

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Newsletter



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## *From The Pastor:*

As a result of the ice storm at the end of last week, there were branches down all over our neighborhood. On a few of our neighbors' properties, trees were actually uprooted and lying on the ground with their roots exposed. On Saturday morning, I came over to the church to see if there had been any damage and to find out whether the power was out or not. When I turned into the parking lot, I saw one of our trees completely toppled over, having crushed the softball backstop and taken down a power line. Once I saw that there was no damage to the actual church building, I returned home, called Duke Energy to report the down line, and then began cleaning up my own yard. My neighbor across the street was doing the same and we both stopped to talk for a few minutes. In the course of our conversation he said, "Well, its not surprising that so many trees are down. With all the rain making the ground soft and then the heavy blanket of ice putting pressure on them, its no wonder that the roots couldn't hold them upright."

As I walked back to my own yard, his words reminded me of the psalmist's words, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers" (Psalm 1:1-3).

Sometimes like the ice storm that hit last week, we come under pressures in life that are worse than we anticipated. And a big factor in whether we are toppled over or not is what the root system of our heart is like. If our hearts are rooted in God and his Word, if we are daily meditating on his ways and the truths that he has revealed to us, the roots of our heart will be anchored and we will be able to withstand the difficulty. There may still be some damage in our life, but ultimately God will sustain us through it. However, if we are not well anchored, we can be in danger of buckling under the pressure. So, make it a habit this week to anchor your heart in God and his truth

through daily meditation on his Word and, as promised, God will see to it that your life bears fruit, you do not wither, and you prosper in what he has given you to do.

## **MISSIONS POTLUCK - RESCHEDULED**

We will gather for a potluck luncheon Sunday, March 16th in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service for Connie's mission trip report. Please plan to join us and hear her report about what God is doing in Trinidad.

## **G.I.R.L. Time** *(Getting Into Real Life)*

This Sunday, March 16th from 6:30-7:30 at the church. Lynn Limon will be doing a study on loving each other as God intended. Desserts will be provided. **Save the date** for Sunday, April 6th at 6:30 at Dot Hutelmyer's house to do a craft for children in the hospital.

## **INTERVARSITY** **INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP/** **USA**

Thank you for helping at the last InterVarsity Fellowship meeting. Please joins us this Sunday March 16th at 1:30 at Elon. Please let Christy know if you can provide drinks and/or dessert. We will be talking about having spiritual conversations. **Save the date:** Last one will be April 27 and Bryan will be answering tough questions.

## MISSION MOMENTS

Did you know that in Alamance County we have more than 60 gangs? Does anyone care? Is there any way we can demonstrate our concern? YES! The SALVATION ARMY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB has three full-time staff who daily bless over 100 youth in our county with programs designed to address a wide variety of needs. Volunteers are always welcome and currently contributions to fill 125 Easter baskets is another way we can support this ministry. Use the container provided in the Fellowship Hall for chocolate candy and plastic eggs or give money to Glenn or Margaret Owens.

## YOUNG AT HEART

Young At Heart will be collecting candy and plastic eggs for Easter baskets and an Easter egg hunt at the Boys and Girls Club of Alamance County. Collection baskets are in the Fellowship Hall, on the side wall close to the coatrack. Please have your contributions at the church by March 25 when we have our next meeting. Monetary gifts are always welcome. Ann Baker from Meals On Wheels, will be our guest speaker. The menu will be chicken, baked beans, green beans and salad. If you are willing to bring a dessert or plan to bring something else please let Margaret or Glenn know. Thanks to everyone that helps to make our YAH successful.

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study previously scheduled to meet today is rescheduled for Tuesday, March 18th at 10:30 in the Conference Room. The topic: "What does the book of Proverbs tell us about our work?" Come join us!

## PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME

May 3rd will be Liz's 16th birthday. To celebrate, she and Judy are participating in the Million Dollar Bike Ride in Philly. We will do the 11 mile ride. This ride is to raise awareness and research funding for rare diseases. Liz has Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, which affects less than 300 people in the entire world. Below is a link to her page. It explains her syndrome and has a place for donating. Please consider supporting Liz and Judy in this effort to raise funding and awareness. Thank you.

-Judy, Hugh, Liz, Will, and Wes Jennings

<https://socialfundraising.apps.upenn.edu/socialFundraising/jsp/fast.do?&fastStart=customTemplateByNameOrId&customApplicationNameOrId=LizSweet16ForPTHS>

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Carolyn Constable  
3/2 Marion Angel  
David Turner  
3/3 Eddie McKinnon  
3/6 Donna Vestal  
3/10 Katherine Baird  
Sarah Wright  
3/15 Cathy Young  
3/17 Pat Riddell  
Lynn Robinson  
3/18 Larry Causey  
3/24 Gary Gregory  
Kelly Limon  
3/26 Carolyn Christopher  
3/29 Britt Causey

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/12 Doug & Tammy Cobb (26)  
3/19 Gary & Hope Gregory (25)  
3/26 Rucker & Audrey Turner (63)

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

It has come to our attention that there are some errors in the directory. An addendum is available outside Gloria's office.

## MINISTRY REMINDERS

### Nursery:

Mar 16: Mary Jane Glass  
Myrleann Schwerin  
Mar 23: Nicole Newton  
Kristen Carter

### Children's Church:

Mar 16: Stephen Robinson  
Betty Bessette  
Mar 23: Karen Jones  
Lynn Limon

### Counter:

Mar 16: Mark Vestal  
Mar 23: Gene Parks

### Deacon Duty:

Mar 16: Glenn Owens  
Mar 23: Mark Vestal

### Elder Greeters:

Mar 16: Gene Parks  
Mar 23: None Scheduled