



From the Pastor:

Dear Congregation,

Our congregation is privileged to be part of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Since our congregation's start in 1965, we have been part of this national church.

What exactly does that mean for us? What are the benefits?

We are connected to other like-minded churches. We adhere to the Bible as God's Word, the Westminster Standards (Confession & Larger and Shorter Catechisms) as our expression of faith and the system of Presbyterian government.

Being connected means that we are not alone. We stand with others in every aspect of church life. We don't have to reinvent the wheel but jump aboard with a group already doing what we are doing. It also gives us collective benefits like legal counsel, human resource assistance, benefits for employees and more.

In our day, a denomination that remains steadfast to the Word of God is rather odd. Many have rejected God's Word in various ways and follow the course of this world, humanistic thinking or follow their own sinful impulses. We are blessed to submit to the eternal Word of God in areas of worship, belief, life and duty.

The Westminster Standards, a gift to the church from the protestant reformation and English Parliament in the 1600's is an amazing statement on what the Bible teaches. It is a fine summary, a wonderful teaching tool and a useful measuring stick for the church of God. It is a subordinate standard to the Bible in that the Bible is our ultimate source, while the Standards help us understand the Bible's vast teachings.

Our Presbyterian government (Form of Government, Book of Discipline and Book of Worship) is helpful to us as we navigate order, deal with issues, and operate as an organization.

So, this week, our national church meets to maintain these standards. Every pastor has the right to sit and deliberate. Each church is able to send one or more elders, depending on membership size.

Pray for our participation this week. John Robinson is serving as the Elder Delegate and I will attend as a minister.

May God's Church prosper!

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.

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

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

July

- 3 Lord's Supper
- 4 Independence Day
- 11 Men's Lunch
- 12 Women's Ministry Book study, 7 PM
- 14 Stated Session Meeting
- 17 Congregational Lunch
- 31 5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Social, 6 PM

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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

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



Nursery:

June 12: John Robinson & Vicki McPherson
June 19: Fran Haynes & Sarah Ickes

Counter:

June 12: Steve Kyaw
June 19: Ferald Mann

Deacon Duty:

June 12: Glenn Owens
June 19: Stephen Robinson

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