

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. This year's theme is "Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23". 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: "In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there *is* a God who cares for them. They'll discover the life of the shepherd-king David and will learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd".

Doesn't this sound exciting? Though we'll still be in Spottswood, we'll travel to Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. 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 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

Vacation Bible School at Old Providence ARP Church will be held May 31st-June 4th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. nightly. Supper will be provided at 5:30 p.m. and classes will be available for children ages 2-14 years old with a new Middle School class added this year. Nursery will also be provided, as well as an adult class, which will be taught by Mr. Pat P. For more information and registration, call the church office at 540-377-2911



May 2026 Announcements

As of publication of this Newsletter, Sunday Morning Worship Services are at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School is at 9:00 a.m. Children's Church and Nursery are available during Worship Service. Youth Group meets on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Kingdom Choir for ages 3 to 5th grade meets on Wednesday nights during our Family Night. Family Night normally takes place each Wednesday with dinner provided from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and then continues with activities for the whole family. Daily Devotionals take place at 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday each week on facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa. You may access recordings of Daily Devotionals on our Facebook page and audio versions on sermonaudio.com. Pastor Malphrus posts Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. To access our church Facebook page, calendar, announcements, edited newsletters, sermonaudio.com, and more, visit oldprovidencechurch.org. For a copy of a sermon on CD, or to add or update your contact information for notifications received via One Call, contact the church office at 540-377-2911 or adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org. For a copy of a devotional on CD, contact Patrick. Home-based Tuesday night Bible study meets at 7:00 p.m. at Susie and Pat's home every Tuesday, unless otherwise noted.

Summer Schedule



Family Night will meet until May 20th and will then take a break for the summer. Youth Group will meet Sundays at 5:30 until May 31st and will also break for the summer.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries meets monthly, typically on the first Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. for our Business Meeting and 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. Our next meeting will be on May 7th, and we will be studying Chapters 19-22 (pages 102-120) in *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey. All women are invited to join the meeting and/or the bible study.

Reminder: Bonclarken is gathering inventory for its Gift Shop for this upcoming camp/ conference season. The Women's Ministries is accepting items through May. Your gifts should be placed in the labeled boxes in Providence Hall.

Monday Mid-Day

Our last Monday Mid-Day Spring Session will be on May 11th at 11:00 a.m. beginning with a program followed by a time of fellowship and lunch. Our guest speaker will be Deputy Chandler from the Augusta County Sheriff Department, and his topic will be "Protecting yourself against Fraud & Scams". The cost of lunch is \$4.00. Everyone is invited.

Children's Ministry



Kingdom Choir will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. until May 20th when we take a break for summer. We will be studying the Names of God together.

Upcoming plans: May 10th - Mother's Day "Muffins for Mom"; May 20th - End of School Year Party; May 27th - End of School Year Pool Party at the Earman's; May 31st to June 4th - VBS!

MAY 2026 Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 3

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie, Jenny and Isabella

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

Bus Trip - Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Thursday, May 7

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

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



Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day & Special Offering for Missions

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Stacy and Sally

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Sunday, May 17 - Graduate Recognition

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Cindy and Gratia

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leader: Patcie and Amanada

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Sunday, May 24 - Communion

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Thursday, May 28 - Monday, June 1

Church Office Closed



Tuesday, May 26

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

Sunday, May 31

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Amanda and Isabella

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Kristi and Gratia

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School begins

Community Event

Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Fundraiser: Saturday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m.

*Youth Group meets every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

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