



From the Pastor:

Dear Church Family,

By now you've become familiar with a few phrases that I say over and over. Before the ushers step forward to take up our offering I always say, "Let us worship God as we give to him His tithes and our offerings." Sometimes when we have an employment need and offer prayer I may ask that "God would give (the unemployed) work so that they can provide for their own needs, help the poor and tithe to the Lord."

One of the great benefits of being a church family is that we can assist one another when needed. Romans 12:13 teaches us to "contribute to the needs of the saints." Over the first quarter of this year, our Deacons' Fund has been depleted as we have offered needed assistance in a few areas of opportunity. The Deacons are requesting that, if you feel so led, to take the opportunity to replenish those funds by making a donation to the church as a love offering. If you desire to do so, make your check to the church and mark LOVE in the memo. Your gifts will assist the Deacons in meeting any needs that should arise in the body. Your offering will be, as Paul tells the Corinthians, "an act of grace", "a wealth of generosity" and a "relief for the saints" (I Cor. 8).

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.

Let's remember our Christian brother Andrew Brunson as he remains in prison in Turkey. The most recent update is that many meetings have taken place with all sorts of leaders from the U.S. working towards his release. This brother and his family have served the church and our denomination well. Let's not forget to remember him in his imprisonment, sufferings, needs and in our daily prayers.

Finally, let me encourage you to pick up a Family Bible Conference brochure at the various locations throughout the church building and consider attending this year. This conference is hosted by Bonclarken (our denomination's retreat center) and produced by Christian Education Ministries (our denomination's education arm). It is most always the last week of July. It is a Tuesday-Thursday retreat with morning and evening preaching, afternoon free time and various sessions for topical teaching.

This year's theme is: HOPE AND HERITAGE: SECURE AND CONFIDENT IN OUR COVENANT-KEEPING GOD - a study of the life of Abraham in the mornings and an unfolding of covenantal theology in the evenings with engaging seminars on the Reformation from various scholars.

Lord-willing, see you on Sunday as we worship God, hear from Paul's marching orders to the Philippians church about living like they are from heaven and observe the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Bryson



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).

Thank you!

Jean McKinnon wishes to express gratitude to those who called, visited and prayed for her during her recent illness.

Dear ARP Friends,

Thank you for the love, prayers, and cards during my sister's illness. I love my church family.

Love to all,
Jondeen Terry

PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

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

Health & Strength: Tom McPherson (blood clot), Ferald Mann (sciatica), Connie Bennett (Parkinson's/foot surgery), Glenn McPherson (Tom's father), Vass Barbour (Vicki's father), Cindy Wright (complications with ankle).

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: Rick, Carol and Matt Erb.

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: Northside Presbyterian Church, Rev. Jim Mitchell.

Local Ministry: Gideons.

Regional Ministry: Jesse & Shayna Wesselink (International Students in Triad).

Foreign Missions: Drew & Lauren Goodman (Pastor in Wales).

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.

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!

Opportunities for Bible Study and Fellowship!

Please see the highlighted dates in the Calendar of Events below.

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

- 7 Lord's Supper
- 10 Ladies Bible Study Luncheon
- 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 7: Jondeen Terry & Fran Haynes
May 14: John Robinson & Vicki McPherson

Counter:

May 7: Stephen Robinson
May 14: Larry Isley

Deacon Duty:

May 7: Larry Isley
May 14: Stephen Robinson

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