



First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



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From The Pastoral Search Committee:

PASTOR RESUME REQUIREMENTS

Description and Organization

The history of First ARP Burlington, NC has from its beginning been an Evangelical, and Gospel preaching and teaching church. Our church has been in existence for 49 years. Our former Pastor has answered the call of our Lord to shepherd another flock for the building of His Kingdom, and our prayers go with him. Therefore we are seeking a new Senior Pastor.

We value a relevant, sacred and meaningful worship service. Our worship service is traditional and formal in style, with the preaching and the instruction of His word from the pulpit. We value the witness and teaching of His word in our Sunday school department as well.

We are surrounded by and are in a well established thriving and growing neighborhood community. Our church is located within a two to five mile radius of elementary schools, a junior high school, and a senior high school. Our church is also located approximately three miles from Elon University. Most importantly our neighborhood community offers an opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to families and students of all ages.

Job Description

We seek a Senior Pastor who can preach and teach the Gospel with passion and one who can graciously and professionally manage staff roles, delegate responsibility wisely, address and resolve conflicts, and communicate the vision and direction for the church. One who deals with issues head on to bring about stability, peace and purity in the church. Most importantly he would love and shepherd all the people of this congregation and his interactions with them would reflect the love of Christ.

Position Qualifications

The Pastor must be committed to the inspiration, the inerrancy and authority of the Scriptures in all matters of faith and practice. The Word of God is our only rule of faith and practice, with our subordinate being the Westminster Confession of Faith including the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

Our Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church denominational standards require that pastors must be men who are spiritually mature, Reformed in their theology, compassionate, and have earned an under graduate degree and their Master of Divinity degree from an accredited approved Seminary.

The Pastor will be examined by Presbytery on Christian experience, and their views in theology, the Sacraments and church government.

We will only *consider* applicants who meet the requirements as listed above.

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Please visit our website at www.firstarpburlington.org to obtain a visual view of our physical facilities.

BRIDAL SHOWER

The women of the church are invited to a bridal shower honoring Josh Limon and Kimber Palk for their upcoming marriage. The shower will be held at the home of Dot Hutelmyer on Sunday, December 21st. It will be a floating shower from 2- 4 pm. The couple is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.



WEDDING BELLS

Ed and Lynn Limon are happy to announce the upcoming marriage of their son Joshua, to Kimber Leeanne Palk, on Friday, January 2 at 4 pm here at our church. The congregation is welcome to attend the wedding ceremony.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

ILLNESS: **Theo Baulding** (*Crushed Vertebrae & Treatment*); **Jean Cathey** (*Eye laser surgery scheduled 12/8*); **The Gregorys** (*Hope – Alzheimer's, Gary – Caregiver*); **Catherine Mangum** (*Hip Surgery - recovering*); **Mae Wilburn** (*Home with physical therapy, but still weak*); **Glenn & Margaret Owens** (*Caring for several family members who are ill*); **Lola Knox** (*Recovering from skin cancer surgery*); **Pat Pack** (*Recovering from eye surgery*)

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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PAKISTAN

Do you know what's going on there? How much is Pakistan being affected by the trouble in the Middle East? How are the Christian churches affected? Please join us on Sunday, December 7 during the Sunday School hour as Missionary Andy Howard shares his stories from Pakistan. All adult classes are encouraged to attend and support our missionary.

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 this Saturday, November 29, 2014 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Donuts and beverages will be provided.

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.

DEMONINATIONAL OFFERING

Each year at Thanksgiving time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. This offering will be collected through December 7. Please prayerfully consider your part in these ministries.

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.



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.

TRINIDAD MISSION TRIP

Jessie Richardson, Donna Wolff and Connie Bennett will be going on a medical mission January 16th-to the 25th to Trinidad. We would like to raise prayer support and assistance with the costs of the trip. Let us know if you would be willing to pray for us, the trip, the team, and the people we will meet at our clinics. If you wish to give financially you can send a check to: **MTW, P.O. Box 116284, Atlanta, Ga., 30368-6284.** In the memo line put Event# EV5944 and the name of the person to whom you are giving. Thank you for all your caring and praying.

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Nursery:

Nov 30: Karen Jones
Doug Cobb
Dec 7: Nicole Newton
Donna Wolff

Counter:

Nov 30: Bill Haynes
Dec 7: Doug Glass

Deacon Duty:

Nov 30: David Newton
Dec 7: Doug Glass

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Connie Yarbrough	12/03
John Young	12/05
Breten Christopher	12/07
Mary Renegar	12/09
Carol Erb	12/13
Rick Erb	12/14
Jimmy Smith	12/14
Donna Wolff	12/15
Cynthia Ward	12/16
Shauneen Roy	12/19
Caroline Baird	12/27
Maggie Constable	12/28
Dot Hutelmyer	12/28
June Little	12/30
Matt Erb	12/31



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bennett & Janice Richardson (36)	12/16
Graig & Carolyn Pulley (53)	12/17
Glenn & Margaret Owens (51)	12/20
Catherine & Lonnie Mangum	12/21
Larry & Kathy Isley (51)	12/22
Ben & Natalie Wright (11)	12/27

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICER ELECTION ON DECEMBER 7, 2014

The following Elder and Deacon Candidates have been nominated and were certified by the Session:

Bennett Richardson, Elder
John Robinson, Elder
Jay Snow, Elder
(You may vote for up to (3) three)

Macon Baird, Deacon
Stephen Robinson, Deacon
(You may vote for up to (2) Two)

Others nominated are:
Laurene Howington, Treasurer
Doug Glass, Congregational Chair
Dot Hutelmyer, Congregational Chair
Jim Knox, Trustee, Class of 2018
Ferald Mann, Trustee, Class of 2016 (vacant position)
(You may vote for (1) for each position)

The Session recommends that to be elected, a candidate is required to receive a majority of the votes cast.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday.