



From the Pastor:

Dear Church Family,

This time of year, much like the days leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas, can get out from under us pretty quickly!

Spring arrives, Easter festivities bring family and church to life, school is near its end, summer trips are around the corner and time starts to fly!

Be sure to mark your calendars with the events of the church that will help you grow in grace and serve the Lord well. Each newsletter has a calendar of events and various events are promoted specially in my article or throughout the letter. Also, take note of the prayer list. Lift up the needs of the church and be sure to let me know if you have something for the list!

This Sunday evening at 6 PM in the Sanctuary we will have our annual Holy Week Service. Just as we did with our Lessons and Carols Service in early December, we will read and sing our way through the events of Christ's predicted suffering, death and resurrection. Make plans to attend this Sunday, April 9 at 6 PM in the Sanctuary. I think you will be blessed with the reading and singing of God's Word and you will be better prepared to remember and observe the events of redemption. Bring someone along who will be encouraged by the Word read and sung.

On Tuesday, April 11, our church will be hosting First Presbytery's Spring Meeting. We are a part of a Presbytery that covers all of North Carolina, as well as parts of east Tennessee, southwest Virginia and a corner of Kentucky. We expect a crowd of 150 and will host by providing our sanctuary as meeting space, food for the day-long meeting and support all day long for all needs. Pray for our success in hosting and the Presbytery's success in serving the Lord's Church. If you would like to help, please let me know!

Many thanks to all who participated in last Saturday's Spring Workday. Much was accomplished and our building will be ready for First Presbytery next Tuesday, as well as for our own satisfaction in being good stewards over such a fine facility. Our Deacons are always on the lookout for folks capable of maintaining the facility in various ways. Speak to them if you'd like to help out. In addition to the tasks that are covered under various contracts as yard care or cleaning, we can always use folks to tidy up, water plants, straighten pew racks or other small jobs that can be easily overlooked.

Our study in Philippians on Sunday takes us to a statement by the Apostle Paul regarding Gospel proclamation and how it often is performed under hardship, duress or even harsh circumstances. What a reminder on Palm Sunday that someone's hard work and suffering often means others will receive the good news of Jesus Christ!

See you on Sunday,



Easter Breakfast: We would like to enjoy a covered dish breakfast during the Sunday School hour. Get out those wonderful breakfast recipes for all to enjoy from the following ~ *Breakfast Casseroles *Ham/Sausage/Butter Biscuits with Jellies *Fruit. *Beverages provided. We will enjoy breakfast first thing, so bring your dish HOT and READY to serve!

Holy Week Service

Join the congregation on Sunday, April 9 at 6 PM in the Sanctuary as we read and sing our way through the events of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord for many answered prayers in our lives, families and church.

That God would continue to grow our congregation, enabling us to expose others to Biblically sound teaching, and that we might have a more effective impact on the community-at-large.

That the Lord would continue to heal and sustain those with physical and emotional illness.

Pray for mercies for Vicki McPherson's family as her mother recently passed away.

Ask the Lord to grant success to Ben Gregory in his CPA examination.

Recovering Health: Gene Parks (heart), Audrey Turner (heart), Lynn Limon (cancer surgery), Cindy Wright (hip replacement), Connie Bennett (foot surgery), Jean McKinnon (mini-stroke).

Upcoming Surgery: George McKinney (cataracts), Chuck Renegar (cataracts).

Health & Strength: Ariel Constable (injured arm), Tom McPherson (blood clot), Ferald Mann (sciatica), Connie Bennett (Parkinson's).

For Andrew and Norene Brunson suffering persecution in Turkey. Pray for his release from prison and that our nation's leaders would intervene effectively.

Family of the Week: James and Carolyn Constable (Ariel, Alex, McKenna, Owen and Ian).

College Students: Isaac Sasser, Jack Snow, David & Seth Spaulding.

Military: Josh Limon, Stateside and Steven Mendiola, Middle East (Maggie & Baby Girl due August).

Homebound Members: Elizabeth Barber, Theo Baulding, Jean Cathey, Foy Evans, Doris Haywood, June Little, George McKinney, Catherine Mangum, Pat Montgomery, Gene Parks, Mae Wilburn and Al Wright (Memory Care/Hospice).

Local Church: Beacon Baptist Church, Gregory Barkman.

Local Ministry: Caring Kitchen.

Regional Ministry: Ali & Tari Mitchell (ARP Connect/Ministry to Muslims in USA).

Foreign Missions: Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan).

Young at Heart

Our next Young at Heart Luncheon will be April 25. Save the date! More details to come.

Easter Lilies. If you would like to make a contribution for an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year in honor or memory of someone, the forms are located at the Sanctuary entrances. Please fill out the form and place in the envelope provided along with \$12 per plant, and place in the offering by THIS Sunday, April 9. Checks may be made payable to First ARP Church. You may take your plant home on Easter Sunday after the morning service.

Men's Evening Gathering will be April 17 at 7 PM at Panera Bread. We will discuss chapter 2 of *18 Words*.

Easter Denominational Offering

Each year at Easter time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. An insert will be in the *Easter Sunday* bulletin. Please use the special envelope provided. This offering will be collected Easter Sunday, April 16 through Sunday, April 30, 2017.

First ARP Calendar of Events

April

5 Rehearsal for Holy Week Service
 9 Palm Sunday & 6 PM Holy Week Service
 10 Stated Session Meeting
 11 First Presbytery Meeting at First ARP
 12 No Ladies Bible Study - 11 AM
 16 Easter Sunday-9:45 Easter Breakfast
 16 Worship 11 AM
 17 Men's Evening Gathering 7 PM
 19 Ladies Bible Study-11 AM
 25 Young At Heart Luncheon
 26 Ladies Bible Study-11 AM
 30 Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing and Social

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

Alex Newton	4/3
Kay Moore	4/4
Hannah Roy	4/5
James Constable	4/6
Jim Knox	4/6
Patricia Pack	4/6
Glenn Owens	4/8
Steve Kyaw	4/9
Jessica Sneed	4/10
Stephen Crotts	4/14
Gene Parks	4/14
William Roy	4/15
Rachel Pelone	4/17
Randall Cobb	4/21
Russ Payne	4/21
Jean McKinnon	4/25
Debbie Childrey	4/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Seth & Laura Nicholson (11)	4/15
Harold & Shirley Boswell (24)	4/17

Nursery:

Apr 9: John Robinson & Jondeen Terry
 Apr 16: Jimmy Smith & Carol Erb

Counter:

Apr 9: Jay Snow
 Apr 16: Ferald Mann

Deacon Duty:

Apr 9: Glenn Owens
 Apr 16: Larry Isley

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