



## *From the Pastor:*

Dear Church Family,

Our church family is growing! On Sunday in worship we will recognize new members Denise Hummer and Sandra Johnson. They've both been coming to worship and fellowship with us since the latter part of last year. It has been a joy to watch them ease into various parts of church life. Let's be sure to welcome them on Sunday.

Sunday is Mother's Day. I hope you'll take the opportunity to give those in your life whose maternal care was of benefit to you. That most often comes from our natural mothers, however, some of us have no doubt been helped by multiple generations or even those who were not necessarily related to us but became mothers to us.

It's always a challenge to preach national holidays or special days of observance in the USA. There are national days, military days, parental days, presidents days and so on. I think I have made the rounds on Mother's Day from Proverbs 31, Psalm 144, the 5th Commandment and so on.

It just so happens that as we make our way through Philippians that we land this Sunday on the passage regarding humility and service. From the greatest perspective, Jesus is that example of humility, service and self-sacrifice. On this earth, our great example is likely our mothers. Let's look forward to Paul's challenge to serve one another well from Philippians 2:1-4.

You may have noticed a new piece of artwork hanging in the Fellowship Hall. Local artist Natalie George painted the scene of what has the theme of Psalm 1:3 - "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither." Art has always been a large part of the life of the church. From stained glass windows to music that assists congregations in song, art has helped humanity express or view the truths of Scripture in various ways. Stop by and take a peek at the picture!

Please remember in your prayers and financial support our folks who will be making short-term mission trips this summer: Ed Limon (Mexico Music Camp) and Karen Hoke, Lynn Limon and Joyce Payne (Scotland and Wales).

If you'd like to support these missions financially, please make your check payable to First ARP Church and note in the memo "Short-Term Mission Trip". You may drop your check in the offering plate or mail to the church address. All funds are tax-deductible and will be used to facilitate the trip by air and ground travel, food, lodging, insurance and other travel necessities.

God-willing, see you on Sunday!

### **MISSIONS SUNDAY & CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4. Rev. Josh Grimm, along with his wife Ashely and son Isaac will be with us for Sunday School, Worship, and Lunch. Pastor Grimm will share in the Sunday School hour, preach in our morning service, and be available during lunch to tell us about campus ministry at Queens University in Charlotte, NC. They serve through Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's (ARP) partnership with the Presbyterian Church in America's (PCA) Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). Please bring a salad and dessert.

Hello Pastor,

Just a note to say how much I enjoyed the Worship Service and Sunday School Class Sunday. It was good to see so many of my friends. Lou and I loved the many years we were members. The Gideons are grateful to you friends for the faithful support you have given for years. Thank you for the offering of \$198.00 and thank you for your prayers for the Gideon ministry. We depend on you for your continued help.

May God Bless you greatly,

- Jack Hensley

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Give thanks that Lynn Limon received an all-clear scan and remains cancer free!

Recovering Health: George McKinney (cataract surgery), Audrey Turner (at home), Dottie Latta (at home).

Health & Strength: Tom McPherson (blood clot), Ferald Mann (degenerative nerve disease), Connie Bennett (Parkinson's/foot surgery), Cindy Wright (complications with ankle).

Family of the Week: Foy Evans (lives with daughter in Raleigh).

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.

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

Local Church: Hillside Presbyterian Church, Rev. Bill Prince.

Local Ministry: Meals on Wheels (Glenn & Margaret Owens, Jimmy Smith and Gary Gregory - volunteer delivery drivers).

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

Foreign Missions: Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan).

For those in our congregation who are sent on short-term missions: Summer 2017 Wales & Scotland: Karen Hoke, Lynn Limon & Joyce Payne. Mexico Music Camp: Ed Limon.

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

### Young at Heart

Please plan to join us on May 23 for our luncheon at 11:45. The menu will be lasagna and salad. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert. More details to come on the program.

### Save The Date!

August 15th is First ARP night at the Burlington Royals Baseball Game! Tickets are \$6! Also, let Bryan know if you would like to participate in a group to sing the National Anthem--any age!

### Sunday Simple Supper

May 28 after the evening service. Please bring salad bar items such as lettuce, carrots, cucumbers, as well as cheese and other toppings.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Booklets are available at the piano narthex entrance with information that will help you shop year round.

**May:** Sports equipment (Suggestions)

- Soccer balls Amazon sells these (Inflated balls can be deflated)
- Pumps (injector style)

- Footballs
- Nerf balls
- Beach balls
- Jump ropes

**June:** Toiletries

- Soap low scent or unscented
- Toothbrushes no toothpaste
- Brushes & combs
- Washcloths
- Hair ribbons, barrettes & clips
- Covered rubber bands for hair

### First ARP Calendar of Events

#### May

- 15 Stated Session Meeting
- 22 Men's Evening Gathering. Panera Bread. Chapter 3 of 18 Words. - 7 PM
- 23 Young at Heart Luncheon

#### June

- 4 Missions Luncheon & Jubilee Birthday Celebration
- 5 Men's Lunch
- \* No Evening Men's or Women's Studies
- 6-8 General Synod Meeting at Flat Rock, NC
- 11 Lord's Supper
- 19 Stated Session Meeting

## MAY

### BIRTHDAYS

Bill Haynes	5/1
Graig Pulley	5/1
Connie Bennett	5/4
Tom McPherson	5/6
Vicki McPherson	5/6
Lauren Childrey	5/9
Pat Kinney	5/10
Frances Vanderford	5/10
Wendell Turner	5/11
Ben Gregory	5/12
Ian Constable	5/14
Zoey Ensley	5/18
Ben Wright	5/18
David Spaulding	5/20
Shirley Boswell	5/21
Cindy Wright	5/21
Michael Peppo	5/24
Jacob Christopher	5/26
Jason Massey	5/28
Esther Roy	5/28
Kathy Isley	5/30
Mae Wilburn	5/31

### ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Fran Haynes (56)	5/14
David & Nicole Newton (13)	5/15
Larry & Lynn Causey (45)	5/20
Ferald & Betty Mann (50)	5/28

#### Nursery:

May 14: John Robinson & Vicki McPherson  
May 21: Kathy and Laurie Isley

#### Counter:

May 14: Larry Isley  
May 21: Glenn Owens

#### Deacon Duty:

May 14: Stephen Robinson  
May 21: Glenn Owens

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