

Announcements

Missional Lunch. Please join us NEXT Sunday June 29 after church for another mission lunch. We will discuss some practical ways to live out our faith in the community. Please bring a dish to share with others. Hope to see you there!

GIRL Time. We will have a Bible study on July 6; time and place to be announced.

Ladies. July 27-28 will be here before we know it! There will be a women's gathering and concert at Bonclarken to kick off the Family Bible Conference. Please let Jessie Richardson know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. Her email address is: richardson.jessica83@gmail.com

Young At Heart. We had a wonderful year of food, fellowship, fun, and involvement with several local ministries. We are looking forward to resuming for the 2014-2015 year. See you in September!

Limon Mission Trip. The Limons are still in the process of support raising for their upcoming mission trip to Mexico. Currently they are lacking \$620.00. If you feel led to give, please see Ed or Lynn, or use the form hanging on the Mission bulletin board in the hallway to send gifts directly to Mission to the World. The Limons will be leaving July 12 and they request your continued prayer support.

Mission Moment. Fathers' Day is celebrated each year in our country. Their role in the life of a child is crucial for normal development as the long road to maturity unfolds. Unfortunately in our society today an alarming percentage of men choose to abandon that responsibility once conception has occurred. Here in Alamance County we have an agency that addresses this issue by providing supportive care for the women and children involved. ALAMANCE PREGNANCY CENTER is located in a wing of the Piedmont Rescue Mission on Mebane Street. Counseling is available to prevent abortion, give encouragement during pregnancy, provide equipment and clothing for newborns. Our Mission Budget provides \$500 annually for this. No longer used cribs, clothing and diapers are continually needed. Our prayers will support the staff and clients in this ministry.

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Nicole Newton and Kristen Carter
Next Week: Karen Jones and Isaac Spencer

Children's Church:

Today: Lynn Limon and Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Jan Burwell and Macon Baird

Counter:

Today: None Scheduled
Next Week: Jim Knox

Deacon on Duty

Today: Mark Vestal
Next Week: David Newton

Elder Greeter

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: None Scheduled

Tithes and Offerings for June 15:

General Fund	\$2,809.59
Faith Promise	\$ 50.00

The Session

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Gregory
Vice Moderator: Gene Parks
Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks
2017: Bill Haynes

The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens
Vice Chairman: Mark Vestal
Secretary: Doug Glass

2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal
2015: Doug Glass, WD Yarbrough
2016: David Newton, Tim Bessette

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Jim Knox, Steve Kyaw, Gene Parks
Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

Women's Ministries

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Morning Bible Study Leader: Lillian Fuller
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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

The good man has his enemies. He would not be like his Lord if he had not. If we were without enemies we might fear that we were not the friends of God, for the friendship of the world is enmity to God.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (†1892 A.D.)

If you have no opposition in the place you serve, you're serving in the wrong place.
G. Campbell Morgan (†1945 A.D.)

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 100

Minister Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

People **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Hymn of Preparation 27

Tell Out, My Soul

Woodlands

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration 58

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that when we are weary and over-burdened and life seems like hard work, we often seek rest through indulging our cravings and wandering from you. Forgive us when we forget that you alone can give us rest. You alone can teach us how to live. Draw us to yourself, that we might find rest for our souls, grace for our sin, and healing for our hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Daniel 9:9, 18

But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him. O my God, lean down and listen to me. Open your eyes and see our despair. We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of your mercy.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Proclamation

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Minister The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

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Connie Bennett

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 4:1-23

¹ Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. ² And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?" ³ Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building--if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!" ⁴ Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. ⁵ Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders. ⁶ So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work. ⁷ But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. ⁸ And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. ⁹ And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night. ¹⁰ In Judah it was said, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall." ¹¹ And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work." ¹² At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, "You must return to us." ¹³ So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. ¹⁴ And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes." ¹⁵ When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. ¹⁶ From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, ¹⁷ who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. ¹⁸ And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. ¹⁹ And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. ²⁰ In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us." ²¹ So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. ²² I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day." ²³ So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon at his right hand.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Bryan Gregory

The Challenges to Reformation: External Opposition

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter

Affirmation of Faith — Based on 1 Peter 3

Minister What do you believe Jesus Christ accomplished for you?

All

We confess that Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. He was put to death in the body but was brought to life by the Spirit, in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison. And we confess that our salvation is by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Ed Limon

Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

(Dismissal to Children's Church)