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**Old Providence welcomes the entire family to Babylon,
where Daniel had courage in captivity.**

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28, 2018

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Get ready to experience the Bible in a new way. First, use your imagination! Imagine what it was like to live in the ancient city of Babylon. Now, think of Daniel and his friends, as captives, being forced to move to Babylon. What would it be like to be torn from everything and everyone you knew and loved? In this foreign land, in preparation for service to the king, Daniel had to learn a new language, eat new food, learn new complicated subjects and worship new gods. Or would he? Our adventures in Babylon will show us Daniel did not try to fit in. He stood firm in his faith and belief of the one true God. Daniel's courage to remain true to God, has served as an example and encouragement to Christians for thousands of years.

At Old Providence Vacation Bible School (VBS), our mission will be to study the scriptures and learn about Daniel and his faith. This year, VBS will not have typical classrooms; instead, groups of all ages will travel together in tribes. There will be 12 tribes, (the 12 tribes of Israel) with lessons by the tribe leaders each day. Traveling together, adults, youth and children, of all ages, will experience the culture of ancient Babylon. They will explore the Marketplace, visit Daniel in his palace room and dig into scripture. The tribes will take part in games at the Palace Playground, taste foods of the period and enjoy songs and crafts.

More information will follow in the weeks ahead. For now, mark your calendars, invite family, friends, and neighbors and plan to attend VBS. As in past, we look forward to working together during this great week of VBS.



April 2018 Announcements

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, April 5th at the Church for the business meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study begins at about 7:30 p.m. Shirley is leading our study on "The Gospel according to Abraham" using the book Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality. All women are welcome to the Bible Study even if you don't join us for the meeting. Projects this spring include: Collecting cans of fruit for Kingsway Help Center until April 15th; and Providing dinner for the Spottwood – Raphine Ruritans Spring Rally on April 28th at the Spottwood Community Center. (We need help with donations of food for both of these projects and with serving dinner at the Spring Rally.) Please contact Sylvia not only about helping with these projects, but also if we, Women's Ministries, can help with concerns or issues as needed.

PreSchool Registration

We have received several applications for the 2018/2019 school year. Forms are available at the Church office or to print off the Church website. Please see the website for details or call Barbara or Stephanie. Tell your family and friends to register soon!

Monday Mid-Day Program

Our next Monday Mid-Day program will meet on April 2nd and our speaker will be Rebecca, Coordinator of Shenandoah Valley Impact. She will speak on Severe Weather, Emergencies, and Disasters. On April 16th Finley's topic will be on the History of Old Providence Church. Paula will speak on Prescription drugs at our April 30th program. Each meeting we begin with a program at 11:00 a.m. followed by a light lunch. Everyone is invited!

Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs and Youth Group will not meet Sunday, April 1st. They will meet Sunday, April 15th at 4:30 p.m. with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Bus Trip to the Bible Museum



The Spiritual Care Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to the Bible Museum in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, May 10th. The bus will leave Old Providence at 8:00 a.m. and return around 7:30 p.m. We will stop at a restaurant on the way back about 5:00 p.m. You will need to plan for your lunch or snacks. We will stop for a rest stop about 9:30 a.m. where there is a McDonalds or you may bring a small cooler with drinks or snacks. We should arrive at the museum about 11:15 a.m. There is food available in the museum but it is a little pricey. There is also a McDonalds across the road from the museum. We plan to leave the museum about 2:30 p.m. and do a quick bus tour around D. C. The cost of the trip is \$35.00 for members and regular attendees, and \$40.00 for guests. Contact Martha or Linda to sign up.

Money is due by April 15th

Now Open to guests as follows:

1 guest per member or active attendee as available – April 2nd – April 15

Guests as room is available – April 16th until filled

Graduates



It is time to gather names of upcoming High School and College graduates. Please provide names, school from where they are graduating, and future plans to Kay or Stephanie by April 30th.

Community Events

WRE Cake Walk – Saturday, April 7th, 6:00 p.m. at the Mint Spring Ruritan Bldg. Each church is asked to bring 10 cakes. Cakes can be dropped off that night starting at 5:00 p.m. There will be hot dogs, ham sandwiches, chips and drinks for sale as well. Proceeds will go towards the operating fund.

Rapine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Dinner will be held on Rt. 11 on April 21st at noon.

April 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 1- **Resurrection Sunday**

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Lois and Katie

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Carrie

Monday, April 2

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, April 4

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, April 5

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Sunday, April 8

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Connie and Scott

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karen

12:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, April 11

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, April 15

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Kay and Marvella



11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Dana

4:30 p.m. – Children's Fellowship and Youth Group

Monday, April 16

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, April 18

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study



Friday, April 20 – Saturday, April 21

Women's Retreat at Grace Bible Camp

Sunday, April 22

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Carrie and Joy

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

Wednesday, April 25

6:45 p.m. – No Bible Study

Sunday, April 29

9:00 a.m. – Breakfast for Young Life

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Vicki and Kayla

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Laurin or Kristi

Monday, April 30

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program



May Calendar

May 3 - Women's Ministries/Bible Study

May 6 – Youth Sunday/Little Lambs & Youth Group

Session and Deacons Meetings

May 10 - Bus trip to Bible Museum in DC

May 13 - Mother's Day/Special Offering

May 20 – Communion (date change)

Little Lambs & Youth Group

May 24 - Last day of PreSchool/Graduation

May 28 - Memorial Day/Church Office Closed

May 31 - Women's Ministries to Beulah Land