

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

What a difference a month makes! When I put pen to paper for our last newsletter (or fingertips to keyboard, actually), it was around 90 degrees and sunny outside my office window. But today? It's officially fall and outside my office window it's 51 degrees and foggy. I say it all the time, but Spottswood is a wonderful place to live. I really do mean that. Not only does Fall bring cooler temperatures and beautiful colors, but it also brings the tangible reminder that God is faithful to His promises, even as it relates to the weather.

I know that the weather this year has been a bit odd. The lack of rain has made things dry as a bone. Not only that, but I also read that 2026 is the first hurricane season in 112 years to not have at least one hurricane threatening the Southeast. Terms like "Global Warming" or "Climate Change" are often thrown about, and with them comes all sorts of angst and sensationalism. Many live in fear of the future. Don't worry, I'm not going to get political about the changing weather. Quite the contrary, I want to encourage you with the promises of God.

In Genesis 8, after the worldwide flood, God made the promise to Noah and all of his descendants (that means you and me) that "never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done." God went on to say in verse 22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, day and night will never cease." God would go on to make a similar promise in Ecclesiastes 3 with that iconic passage that says, "for everything there is a season", including "seedtime and harvest" and "a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

Take heart, Christian. God is sovereign and is working His will for our good and His glory! Remember these passages (and others like them), along with God's ultimate promise to preserve the earth until such time that He makes all things new (Revelation 21:5). Observe the glory of His creation and praise Him for His faithfulness, no matter what season of life you're facing. As He said through the prophet Jeremiah in Lamentations 3, so He promises you in His Word. "His mercies are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness."

Your Pastor,
Patrick



October 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 meets 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 meets 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/ OldProvidenceARPCChurch SpottswoodVa](https://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/old providence](https://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 Face-book page, edited newsletters, calendar, announcements, sermonaudio.com, and more, visit [oldprovidence church.org](https://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 Patterson's home every Tuesday, unless otherwise noted.

Officer Elections at Old Providence begins soon. Please be in prayer for the election process, including who you may nominate for service. Men, please prayerfully consider your willingness to serve, if nominated.

2027 Diaconate Budget Meeting: Sunday, October 18th, 5:00 p.m. Committees, please consider your budgetary needs for 2027 and complete a Budget Request Form found on the table in the breezeway. Please leave your form in the Diaconate Chairman's mailbox before the meeting.

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, October 1st, and we will be studying Chapters 44-46 (pages 231-239) in *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey. All women are invited to the meeting and/or bible study.

Everyone is invited to join us on our visit to Beulah Land on Thursday, October 18th, 7:00 p.m. as we sing, have a short devotional, enjoy light refreshments and visit with the residents.

Monday Mid-Day 2026 Fall Program

Our next Monday Mid-Day program sponsored by the Spiritual Care Committee will be Monday, October 12th, at 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker Mike S. presenting the topic "Augusta County Supervisors report on current events". 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. On October 26th Carlton T. will share "Everything you ever wanted to know about Bee Keeping". The last program will be on November 9th with Karman M. on the topic, "Hospice and resources available".



Youth Group and Kingdom Choir



Sunday, October 11 – Youth Group & Kingdom Choir Pumpkin Patch Trip after Worship

Thursday, October 29 – Kingdom Choir will sing at Beulah Land - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11 – Kingdom Choir Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

Fundraisers

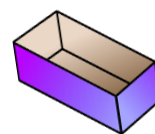
Baja House Building Mission Trip Fundraiser: (1) Tidal Wave Auto Spa car wash tickets for a \$30 wash costing \$10 to use at any Tidal Wave Auto Spa. (2) Fall Mums in assorted colors for \$30 for a single mum or \$25 each for multiple mums. For mum order deadline dates and delivery dates, and to order tickets or mums, call Dan Woodworth at 540-649-0053 and leave a message

Update: Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken fundraiser on Saturday, October 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. will be at the firehouse not at the farm and to be sold on first come first served basis only.

The Riverheads Weekday Religious Education Fall Praise Night will be held at Raphine Christian Church on Sunday, October 4th, 6:00 p.m.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



"Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Old Providence will participate in this project again this year. If you would like to pack a box or two, there will be boxes and materials available in Providence Hall. There is a \$10 shipping charge per box. To donate through the church, put OCC in the memo. Please return your filled shoeboxes by Sunday, November 15th, to Providence Hall.

Fall Bus Trip



The Spiritual Care Committee is sponsoring a Fall Bus Trip to see the show “Appalachian Christmas” at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville, Va. on Wednesday, November 11th. Price is \$85 for church members and \$95 for guests, which includes dinner, show, and the bus. To check availability, contact Linda P.

October 2026 Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 4 – Communion

Special Offering for Missions

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children’s Church Leaders: Carrie and Jenny



Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

6:00 p.m. - Family Night



Thursday, October 8 - revised

10:00 a.m. - Women’s Ministries

10:30 a.m. - Women’s Bible Study



Sunday, October 11

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

Youth Group and Kingdom Choir trip to pumpkin patch after Worship

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

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Budget Meeting – revised

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Sunday, October 18

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Laura

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Sunday, October 25 – Reformation Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Katie

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

6:00 p.m. - Family Night



Thursday, October 29

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries visits Beulah Land & Kingdom Choir to sing

Saturday, October 31

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Old Providence Church Fall Festival

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



Old Providence Church Fall Festival

Saturday, October 31 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for food, games, trunk-or-treat, bouncy house and music!