

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

This month's newsletter is packed with lots of information and important updates, so I promised those who compile it that I would save as much space as possible. That being the case, I want to draw your attention to those things that are returning with September. Daily Devotionals resume August 31st. Lots of folks have asked what we'll be studying, and I'll tell you what I've told them ... you'll just have to wait and see! Even so, I'm excited about resuming our activities after our break. Additionally, Wednesday Family Night for the whole church family will resume Wednesday, September 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. in Providence Hall. Just like before, Salter will be our chef and all you need to bring is your appetite! Our format will be the same as it was in the spring, with supper at 6:00 p.m. and then children's ministry and youth group meeting at 7:00 p.m. Others will head to the sanctuary where I'm very much looking forward to picking up with your excellent questions in our Q&A series.

The big announcement I want to mention is Homecoming and Special Services. Homecoming will be Sunday morning, September 27th, at 10:00 with a covered dish lunch to follow in Providence Hall after. Special Services begin that Sunday night at 7:00 and will run through Wednesday Night, concluding with our ice cream social. We have a wonderful guest speaker lined up who will do a fantastic job. Rev. Benjamin Glaser is pastor at Bethany ARP Church in Clover, South Carolina. He's one of my close personal friends and is a real brother in the ministry. Rev. Glaser will be speaking on distinctives of the ARP Church ... what we believe and why ... and he'll begin with infant baptism that Sunday morning. Rev. Glaser is an excellent speaker who is also a part-time missionary with World Witness to Africa. He's also writing the book on the ARP! No, really. He actually is. Our General Synod has authorized Rev. Glaser to write an updated history of the ARP Church to the present day.

Again, to say that I'm excited about returning to a normal schedule is putting it mildly. Kingdom Choir, our children's ministry program, will resume September 2nd and Youth Group will already be underway on Sunday nights at 5:30. There's so much going on! Make sure that you mark your calendar in order to be a part of our fellowship at Old Providence. God is so faithful.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



September 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. 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. Youth Group for Middle and High School students meets on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. with a time of study and fellowship, and during Family Night with an emphasis on Middle School. Kingdom Choir for children ages 3 to 5th grade will resume on Wednesday, September 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. during Family Night where they have a lesson and activity and will also practice what they'll be offering in church services and other special programs. Daily Devotionals are available 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 our Sunday morning sermons on Facebook [.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa](https://facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa) and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/old-providence. Pastor Malphrus posts Sunday morning sermons on our Facebook page and audio versions on [sermon audio.com](https://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 adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org or 540-377-2911. 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.

Monday Mid-Day 2026 Fall Program

Our Monday Mid-Day programs sponsored by the Spiritual Care Committee will resume on September 14th at 11:00 a.m. with Pauline McKee on the History of McKee/Big Spring Cemetery in Kerrs Creek. Please join us and invite your friends to a time of fellowship and learning. Lunch will follow each program 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. See the September Calendar page for upcoming programs and speakers. We are also planning a Fall trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater on Wednesday, November 11th, to see Appalachian Christmas. Check upcoming bulletins for more information.

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, September 3rd, and we will be studying Chapters 37, 39 and 41 in *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey. All women are invited to join.

Old Providence family,



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! A lot has happened since my last update! As of July 14th, I have been assigned to the 319th Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Battalion in the 1st Brigade Combat Team under the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. That's a lot of words to say that we are finally back on the mainland after three years in Hawaii! We are excited to get back to the mainland, and especially excited to be back on the East Coast. Everything is a little tougher when you're 5,000 miles from everyone you know and love.

We have bought a house in Raeford, about 15 miles away from post, so I have an easy drive to and from work. This puts us almost exactly halfway between my parents in Conway, SC and Holly's family in Forest City, NC. And it puts us much closer to our church family at Old Providence!

As I'm sure you have all heard, there are a lot of things going on globally right now, and my unit is in the thick of it. Many from my unit are forward-deployed, so please pray for their safety as they are away from their families. I will be taking over duties as the Rear Detachment Chaplain, so I will be responsible for the spiritual care of the Soldiers and Families of the six Battalions in our Brigade. For the time being, I will stay at Fort Bragg, but the call can always come in to move forward.

The Sutton family has been blessed greatly during our transition to Fort Bragg. We left Hawaii and flew to Seattle where we picked up our car. We then drove to Moran, WY and met Dylan and his wife Ali (pronounced "alley"), who brought an RV to us all the way from Myrtle Beach! They were able to spend a couple of days with us in the Grand Tetons before returning home to Massachusetts. We then took some time to ease across the country, visiting many of the National Parks as we moved east. It was a blast and created some memories that none of us will ever forget. A week after Dylan and Ali left, Dylan shipped off to San Antonio, Texas for Air Force Basic Training. After he graduates in early August, he will ship to San Angelo, TX for Tech School where he will be trained as a Cryptologic Analyst and Reporter (Air Force Intelligence). His Tech School will last approximately 7 months, so please pray for him and Ali as they navigate this time apart.

The "little ones" are not as little as they were last time I wrote. Harper Grace is 10 and is still singing and playing the piano. She has a heart of gold and does a great job of helping out around the house, especially with watching after her little sister and brother. Callie Mae is 5 and we all refer to her as the "CEO." She is great at delegating chores to others! She loves to dress up like a princess and pretend she is being waited on by her "staff." Harrison (or "Buppy" as we call him) is still a stick of dynamite. He just turned 4 in July and is still into everything. He keeps Holly and I on the move and we have gotten really good at closing open wounds after he runs into something. Thank goodness for our livestock backgrounds! Holly is, as always, still busy being super mom and wife. She home-schools all three of the little ones now, so pray for patience for her! She is an amazing partner to go through life with and words cannot fully express how grateful I am for everything she does.

We continue to thank God for your prayers and support, and we hope to be able to visit soon. Love to all, take care of one another, and may the Lord bless you with His peace and grace!

With love in Christ, CH (CPT) Mitchell A. Sutton, United States Army

SEPTEMBER 2026 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 2

Noon - Announcements for September 6 and 13 Bulletins Due

6:00 p.m. - Family Night and Kingdom Choir Resume

Thursday, September 3

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

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

Sunday, September 6

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 and Jenny

Monday, September 7 – Friday, September 11

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Sunday, September 13

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda, Vicki and Kelley

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

Monday, September 14

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Resumes with Pauline M - History of McKee/

Big Spring Cemetery in Kerrs Creek

Tuesday, September 15

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



Wednesday, September 16

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Sunday, September 20

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Laura

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Sunday, September 27 - HOMECOMING

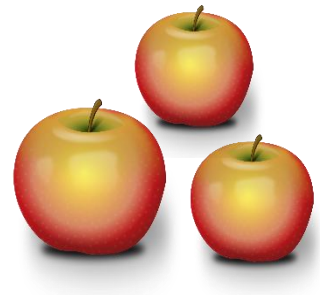
9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Katie

11:00 a.m. - Covered Dish Meal after Worship



Sunday, September 27 - Wednesday, September 30

7:00 p.m. - Special Services

Monday, September 28

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day with Judi and Ben - Joni and Friends
camp experience

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social after Special Service

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

Upcoming Monday Mid-Day Programs

October 12 - Mike S - Augusta County Supervisors report on current events.

October 26 - Carlton T - Everything you ever wanted to know about Bee Keeping.

November 9 - Karman M - Hospice and resources available