

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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## *From the Pastor:*

Dear Congregation,

A few weeks ago I wrote that we had landed...sort of. Well, I am happy to report that we are semi-settled.

Movers brought over our household goods from Tennessee nearly two weeks ago. We have unpacked, sorted and put in place many of our belongings.

Who knows when it will end? What a task!

Our children have enjoyed opening their boxes. It's been like Christmas in May. Mandy and I have enjoyed seeing some of our treasured possessions as well.

As things come to order, we can enjoy some functions of family life: Sunday lunch, homeschool, playing with toys, sleeping, lounging on the couch and sleeping in our own beds.

The not-so-fun functions have come as well. I've mowed the yard three times. As I write this article, the vacuum cleaner is in full operation. Dishes, laundry and house repairs have also begun to make their demands.

It has been a joy to move to Burlington and to begin our labors in your midst.

We are grateful to you all for your reception of us. It's been great to worship, visit Sunday School classes, make pastoral visits, and attend a few meetings of the church.

Our hearts are overwhelmed by your gracious gifts to us these past weeks. We've had meals delivered, some have come to help rearrange furniture or other items too heavy to move ourselves and others have helped remove a mountain boxes with their stuffing.

Your gifts to us at Sunday's welcome lunch were a blessing. In old days, churches would "pound" the pastor's family to help fill the pantry. It has taken a new form these days - electronic gift cards to the local grocery stores. We have been graciously "pounded" and we thank you!

Summer months are fast upon us. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I will be spending my first 60 days learning the church and preparing to lead the church forward in her ministries.

Thirty days are nearly past and the next thirty will pass quickly.

Pray for your Session as we seek God's will. Together, with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we can lead First ARP in to the coming years.

Keep the faith,



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## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, June 7 during worship. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important way in which the Lord graciously feeds his saints.

Q. 96. What is the Lord's supper?

A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Q. 97. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

## **PASTOR CROTTS' SCHEDULE**

Pastor Crotts may be reached via phone or text message at 336-944-2892. His e-mail address is [pastor@firstarpburlington.org](mailto:pastor@firstarpburlington.org) His office hours are Monday-Thursday. Please don't hesitate to contact the pastor for any needs you may have!

## WELCOME TO THE PULPIT GUEST MINISTERS

Rev. Dan Layman will be preaching on Sunday, May 31. He is the associate pastor at Ambassador Presbyterian (ARP) in Apex. On Sunday, June 7, Rev. Dr. Andrew Goodman will be visiting with us to update the church on his upcoming mission work in Wales. He will also be preaching during worship as Pastor Crotts leads worship and serves the Lord's Supper. Please be sure to welcome these men as they labor in our midst.

### LADIES EVENTS!

**Ladies Mystery Dinner** has been rescheduled. Please join us on Friday, July 10, 2015 from 6 to 8pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. All ages invited & please invite friends!

Please RSVP to Jessica Richardson 336-437-4388 or [richardson.jessica83@gmail.com](mailto:richardson.jessica83@gmail.com) for important information.

**SAVE THIS DATE!** Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 2:00pm! More information to come soon.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study: Sunday, June 14 immediately after service. All women are invited.

### A NOTE FROM YOUR DEACONS

If you are aware of any maintenance issues here is a list of who you may contact:

**Doug Glass** for issues regarding the exterior buildings

**Macon Baird** for any issues regarding the new narthex, classrooms, and hallway.

**Stephen Robinson** for any issues regarding the Fellowship Hall.

**David Newton** for any issues regarding the Sanctuary and Choir Room.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

**ILLNESS:** Please be in prayer for the following -- Tim Bessette; Owen Constable; Foy Evans; Gary, Hope, & Ben Gregory; Ellen Huffman; Peggy Mitchell; Margaret Owens; Margaret's sister Carolyn Turbyfill; Mary Renegar (Recent MOHS surgery); Kathryn Richardson (Graduation). **Remember all our shut-ins.**

**CHURCH NEEDS:** Pray for Rev. Bryan Crotts as he assumes pastorate of our church, and for the family's adjustment to a new home in Burlington.

**MISSIONARIES:** Andy & Nannette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Chile), Ali & Tara Mitchell (ARP Connect), Jubilee Birthday Ladies – Sheila Osborne & Nannette Howard

**OTHER MISSIONS:** Jesse Wesselink (International Students, Inc), Siloam Missionary Homes, Alamance Pregnancy Center, Allied Churches, Meals on Wheels.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Heather Hayes	6/6
Kevin Hutelmyer	6/8
Steven Cobb	6/16
Kelton Christopher	6/17
Audrey Sneed	6/17
Judy Barnhardt	6/18
Aaric Newton	6/21
Kasey Burwell	6/23
Kristen Carter	6/23
Lainey Childrey	6/23
Helen Parks	6/30

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Travis & Kristen Carter (2)	6/1
Jim & Lola Knox (59)	6/8
Bryan & Mandy Crotts (16)	6/19
Grady & Patricia Pack (60)	6/19
Karen & Bryan Jones (28)	6/20
Doug & Mary Jane Glass (35)	6/28

### SESSION MEETING

The Session next meets on Monday, June 15 at 7 pm.

### NURSERY WORKER NEEDED

Please contact Gloria if you are able to serve in the Nursery on June 7, 2015. Gloria's email address is [gloria@firstarpburlington.org](mailto:gloria@firstarpburlington.org)

### MINISTRY REMINDERS

#### Nursery:

May 31: Macon Baird  
Donna Wolff  
June 7: Nicole Newton

#### Elder Greeter:

May 31: Jim Knox  
June 7: Gene Parks

#### Counter:

May 31: Bennett Richardson  
June 7: Stephen Robinson  
**Deacon Duty:**  
May 31: David Newton  
June 7: Stephen Robinson

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