



From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

The Lord has blessed our church family in many ways - 51 years of ministry, a multi-generational congregation, new members and a wonderful facility for worship, fellowship and more!

Behind the scenes and often hidden from many of your eyes, we have those who spend a number of hours taking care of our property. A day was spent recently by one overseeing the maintenance of our heating and air systems. A group spent considerable time ensuring our sanctuary moisture issues were settled. There's a weekly walk-through before Sunday events to see that all is in order when we show up for Sunday School and Worship.

From time to time it is good for those of us who are able to join forces with our Deacons and lend a hand. It shows our gratitude for the other tasks they perform and it allows us to take pride and responsibility for our property.

This Saturday's 9 AM workday is in need of your time and energy. And if you have it, a wheelbarrow and shovel! Our Deacons have lined up a load of mulch to be delivered and it will need to be carted and spread in each of our natural areas. Additional projects include power washing the storage building, mending the back fence and cleaning the nursery toys.

If you are able, let's pitch in to help care for and beautify our property.

Sunday is Mother's Day! I hope that you will take the time to honor your moms. Write them a note of thanks. Remember their Godly labors on your behalf.

We will take a break from our study of Hebrews to consider the 5th Commandment - "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12 ESV) This is a wonderful passage to assist us in remembering our duties towards Moms (and Dads and others in authority over us). God prescribes a way to live in harmony with others, a way to find success in life and a way to secure his blessing if we so obey him.

I hope that many more of you might consider attending our Sunday evening service. We enjoy a rich time of song, catechism, fellowship, prayer and a study of the Psalms. It is a great way to end the Lord's Day - in God's house with His people!

Please note that our next 5th Sunday Hymn and Social will be on Sunday evening, May 29 at 6 PM. Make plans for this fun evening together!

See you Sunday,

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WORK DAY - Saturday, May 7 th at 9 AM.

Please bring your gloves, shovels and a wheelbarrow to assist in spreading mulch in all of our natural areas. Speak to Glenn Owens if you have questions.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS & JUBILEE BIRTHDAY REPORT

On May 22, 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.

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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST ARP

May

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| 4 | WM morning Bible Study |
| 5 | Men's Evening Study |
| 8 | MOTHER'S DAY |
| 10 | WM evening book study |
| 11 | WM morning Bible Study |
| 19 | Stated Session Meeting |
| 22 | Sunday School with missionary, Sheila Osborne |
| 24 | Young at Heart |
| 29 | 5th Sunday Hymn Sing & Social |

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

BULLETIN BOARDS

Please stop by the bulletin boards near the new narthex entrance. There you will find current announcements and recent notes of appreciation.

Nursery:

May 8: Bryan Ickes & Nicole Newton
May 15: Fran Haynes & John Robinson

Counter:

May 8: Ferald Mann
May 15: David Newton

Deacon Duty:

May 8: Glenn Owens
May 15: Stephen Robinson

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