



# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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### *From the Session:*

Continued from the A.R. P. Book of Standards. We encourage you to keep your copy for future reference.

#### CONCERNING THE ELECTION, ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

##### A. Eligibility

Persons elected to the office of ruling elder or deacon shall be members in full communion in the congregation in which they are to exercise office. The minimum age for holding these offices shall be determined by the session.

##### B. Terms of Office

1. Ruling elders or deacons are regularly elected and ordained for life unless deposed in the process of discipline. In any particular congregation they may be elected to active service for life or for a limited term, as herein provided.
2. Any congregation in which the active term of office for the session or for the diaconate has been for life may elect either ruling elders or deacons or both ruling elders and deacons to actively serve a limited term in their respective offices. A change to the rotary system shall be adopted at a congregational meeting, provided the following points are observed:
  - a. The term of office for ruling elders shall be not less than four (4) nor more than six (6) years. The classes of ruling elders serving on the session shall be as nearly equal in number as possible.
  - b. The term of office for deacons shall be not less than three (3) nor more than six (6) years. The classes of deacons serving on the diaconate shall be as nearly equal in number as possible.
  - c. Ruling elders and deacons shall not be eligible to hold the same office until one (1) year has elapsed after the close of their terms of office.
  - d. Ruling elders retired under the rotary system shall be eligible for election to the diaconate.
3. Any congregation using the rotary system may revert to the non-rotary system by action in a congregational meeting.
4. Any change from one system to the other shall be reported to the Presbytery.
5. Any ruling elder or deacon who has served the church faithfully but whose ability to render active service is limited because of age, physical ability, or other cause, may be elected Ruling Elder Emeritus or Deacon Emeritus or Emerita. Such election shall be by the action of the congregation upon condition that the said officer is willing to accept this title as one of honor.

##### C. Election Procedure

1. The election of ruling elders and deacons shall take place in a congregational meeting. The number of ruling elders and deacons shall be determined by the congregation.
2. Nominations may be made by one of the following methods as determined by the session, or by the Presbytery in the case of a new congregation:
  - a. The session, or the Presbytery in the case of a new congregation, may appoint a nominating committee which shall provide a list containing at least one name for each office to be submitted to the congregation. At the time of the election opportunity shall be given for additional nominations.
  - b. A congregational meeting may be held to select nominees by ballot. A list of names of all persons eligible for the nomination shall be provided, and at least twice the number of persons to be elected shall be nominated. The nominees shall be conferred with privately by the session, or

Presbytery in the case of a new congregation, as to their qualifications and willingness to serve before being placed before the congregation for election. Any nominee receiving a majority of votes case shall be declared elected.

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting this Sunday, September 28 at 11:45 for the purpose of electing a Pastoral Search Committee.

The following have been nominated for the Pastoral Search Committee.

Macon Baird  
 Connie Bennett  
 Doug Cobb  
 Doug Glass  
 Mary Jane Glass  
 Karen Hayes  
 Bill Haynes  
 Dot Hutelmyer  
 Jim Knox  
 Ed Limon  
 David Newton  
 Gene Parks  
 Bennett Richardson  
 Jessie Richardson  
 John Robinson  
 Stephen Robinson  
 Becky Sneed  
 Julie Snow  
 Mark Vestal

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

**ILLNESS:** **Theo Baulding** (*Crushed Vertebrae & Treatment*); **Jean Cathey** (*Eye Surgery*); **Lillian Fuller** (*Femur Fractures/Physical Therapy*); **The Gregorys** (*Hope – Alzheimer's, Gary – Caregiver*); **Catherine Mangum** (*Hip Surgery & Digestive Issues*); **Betty Mann** (*Collarbone Surgery*); **Margie Mann** (*Health Issues*); **Nicole Newton** (*Surgery*); **Mae Wilburn** (*Fractured Femur Surgery/Rehab*); **Glenn & Margaret Owens** (*Caring for several family members who are ill*)

**CHURCH NEEDS:** Elders, Deacons, Congregational Love & Unity, Pastor Search

**MISSIONARIES:** Andy & Nannette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Chile), Ali & Tara Mitchell (ARP Connect), Jubilee Birthday Ladies – Sheila Osborne & Nannette Howard

**OTHER MISSIONS:** Doug Arms (Elon), Jesse Wesselink (International Students, Inc), Siloam Missionary Homes, Alamance Pregnancy Center, Allied Churches, Meals on Wheels

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Please join us on October 19, 2014 for our Church Homecoming! Tim Robinson will be our speaker. Plan to stay for the covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall. The meat, drinks, and bread will be provided. Please bring a vegetable, salad or a dessert.

### YOUNG AT HEART

Today we enjoyed hearing from the Piedmont Rescue Mission with Tony Honeycutt and several associates with music and testimonies. We had 30 people in attendance.

We will meet as scheduled October 28. Program to be announced. Foy Evans will coordinate the meetings for December and January.



Handbell Choir has resumed. We welcome new members!

### HANDBELL CHOIR WORKSHOP

Ed Limon will hold a handbell workshop to teach the basics of handbell playing to anyone interested in trying out a new musical activity. He would like to hold this session on Saturday, September 27 at 10 am. Please RSVP to [limonfam6@hotmail.com](mailto:limonfam6@hotmail.com) or 336-449-0161 so Ed will know if anyone would like to participate.

### ATTENTION LADIES!

The Women of Coddle Creek Church invite The Women of First Presbyterian to the 107th Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 10 AM

Registration will begin at 9 AM  
Coffee and light refreshments available.  
Lunch \$7.00 per person  
RSVP by Monday, October 6, 2014 to  
[csmyers@iocnet.net](mailto:csmyers@iocnet.net) or 704-788-2841

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAL ARP WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT

November 7-8, 2014  
Bonclarken Conference Center  
Speaker: Dot Hutelmyer  
Music: Mittie Douglass & Laura Holley

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kelli Ensley	10/2
Becky Sneed	10/7
Margaret Mann	10/8
Macon Baird	10/11
Ed Limon	10/11
John Harris	10/13
Anne Garner	10/14
Len Sneed	10/17
Jay Snow	10/19
Tammy Cobb	10/20
Matt Causey	10/22
Jay Christopher	10/24
Chuck Renegar	10/25



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Macon & Katherine Baird (18)	10/12
Mark & Donna Vestal (20)	10/22
Mark & Amy Sanderson (29)	10/26

### THANK YOU

*Thank you for the wonderful luncheon you served after the funeral of Geneva Evans. Your love and kindness touches our hearts. May God bless each of you.*

*Foy, Melissa, Norman, Justine and Vanessa*



A church workday is planned for October 4. More details will be coming!

### MINISTRY REMINDERS

#### Nursery:

Sept 28: Karen Jones  
Chelle Spencer  
Oct 5: Kristen Carter  
Karen Hayes  
Oct 12: Stephen Robinson  
Doug Cobb

#### Counter:

Sept 28: David Newton  
Oct 5: —  
Oct 12: Gene Parks

#### Deacon Duty:

Sept 28: Mark Vestal  
Oct 5: Doug Glass  
Oct 12: Mark Vestal

### SECRET SISTER REVEAL

**September 28** - Secret Sister Reveal! We will go out to eat following the morning worship. 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!

Thank you!