

Old Providence ARP Church

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Dear Old Providence Family,

What a time to be alive! Just think about all of the advancements we enjoy. It never ceases to amaze me when I consider how far medical technology has come in just a few years. In addition, communicating with one another has never been easier. We also enjoy the ease of having modern modes of transportation, making travel easier on all fronts. All of these things combined with the internet and other technology means that we have the world at our fingertips. Again, what a time to be alive!

It is important to remember, however, that sometimes technological advancement comes at a price. For instance, the internet contains the bulk of knowledge amassed over the millennia of human experience. The worldwide web has the potential to be the greatest tool of learning and communication in the history of the world. Even so, it is often used for evil instead of good. Many have fled to the internet and social media to do anything but broaden their personal horizons. Instead of bringing the world together, the internet often drives people apart.

In addition, instead of technology making life easier, it has often served to just make life busier. Despite being somewhat of a cliché, the acronym for “BUSY” can be true: being busy is Being Under Satan’s Yoke. We can all fall into the trap of pushing harder and harder to fill our schedules and constantly having something going on. The result of this sort of lifestyle is that personal reflection and devotion is often lost, and there is less time to serve the Lord.

In light of these things, let me encourage you to remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:33 when He said “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Our #1 priority should always be our relationship with the Lord and doing those things He calls us to do. We will only avoid distractions and pitfalls if we have Jesus at the forefront of our purpose and vision. Enjoy the advancements of life and technology, but never at the expense of your relationship with the Lord.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



May 2019 Announcements

Women's Ministry Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, May 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. All women of the church are invited to attend the meeting and Bible Study which meet the first Thursday of each month. We will visit Beulah Land on Thursday, May 30th, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us. The Women's Retreat at Grace Bible Camp will be held on May 3rd - 4th.



Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on Sundays, May 5th and 19th, at 5:30 p.m. starting with a light supper. Everyone is welcome! Youth Group will lead Morning Worship on Sunday, May 5th.



PreSchool

The last day of PreSchool will be on Thursday, May 23rd. Graduation will be held that evening at 7:00 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 2019/2020 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 call Robyn at 377-5089 or the church office at 377-2911.

Bonclarken

Attention Middle Schoolers and rising 6th graders! Quest is our denominational summer camp for Middle Schoolers. The dates for the camp are June 17th – 22nd and it is held at Bonclarken in NC. Our church is taking a group this year and would love for you to join us! We need to know if you are interested in going as soon as possible. We are working on a fundraiser to help financially. Please see Amanda for more information.

Attention High Schoolers and rising 9th graders! There will be a group going to the Horizon high school conference at Bonclarken this summer. The dates for the conference are June 24th – 29th, and the cost to the student is \$25.00. If you are interested in attending, please let one of the Youth Group leaders know. We have extended the deadline to Sunday, May 5th.



Since we most always have children in the nursery on Sunday morning, it is important for someone to be in the nursery to stay with them. If you cannot be present, please call someone on the list who is willing to switch Sunday's with you, and let Vicki know of the change so the nursery will always be covered. Also, there is a need for additional helpers so the ones already serving won't have to stay so often. Contact Vicki at 377-2271, if you are willing to be put on the list.

May 2019 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 1

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, May 2

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Friday, May 3

7:00 a.m. – Informal Bible Study and Prayer Time

Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4

Women's Retreat at Grace Bible Camp

Sunday, May 5 – **Youth Sunday**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children's Church

5:30 p.m. – Little Lambs and Youth Group

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

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

Wednesday, May 8

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Friday, May 10

7:00 a.m. - Informal Bible Study and Prayer Time

Sunday, May 12 – **Mother's Day**

Rebekah Carson Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children's Church



Wednesday, May 15

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Friday, May 17

7:00 a.m. - Informal Bible Study and Prayer Time

Sunday, May 19

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Dana

5:30 p.m. - Little Lambs and Youth Group

Wednesday, May 22

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, May 23

Last Day of PreSchool

7:00 p.m. – PreSchool Graduation

Friday, May 24

7:00 a.m. - Informal Bible Study and Prayer Time

Sunday, May 26 – **Communion**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children's Church

Monday, May 27 – **Memorial Day**

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 29

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study



Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

7:00 a.m. - Informal Bible Study and Prayer Time

June Calendar



June 6 – Women’s Ministries & Bible Study	June 16 – Father’s Day
	- Special Offering Camp Joy
June 9 – Deacons Meeting	June 17 to 22 – Middle School Conference
	at Bonclarken
June 11 to 13 - General Synod Meeting at	June 24 to 29 – High School Conference
Geneva College - Beaver Falls, PA	at Bonclarken