



# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

## Newsletter

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### From The Session:

POSITIONAL STATEMENT OF THE SESSION  
FIRST ARP CHURCH OF BURLINGTON, NC  
November 2, 2014

The Session of First ARP Church of Burlington, NC finds itself in a most unusual situation concerning Election of Officers for the year 2015 for the following reasons:

1. The church is without a pastor at this time.
2. A Pastoral Search Committee has recently been elected.
3. There are only three active Ruling Elders presently on the Session.

Therefore:

In accordance with the current Form Of Government (FOG) 8.11A, the Session has constituted itself as the nominating committee for the election of officers for the year 2015.

Election Procedure: 8.11A – “The Session itself may constitute as the nominating committee. They shall provide a list of nominees to be certified by the Session.”

In accordance with FOG 8.11B, the Session, serving as the nominating committee will give consideration to all suggested nominees, though the committee is not bound to put forth any or all of the names that were suggested or presented from the congregation.

Election Procedure: 8.11B – “Suggestions from the congregation for nominees shall be solicited by the committee; a congregational meeting may be held to solicit nominations, but no vote shall take place during that meeting. The committee shall give due consideration to all suggested nominees, though they are not bound to put forth any or all of the names given to them. The committee may choose names not suggested by the congregation.”



**Thank you for serving our  
country and protecting our  
freedoms!**

### PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE-UPDATE

The Pastoral Search Committee has begun to move forward in its pursuit to find a Pastor for First ARP. We have been hard at work the last few weeks as we begin our process. We are praying and working to discern God’s will for this Church.

The first couple of weeks have been spent defining the Church’s resume for a Pastor, getting this information posted on the ARP website, Reformed Seminaries websites and talking to certain individuals.

Over the past couple of weeks we have received over 20 resumes. This process is slow and deliberate and sometimes difficult. We must make sure we prayerfully evaluate and consider each candidate.

Pray with us and for us that our Sovereign God will lead us to His man that will help this church grow and thrive.

Macon Baird, Bill Haynes, Dot Hutelmyer, Jim Knox, Gene Parks, John Robinson

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### THANK YOU!

**Thank you** to all who donated money, gifts, and filled shoeboxes to Samaritan’s Purse, Operation Christmas Child. We were able to fill and ship out 15 boxes!

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### INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

**ILLNESS:** **Theo Baulding** (*Crushed Vertebrae & Treatment*); **Jean Cathey** (*Eye Surgery*); **Lillian Fuller** (*upcoming move*); **The Gregorys** (*Hope – Alzheimer’s, Gary – Caregiver*); **Catherine Mangum** (*Hip Surgery - recovering*); **Betty Mann** (*Collarbone Surgery, recovering well*); **Margie Mann** (*Health Issues. Going to Duke for tests*); **Mae Wilburn** (*Home with physical therapy, but still weak*); **Glenn & Margaret Owens** (*Caring for several family members who are ill*); **Lola Knox** (*Scheduled for Mohs skin cancer surgery 11/12/14*); **Pat Pack** (*Eye surgery 11/12/14*)

**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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## VISITING WORLD WITNESS MISSIONARY

On December 7, during the Sunday School hour, Missionary Andy Howard will be at our church to tell us about his work with the ARP Mission Schools in Pakistan. This will take the place of the regular adult classes. Please make a special effort to attend.

### ADVENT SEASON

The preparation of our church for the Advent Season involves "hanging of the greens" and decorating two Narthex trees with chrismon ornaments, and placing the poinsettia plants. Please consider lending a hand for this special occasion on Saturday, November 29, 2014 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Donuts and beverages will be provided.



### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We will enjoy an evening of caroling on Sunday, December 21 at 6 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we bring joy to some of our shut-ins. Any questions? See Ed Limon. We will provide cookies and hot chocolate after we carol.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to have a poinsettia in the church in honor or memory of someone, there are forms and envelopes outside each entrance to the sanctuary. Please complete the form and insert it into the specially marked envelope with your contribution of \$10.00. You may also mail in your order and payment to Gloria. The deadline is November 23.

### FIRST ARP LADIES!

Our **Christmas Party** is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 pm at Mosca's downtown Burlington. We will order off the menu (plan on \$7-\$13), but we will provide a special dessert treat. A gift exchange is planned. Please bring a gift (\$10-\$15 value) if you'd like to participate.

*Please RSVP to Jessica Richardson by Sunday, December 5, 14 at 437-4388 or [richardson.jessica83@gmail.com](mailto:richardson.jessica83@gmail.com).*

### YOUNG AT HEART

Our Young at Heart group will have its Christmas meeting on Tuesday, December 2, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Food items already committed include ham and turkey breast, sweet potato casserole, fruit salad, deviled eggs, pie, bread and drinks. Still needed are vegetables, salads, and desserts. Contact Lola Knox if you have questions concerning the food. FOY EVANS will present the program.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Caleb Sneed	11/1
Phillip Beaman	11/3
Natalie Wright	11/3
Fran Haynes	11/4
Jean Cathey	11/5
Chip Wright	11/8
Marcus Orr	11/9
Pat Montgomery	11/10
Jack Snow	11/10
David Newton	11/12
Rucker Turner	11/12
Stephanie Payne	11/14
Sandy Childrey	11/15
Doris Haywood	11/19
Laurene Howington	11/20
Chelle Spencer	11/20
Martha Alexander	11/22
Ellen Huffman	11/24
Audrey Turner	11/24
Annie Michael	11/26
Laura Nicholson	11/27
Joe Murray	11/28



### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Russ & Joyce Payne (35)	11/3
Jill & William Roy (33)	11/7
Randall & Libby Cobb (28)	11/8
John & Melissa Harris (11)	11/15
Jim & Carolyn Christopher (44)	11/21
Chuck & Mary Renegar (62)	11/22
Steve & Sue Walton	11/27

### NEW ADDRESS

(Effective 11/18/14)  
Dick & Lillian Fuller  
Wesley Manor, Apt. D132  
1555 N. Main St  
Frankfort, Indiana 46041

### MINISTRY REMINDERS

#### Nursery:

Nov 16: Chelle Spencer  
Fran Haynes  
Nov 23: Stephen Robinson  
Isaac Spencer

#### Counter:

Nov 16: David Newton  
Nov 23: Mark Vestal

#### Deacon Duty:

Nov 16: Glenn Owens  
Nov 23: Glenn Owens

### UPCOMING BUSINESS ITEMS

The Congregational Meeting to elect officers and approve the 2015 budget is scheduled for December 7th.