



From the Pastor:

Dear Congregation,

Every Lord's Day is special! It is the day of resurrection. It is God's gift of a day to rest, worship and observe all that God is and has done and will do.

We gather physically on Saddle Club Road to meet the Lord together in worship. We also gather together spiritually with the saints across earth and heaven who are united to Christ.

A special dialogue ensues. God greets us and we are summoned into his presence. We sing his praises, affirm our faith, confess our sins and seek his pardon. God grants us forgiveness by faith in Christ.

The word of God is read, prayed and preached. The congregation gives to God HIS tithes, OUR offerings and we offer our very lives as his servants - redeemed to do his bidding.

Sunday has been called the "market day of the soul" - the day of the week not to resupply our pantries or cupboards, but to replenish our souls! We come to give to God for sure, but we come to receive, to get filled full of grace that we might live out of that grace all week - until the next Lord's Day.

Our first Sundays each month are extra special as the Session has designated those as Lord's Supper Sundays. Not only are we fed by the Word, but also the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is served. We remember Christ's sacrifice. We observe the special redemption that is ours in the obedience, substitutionary atonement, death and resurrection of Christ. And Christ nourishes us specially and spiritually through this meal.

Your task for preparing for worship? Get up, get ready, come. That's the simplest step! Think on Christ - your sin, his gift of salvation and your faith to rest in him alone for your salvation. Listen well. The Holy Spirit will work, Christ will bless and you will know that you have been in God's presence.

On Sunday, June 5, our Missions Team will be hosting our annual Missions Emphasis Sunday. Drew and Lauren Goodman, along with their 3 children, will be with us that day. Drew is a minister from our Presbytery serving as a missionary pastor at a local church in Wales. You might say he is "borrowed" by the church there. At 9:45 AM that day, the Goodmans will present their work to us during the Sunday School hour. In worship, Pastor Goodman will be preaching about the redemptive meaning of Christ's healing ministry for us today, as it points us to His redemption on the cross, giving us hope in our own suffering. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served during worship as well.

After worship, there will be a congregational lunch served in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to stay over for the meal, which will be provided by the Hospitality Team, and enjoy fellowship with one another and the Goodman family.

After the meal, we will celebrate the Jubilee Birthday, an annual opportunity we participate in with our denomination. The Jubilee Birthday was first observed on the 50th anniversary of the denomination sending its first female missionary out to serve. This fund, raised each year as the Jubilee Birthday is observed, supplements the support of two female missionaries from within their denomination. Uniquely, it supports 2 females who have their own ministry and not one that is shared with a spouse.

Please consider setting aside some funds other than your regular tithes and offerings and you may make the donation at lunch on Sunday, June 5. You may donate cash or write a check to the church, noting Jubilee Birthday in the memo line. We will have a basket available for your gifts.

Let me take these last lines to thank you for your kind support for Ed and Lynn Limon's upcoming mission to Mexico. You have been generous and their fund raising goal has nearly been reached! Let's also give our efforts to supporting their daughter Kelly in her summer internship in Honduras. Information for supporting both mission efforts is in this newsletter.

Blessings to you!

MISSIONS SUNDAY & CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

Please join us THIS 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 is coordinating the meal.

MEN'S LUNCH

Men's Lunch will meet Monday, June 6 at Noon at Southbound Sandwich Works. Our discussion will be chapter 5 in Masculine Mandate.

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.

Support for Kelly Limon's Summer Mission

Internship may be directed to: Mission to the World Donations - P.O. Box 2589 - Suwanee, GA 30024-0982. Please note her account number #14265 in the memo line and all gifts will be directed to her ministry support needs for her trip in late June through July 2016.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST ARP

June

- 5 Lord's Supper
- 5 Missions Luncheon
- 6-9 General Synod
- 6 Men's Lunch
- 14 Women's Ministry Book Study, 7 PM
- 16 Stated Session Meeting
- 19 Father's Day

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|------|
| Dick Wright | 6/4 |
| Heather Hayes | 6/6 |
| Kevin Hutelmyer | 6/8 |
| Steven Cobb | 6/16 |
| Kelton Christopher | 6/17 |
| Audrey Sneed | 6/17 |
| Judy Bernhardt | 6/18 |
| Aaric Newton | 6/21 |
| Kasey Burwell | 6/23 |
| Kristen Carter | 6/23 |
| Lainey Childrey | 6/23 |
| Helen Parks | 6/30 |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Travis & Kristen Carter (3) | 6/1 |
| Jim & Lola Knox (60) | 6/8 |
| Stephen & Kathryn Crofts (43) | 6/16 |
| Bryan & Mandy Crofts (17) | 6/19 |
| Grady & Patricia Pack (61) | 6/19 |
| Bryan & Karen Jones (29) | 6/20 |
| Doug & Mary Jane Glass (36) | 6/28 |

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOOK STUDY

Please join us June 14 at 7 PM at the church as we continue our study in *Extravagant Grace* chapters 9 and 10.

Nursery:

June 5: Carol Erb & Macon Baird
June 12: John Robinson & Vicki McPherson

Counter:

June 5: Bennett Richardson
June 12: Steve Kyaw

Deacon Duty:

June 5: Stephen Robinson
June 12: Glenn Owens

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