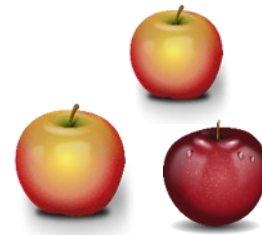
10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

3:30 p.m. - Little Lambs

4:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

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



**Monday, September 23**

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

**Monday, September 23 – Friday, September 27**

Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, September 25**

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

**Sunday, September 29**

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast for Local Missions

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Laurin and Kristi

Please note: Youth Group meets every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, Little Lambs will meet every Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced.

### **New Pictorial Directory**

If you have not turned in your completed **Directory Profile form** yet, please do so no later than Sunday, **September 29, 2024**. Plans regarding photos will be announced soon. If you have any church activity photos from 2024 or questions, please contact Sylvia.

### **October 2024**



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| 3 Women's Ministries 10:00 a.m.             | 20 Diaconate Budget Meeting 4:00 p.m. |
| Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m.              | 21 Monday Mid- Day 11:00 a.m.         |
| 6 Communion & Special Offering for Missions | 27 Reformation Sunday                 |
| 7 Monday Mid-Day 11:00 a.m.                 | Truck or Treat 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.       |
| 19 Virginia Presbytery at Old Providence    | 31 Women's Ministries - Beulah Land   |

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