

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing very well and enjoying a wonderful start to your summer. Most likely, by the time this newsletter reaches you, Vacation Bible School at Old Providence will either be about to begin or underway. This being the case, let me say a big THANK YOU to all those who have worked so hard to pull everything together. I do not know how many children and adults will attend our VBS, but I do know that the gospel will be taught and that children and adults alike will have the opportunity to respond to the good news of Jesus Christ. For this reason alone, all of the time and energy we put into planning for VBS are worth it. But what should we do now?

Pray. That's what we should do. And then we should pray again. And then we should pray some more. Why? Because all sorts of people, adults and children alike, will hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Some of those who attend VBS are our very own. We see these children and adults on a regular basis. While we know one another, God's Word makes it clear that only the Lord can see what's inside someone else's heart. There are those within our midst who have never trusted in Christ alone for their salvation. Pray that they would turn to Him. Also, many from outside Old Providence will have attended VBS. There is a high probability that many of them do not know Jesus Christ. Pray that they, too, would turn to Jesus in faith and be saved. But should we only pray? What else should we do?

I Peter 3:15 says "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." I know that evangelism can be a frightening prospect. I've heard it all before... "I wouldn't know what to say," or "What if somebody asks me a question I can't answer?", or, worst of all, "But I'm not a preacher!" None of these are valid excuses. As I've often taught and preached, don't overcomplicate evangelism. There's a reason the Bible talks about evangelism in terms of bearing witness and offering testimony. You don't have to have all the right answers, and you certainly don't have to be a preacher. Instead, you need only follow what I Peter 3:15 says. Be prepared to give the reason for your hope in Jesus. Tell people what Jesus has done for you. Just like a witness in a trial offers testimony about what he or she has seen and knows, let it be the same for you by bearing witness for Jesus. Tell others what He has done for you. This is, by far, the most effective means of evangelism. And then what should you do? See the last paragraph. Pray. And then pray again. And then pray some more. You'll be amazed at what God does.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



June 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 and Kingdom Choir will take a break for the summer. Our Wednesday Family Night will not meet during the summer. We will also take a break from Daily Devotionals, but you may access recordings of them on our Facebook page at facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. Pastor Malphrus posts Sunday morning sermons on our Facebook page and audio versions on sermonaudio.com. To access our church Facebook page, edited newsletters, calendar, announcements, 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 the One Call system, 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.

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 Thursday, June 11th, and we will be studying Chapters 23-25 (pages 123-135) in *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey. All women are invited to join the meeting and/or the bible study.

Community Event

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company Annual Fireman's Carnival will be held from June 17th - 20th.

JUNE 2026 Calendar of Events

Monday, June 1

Church Office Closed

Monday, June 1 – Thursday, June 4

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



Sunday, June 7 - Special Offering for Camp Joy

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Jenny

Tuesday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 9 – Thursday, June 11

General Synod Meeting at Bonclarken

Thursday, June 11

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

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

Sunday, June 14

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Katie and Lois

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda, Vicki and Kelley

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

Monday, June 15 – Saturday, June 20

Middle School Conference at Bonclarken

Tuesday, June 16

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

Happy Father's Day!

Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leader: Patcie and Laura

Monday, June 22 – Saturday, June 27

High School Conference at Bonclarken

Tuesday, June 23

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

Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Kelley and Vicki

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Katie

Tuesday, June 30

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

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