

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

I hope that this newsletter finds all of you doing very well, staying cool, and enjoying the last days of summer break. As you may know, things slow down at Old Providence after Vacation Bible School, and for good reason! Not only is VBS a big event that requires much work and energy that requires some recovery, but summer break is also that time when folks travel and things in general tend to slow down. Even so, Fall is approaching quickly and with it, lots and lots of activities at Old Providence. That being the case, make plans to participate! Here are just a few things that will be starting back soon:

Children's and Youth Ministries:

While we have students at various schools across Rockbridge and Augusta counties, most students will start their school year mid-August. As such, we are planning a Back-to-School party for our Children's and Youth Ministries. Kingdom Choir and the Youth Group will be getting together for a Back-to-School Pool Party on Sunday, August 9th, at Johnny Arehart's house. Kingdom Choir will swim from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Then, pizza will be served for both Kingdom Choir and Youth Group. Then, the Youth Group will swim from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Regular Youth Group will resume Sunday, August 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. Kingdom Choir will resume meeting Wednesday, September 2nd. We are excited about a year that is packed with wonderful opportunities for fun, fellowship, and learning for our youth and children.

Wednesday Family Night:

It was about this time last year that the Session at Old Providence really began pondering what we might do for a mid-week service at Old Providence. Through much prayer and deliberation, the Session decided to try something new. We began Wednesday Family Night in October of 2025 and to say that it has been a success is an understatement! I'm excited to announce that our Wednesday Family Nights will resume September 2nd. Our format will be the same as last year. We'll gather at 6:00 p.m. for a fantastic meal that is ready when you get here. That's right, you don't have to bring a thing but yourself. (And don't worry, Salter will be cooking again for us this year!) At 7:00 p.m. the children will go to Kingdom Choir where they have a lesson and activity and will also practice what they'll be offering in church services and other special programs. Youth Group will meet at that time as well. Everyone else will meet in the sanctuary for the continuation of our Questions and Answers series where you submit the question, and I do my best to find the Bible's response. Wednesday Family Nights are a wonderful opportunity to enjoy absolutely top-notch food, fellowship with one another, and to learn from God's Word.

Again, these are just a few examples of what the Lord is doing at Old Providence. Other regular events like Daily Devotionals (returning Monday, August 31st) and our Monday Mid-Day program will resume soon, as indicated in what follows in this newsletter. We are so excited about how God is working! Make plans to participate with us.

Your Pastor, Patrick



August 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 will resume on Sunday, August 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. and Kingdom Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. Our Wednesday Family Night will resume on Wednesday, September 2nd, with dinner provided from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and then continues with activities for the whole family. Daily Devotionals will resume Monday, August 31st, at 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday each week on facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa. You may access recordings of Daily Devotionals on our Facebook page and audio versions on sermonaudio.com. Pastor Malphrus posts our Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. Pastor Malphrus posts Sunday morning sermons on our Facebook page and audio versions on sermon audio.com. To access our church Facebook page, edited newsletters, calendar, announcements, sermonaudio.com, and more, visit old providencechurch.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 Patterson's home every Tuesday, unless otherwise noted.

College Students' Addresses

Please provide addresses to the church office for college students who would like to receive the Old Providence News while away at school.

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, August 6th, and we will be studying Chapters 30-32 (pages 159-174) in *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey. All women are invited to join.



Kingdom Choir and Youth Group



Kingdom Choir for children ages 3 to 5th grade will resume on Wednesday, September 2nd, during Wednesday Family Night at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have your children join us! For more details, please see Amanda M.

The Youth Group for Middle and High School students will resume on Sunday, August 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. and meets regularly on Sundays with a time of study and fellowship. Also, they meet during Wednesday Family Night at 7:00 p.m. with an emphasis on Middle School which will resume on Wednesday, September 2nd. For questions, please see Patrick.

Monday Mid-Day 2026 Fall Program

Our Monday Mid-Day Program resumes on September 14th, at 11:00 a.m. with a speaker followed by a light lunch and fellowship. The program takes place in Providence Hall. The cost of lunch is \$4.00 and there is a sign-up sheet to help with meals by the kitchen door. The Fall schedule will continue September 28th, October 12th and 26th, and November 9th. Details to follow soon.

AUGUST 2026 Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 2

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 Jenny

Tuesday, August 4

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

Thursday, August 6

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

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



Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda, Vicki and Kelley

Kingdom Choir and Youth Group Back-to-School Pool Party

Tuesday, August 11

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

Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Laura

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

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

Sunday, August 23 - Communion

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9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Katie

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group resumes

Tuesday, August 25

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

Sunday, August 30

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Gratia and Kristi

Monday, August 31

6:00 a.m. - Daily Devotionals resume

Take Note: We are planning a family cookout in August. More details coming soon!

September Calendar



September 02 Family Night resumes

Kingdom Choir resumes

September 03 Women's Ministries 10:00 a.m.

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

September 07 Labor Day – Church Office Closed

September 14 Monday Mid-day resumes

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

