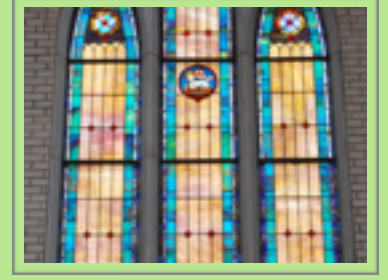
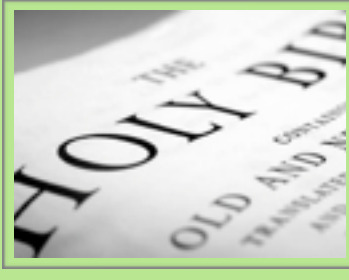


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From the Session:

In the next few issues of the monthly newsletter we will share some information from the A.R. P. Book of Standards. We encourage you to keep your copy for future reference.

THE PRESBYTERIAN FORM OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT - A HISTORICAL STATEMENT

The Presbyterian form of church government was given its first modern form by John Calvin in Geneva in 1542. Church men from other countries, including Scotland's John Knox, studied under Calvin and developed a strong attachment to the principles of Presbyterianism. Knox, upon his return to Scotland in 1560, adapted Presbyterianism for Scottish purposes in the first "Book of Discipline" - the basis for the government of the subsequent Church of Scotland, and for the government of all those denominations having their roots in the Reformation Church of that country. Andrew Melville's second "Book of Discipline," ratified in 1581, brought Presbyterianism closer to its present form.

The Westminster Assembly, which met in London in 1643, wrote, in addition to our Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the "Form of Presbyterian Church Government," which was subsequently adopted in England, Ireland, and Scotland. The Associate Church (1733) and the Reformed Presbyterian Church (1743) both continued to adhere to this document as the basis for their church law in their separate organizations and later carried it with them to America. The union of these two bodies into the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia on November 1, 1782, accepted this Westminster "Form" as well, reserving the right "to adjust the circumstances of public worship and ecclesiastical policy to the station in which divine Providence may place us."

CONCERNING THE CHURCH Jesus Christ, The Head of the Church

The only King and Head of the Church is the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom all power in heaven and on earth has been given by God the Father, who "...raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand. . . , far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all." (Ephesians 1:20-23)

Christ, being "...ascended far above all the heavens that he might fill all things," (Ephesians 4:10) gave gifts to His Church. Since the ascension of Jesus Christ to heaven, He is present with the Church by His Word and Spirit. From His throne of glory, He rules the Church through His Word and Spirit by the ministry of men, and the benefits of all His functions of prophet, priest and king are effectually applied by His Holy Spirit.

REQUEST FROM THE SESSION

All members of the congregation are requested and encouraged to contact their shepherding elder when they hear of anyone that may be sick, going in the hospital, or if there has been a death in the family. This will allow follow-up by the elders and deacons. Your assistance is very important during this time of transition. We know we can count on you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational called meeting is scheduled August 24, 2014 following the morning worship hour. The purpose is to approve a Pastoral Search Committee.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir rehearsals have resumed! Please join us at 5 pm on Sunday afternoons!

HANDBELL CHOIR

There will be a brief organizational meeting on Sunday, August 24 immediately after the worship service. Please meet near the organ.

NEW COMMUNION SCHEDULE

We will observe communion on a quarterly basis. The next communion will be October 5, 2014.



G.I.R.L TIME

Here are some dates for your calendar! Plan to join us for these wonderful times of fellowship.

August 19 - Girls Dinner Out - Maria's Italian Restaurant at 6:00 pm

September 3 - Coffee Break! Bible study by Fran Haynes, 7:30 pm at Starbucks on Huffman Mill Rd

September 28 - Secret Sister Reveal! Lunch after the worship service. Secret Sisters will do their "reveal" to one another and the next new idea will be introduced. LADIES please come even if you DID NOT have a secret sister. A new chapter is unfolding! This is a catered event so please RSVP by September 21, 2014 to:

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Thank you!

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DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

The Moderator of our Synod has called for a church-wide day of prayer and fasting on **Sunday, August 24**, for Christians being persecuted and killed by extremists in Syria, Iraq, and Nigeria. In the midst of great trial for family members, we can offer the support of our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ for strength to endure and for evil to be thwarted.

THANK YOU!

Lynn Limon would like to thank the many who sent notes, cards, emails, and prayers for her while she was sick in Mexico. "It is a blessing to be part of the family of God. I appreciate your love and concern. I am feeling better, little by little. Thanks again.

John 14:19-24

¹⁹ "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Foy Evans will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, August 30! A birthday celebration is planned by his family for that day in the church fellowship hall, and you are invited to join in from 2-4 pm. No gifts please.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bennett Richardson	9/1
Gwen Hilton	9/4
Libby Cobb	9/6
Karen Hayes	9/6
Jill Roy	9/6
Doug Cobb	9/15
Nicole Newton	9/18
Ariel Constable	9/19
Larry Isley	9/20
Jim Little	9/20
Peggy Mitchell	9/20
Betty Bessette	9/22
Jillian Roy	9/29
Beth Seay	9/30
John Snow	9/30



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Vicki McPherson (38)	9/4
Tim & Lynn Robinson (42)	9/9
Len & Jessica Sneed (15)	9/17
Charles & Beth Seay (33)	9/19
Tom & Lorene Childrey (54)	9/25

YOUNG AT HEART

We are looking forward to resuming for the 2014-2015 year with more food, fun, and fellowship. See you September 23rd!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning ladies Bible study is scheduled to resume in September. Stay tuned!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are: Monday-Friday 8:30-2:30.

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LABOR DAY - September 1, 2014.

The church office will be closed on Labor Day.



MINISTRY REMINDERS

Nursery:

Aug 24: Karen Jones
Connie Bennett
Aug 31: Kristen Carter
Doug Cobb
Sept 7: Stephen Robinson
Donna Wolff
Sept 14: Macon Baird
Debbie McGrogan

Counter:

Aug 24: Mark Vestal
Aug 31: Glenn Owens
Sept 7: Bill Haynes
Sept 14: Gene Park

Deacon Duty:

Aug 24: Glenn Owens
Aug 31: David Newton
Sept 7: Mark Vestal
Sept 14: Doug Glass