

Old Providence ARP Church

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Dear Old Providence Family,

Praise be to God that He is sovereign over all things! It is Monday morning, April 16th and last night quite a few storms moved through our area, some of which even resulted in tornadoes. Of the many news stories surfacing this morning, one that distinguishes itself is that of the Fink family in Amherst. When yesterday's tornado struck, the Fink's lost everything. Their house was demolished to the point that no survivors were expected. But miraculously everyone in the home was protected and unharmed. This morning I have been blessed to read the family's story and listen to a television interview with Leecy Fink, the mother of the Fink family.

Before revealing what she said, consider how you would respond in a news interview. Your house has been destroyed. Your life is in disarray. You can look at your neighbors' homes and see that their houses and possessions are still intact. How would you respond to such tragedy? When being interviewed Leecy Fink wanted to make one thing very clear—she conveyed how grateful she was to God for the fact that God protected her family. In the interview she finished by saying “We were so protected by our Lord today”.

The Fink family understands something that God's Word proclaims again and again. While the message is conveyed many places, Psalm 91:4 perhaps says it best: “He will cover you with his feathers; you will take refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield.” Remember that God is sovereign. Trust in His goodness. Thank Him for His protection. And, like the Finks, honor and glorify His name.

Because of Christ,

Patrick

Pastor, Old Providence ARP



May 2018 Announcements

Women's Ministry Window

Many thanks to all of you who donated food and helped with the Ruritan Spring Rally on April 28th. Everyone worked together and the Ruritans had a great time and really enjoyed their meal. Thank you so much!

We will be on chapter 5 "Faith Laying Hold of God" (Genesis 15) for our continued bible study of *Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality* by Iain M. Duguid. The study of Abraham is proving to be quite interesting. Please come and join us at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month.

Some of our women attended the Women's Retreat at Grace Bible Camp the weekend of April 20th and 21st. Everyone enjoyed the speaker, Joani Tabor, with her music and sharing her message of hope and encouragement of Christ with her topic of "Help!! Get me out of this Stew."

Little Lambs and Youth Group



Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet Sunday, May 6th and May 20th at 4:30 p.m. with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Conferences at Bonclarken will be held in June for Middle School (11th – 16th) and High School (18th -23rd).

Bus Trip to the Bible Museum

If you signed up for the bus trip to the Bible Museum in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, May 10th, and you have not received an itinerary, please contact Martha or Linda.



PreSchool

The last day of PreSchool will be on Thursday, May 24th. Graduation will be held at 7:00 that evening and the Old Providence Church family is invited. We express our thanks to the PreSchool Committee for their faithful work with this program, and to all of you for your generous support. Remember to spread the word that registration for the 2018/2019 school year is in full swing. Forms are available at the Church office or to print off the Church website. Please see the church website for details or contact the church office at 377-2911.

Community Events

The Riverheads High School Baccalaureate Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in Layman Auditorium. Rev. Patrick Malphrus will offer the message that evening.

Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Dinner will be held on Rt. 11 on May 19th at noon.

Vacation Bible School
Sunday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Did you ever wonder about the daily life Daniel and his friends experienced in Babylon?

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2018, at Old Providence, will give children and their families five days to explore Bible times in Babylon. Families (adults and children of all ages) move in tribes (named after the Tribes of Israel) to understand what Daniel faced. They will experience some of the customs, occupations, food and even games as they move through Babylon each day. Traveling together in tribes will provide the wonderful opportunity to have adults interact with and get to know the children from our church, and the children from the community attending Bible School.

Although Babylon is designed differently, from some of the curriculum we have used in the past, Bible School continues to be an outreach project into the surrounding communities. We will continue to have the evening meal and invite all our friends from the area, to join our church family, for fellowship and a great week of Bible School.

More information will be coming in the Sunday bulletins. Just remember to mark your calendars and invite family and friends to join us at Old Providence for VBS!

May 2018 Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 3

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Sunday, May 6 – **Youth Sunday**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Laurin and Adam

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children's Church

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

6:00 p.m. – Session and Deacons Meet separately

7:00 p.m. – Session and Deacons Meet jointly

Wednesday, May 9

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, May 10

Bus Trip to the Bible Museum in D.C.

Sunday, May 13 – **Mother's Day**

Rebekah Carson Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Karleen and Tina

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children's Church

7:00 p.m. – Riverheads High School Baccalaureate

Wednesday, May 16

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study



Sunday, May 20 – **Communion**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children's Church

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

Wednesday, May 23

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, May 24

Last day of PreSchool

7:00 p.m. – PreSchool Graduation



Sunday, May 27

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

Monday, May 28 – **Memorial Day**

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 30

6:45 p.m. – No Bible Study

Thursday, May 31

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries visits Beulah Land

June Calendar



June 5 to 7 – Gen. Synod Meeting at Bonclarken

June 7 - Women's Ministries/Bible Study

June 10 - Deacons Meeting

June 11 to 16 – Middle School Conference at Bonclarken

June 18 to 23 – High School Conference at Bonclarken

June 24 to 28 – Bible School