



From the Pastor:

Dear Congregation,

This Sunday a representative from World Witness, our denomination's missions agency, will be with us in our Sunday School hour to talk to us about short-term opportunities with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. She will also make a presentation on the annual Jubilee Birthday fund that raises money for certain missionaries serving the church.

Shelia Osborne and her husband, Jeff, were commissioned as missionaries with World Witness in 2001. They served in San Luis Potosi and Rio Verde, Mexico. Their ministry together included discipleship courses with adult couples, training children's workers, Bible Clubs and hosting Short-Term Mission Groups. In addition, Shelia established and managed a Lending Library of Christian Education materials for local churches, taught Sunday School, led a women's Bible Study, and taught English.

In March, 2009, they returned to the United States for Jeff to seek medical care for health issues he developed. Shelia currently serves as Coordinator of Short-Term Ministry and Candidates and Liaison to Women's Ministry for World Witness. They are members of Covenant ARP Church in Statesville, NC. Before their service in Mexico, they were active with the Christian Motorcyclists Association, a volunteer evangelistic outreach ministry.

Please make plans to join the church in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 for this informative presentation that will help us see the wide work of our denomination and may possibly show some of us where we may serve in a short-term capacity. The Missions Team will be serving freshly ground coffee and sweet treats!

Our church has sent folks to two fields in the U.S. - Appalachia and Dearborn, as well as to foreign fronts as Mexico, Trinidad, Wales and more!

On another note, let me take a few lines to point out our summer schedule for church: For the summer months, All Sunday School Classes, as well as morning and evening service will continue as they are now. May 29 at 6 PM is our 5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social. The next 5th Sunday event will be July 31. Our next congregational lunches are June 5 and July 17. Menus and needs will be published in upcoming newsletters. The annual tea for our women is Saturday, August 13. Our annual Ministry Fair, where you will be able to look at our ministries and sign up for ministry teams will be during Sunday School on August 21. Mark your calendars!

Add to your prayer lists the annual meeting of the General Synod of the ARP Church. All ministers and ruling elder delegates will gather at Bonclarken, our denomination's conference center, to meet June 6-9. Pray for our Church as we strive to be faithful to the Lord and His people.

Summer is right upon us!

See you Sunday,

**SHORT-TERM MISSIONS &
JUBILEE BIRTHDAY REPORT**

This Sunday, Sheila Osborne, a representative from World Witness, will be here during the Sunday School hour to speak about short-term missions opportunities through the denomination. She will also speak about the Jubilee Birthday Celebration Offering that we collect each year. Additionally, Ed and Lynn Limon will share about their summer missions opportunity in Mexico.

MISSIONS SUNDAY & CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 5. Drew and Lauren Goodman will be with us for Sunday School, Worship, and Lunch. Pastor Goodman will share in the Sunday School hour, preach in our morning service, and be available during lunch to tell us about their pastoral ministry in Wales. They serve through the denomination's World Witness agency and serve the evangelical church in Wales. Karen Hoke will be coordinating the meal.

YOUNG AT HEART

Our next luncheon is Tuesday May 24 at 11:45 am. The menu will be sandwiches, salads and desserts. All food contributions will be greatly appreciated. We are planning a short devotional and a time of sharing.

LIMON MISSIONS FUND

Want to support Ed & Lynn Limon's trip to lead Music Camp in Mexico during the month of July? Your prayers and financial contributions are appreciated! Please make your check payable to First ARP Church and note in the memo "Limon 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 for this ministry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST ARP

May

- 19 Stated Session Meeting
- 22 Sunday School with missionary, Sheila Osborne
- 24 Young at Heart
- 29 5th Sunday Hymn Sing & Social

June

- 5 Lord's Supper
- 5 Missions Luncheon
- 6-9 General Synod
- 6 Men's Lunch
- 16 Stated Session Meeting
- 19 Father's Day
- 28 Young at Heart

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Haynes	5/1
Graig Pulley	5/1
Connie Bennett	5/4
Tom McPherson	5/6
Vicki McPherson	5/6
Sue Walton	5/8
Lauren Childrey	5/9
Pat Kinney	5/10
Frances Vanderford	5/10
Wendell Turner	5/11
Ben Gregory	5/12
Ian Constable	5/14
Mary Jane Glass	5/16
Zoey Ensley	5/18
Ben Wright	5/18
David Spaulding	5/20
Shirley Boswell	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

Matt & Britt Causey (13)	5/10
Bill & Fran Haynes (55)	5/14
David & Nicole Newton (12)	5/15
Larry & Lynn Causey (44)	5/20
Ferald & Betty Mann (49)	5/28

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

We welcome Laurene Howington to the staff at First ARP! You may reach her at the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Her email is finance@firstarpburlington.org.

Nursery:

May 22: Nicole Newton & Macon Baird
May 29: Dot Hutelmyer & Vicki McPherson

Counter:

May 22: John Robinson
May 29: Bill Haynes

Deacon Duty:

May 22: Glenn Owens
May 29: Stephen Robinson