



From the Pastor:

Dear Church Family,

Last week we were saying, "Let it snow!" And boy did it snow.

This week the refrain is, "Go away snow. Melt!" Slowly the temperatures rise and away it goes.

It was sad that the weather kept us from gathering this past Lord's Day, but I trust you were warm, safe and in some way fed by the Word of God.

I'm glad to hear several of you report that the links to sermons or live services were of help to you!

With so many cancellations and postponements, please be sure to carefully read over your newsletter and make adjustments to events and your calendar as necessary.

This Sunday, January 15, we will have the service we had planned for the 8th. Our final message from Hebrews teaches us what we owe to our church leaders and what a fitting passage to hear as we install our newest church officer - Larry Isley - to the office of Deacon.

January 15 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and we will observe it on January 22. For our consideration on the theme of life, we will take a look at a different angle of the topic as we consider what the Bible says about old age. For sure life must be protected at all ages and stages.

Note how our Westminster Shorter Catechism speaks to the 6th Commandment:

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment? A. The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment? A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tends thereunto.

The world may disregard life, but Christians understand that God made us in his image to serve the world and to labor in his kingdom. We must take his view and so we will consider the other end of the Sanctity of Life issue - old age.

Be sure to keep Connie Bennett and her fellow teammates in your prayers as they travel to Trinidad on Friday. Pray for their travels, health, safety and productivity as they have a busy ten days of travel and labor for the Lord.

See you on Sunday,

MEN'S LUNCH

Join us on January 16 at Southbound Sandwich Works at 12 noon as we continue our book study (chapter 12) and fellowship.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lynn Limon is having surgery on her leg for removal of a melanoma, as well as a lymph node scan to see if cancer has spread. Prayers are appreciated for the surgery and the recuperation at home, for a speedy healing.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please be sure to pick up your offering envelopes for 2017 from the piano entrance to the Sanctuary.

MISSIONS TRIP

Connie Bennett is traveling to Trinidad this Friday to serve on a medical missions team. Her gifts are well-utilized on the trip. You may participate in sending Connie by your prayers and financial support. The Presbyterian Church in America's (P.C.A.) Mission to the World is hosting the trip and provides all necessary administrative support for the trip. If you wish to contribute financially to the mission, please do so by sending your check to: MTW, PO Box 2589, Suwanee, GA 30024-0982. Note in the memo Account #10865 and all proceeds will support our sister's trip. Her financial goal for support is \$2,100.

Pray for Connie Bennett's Upcoming Trip to Trinidad with Medical-Evangelism Team

1. Safety in travel, arrival of all supplies and health for the team. Something seems to happen every year and the prayers keep us safe from Satan's attacks.
2. For financial support needs for every team member to be met!
3. Pray that we will faithfully minister to each person we meet - physically and spiritually - in our travels, medical clinics and in-country interactions.
4. For personal health concerns not to be a hindrance to the mission.
5. For Clay McPherson serving as caretaker of Connie's animals, especially to make friends with Buckwheat.
6. For Pastor Ricky and the local police force who make arrangements for mission work in Trinidad.

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Arie Wright	1/1
Steve Walton	1/4
Mark Sanderson	1/9
Janice Ward	1/9
Stephen Dobbins	1/10
Andrew Newton	1/10
Mark Vestal	1/12
Alex Constable	1/14
Jessica Richardson	1/15
Grady Pack	1/19
Julie Snow	1/20
Jennifer Spaulding	1/20
Elizabeth Barber	1/23
Ava Ickes	1/24
Dottie Latta	1/24
Theo Baulding	1/25
Bryan Jones	1/26
Eliana Ickes	1/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Phillip & Frankie Beaman (17) 1/9

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST ARP

January

- 1 Lord's Supper
- 7 Church Workday - 11 AM
- 11 Joint Officer & Stated Session Meeting
- 15 Install Officers/Commission Connie Bennett to Trinidad
- 15 Choir Rehearsal Resumes
- 16 Men's Lunch
- 16 Men's Gathering - 7 PM
- 18 Ladies Bible Study Resumes - 11 AM
- 22 Sanctity of Life Sunday
- * Young at Heart Luncheon resumes in March
- 24 First Presbytery Meeting, Statesville, NC
- 25 Ladies Bible Study - 11 AM
- 29 Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing and Social - 6 PM
- 30 Burlington Woman's Club - Fellowship Hall

TRUST
in the Lord with all
thine heart and he
shall direct thy paths
PROVERBS 3:5-6

January/February ARP Magazine

You can find the latest ARP magazine here:
<http://www.omagdigital.com/publication/?i=369130>

Nursery:

Jan 15: Kathy Isley & Laurie Isley
Jan 22: Macon Baird and Laurene Howington

Counter:

Jan 15: Jay snow
Jan 22: Glenn Owens

Deacon Duty:

Jan 15: Glenn Owens
Jan 22: Stephen Robinson

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