



From the Pastor:

Dear Congregation,

Summer greetings to you this hot, busy and fast-moving time of year! Allow me to highlight a few events for you that will help you grow, fellowship and serve in our church body.

Please remember that this Sunday's planned luncheon has been cancelled due to the air conditioning system in the Fellowship Hall being out of service. Our next fellowship meal together is planned for a homecoming celebration on Sunday, September 25. Lord-willing, our contractor will be installing our new HVAC systems for the Fellowship Hall and Education Hallway next week.

On Sunday evening, July 31, we will have our next Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social. I hope to see you there as we sing, eat ice cream and fellowship together! We will meet at 6 PM.

Be sure to congratulate Jay and Julie Snow on the birth of their granddaughter, Audrey Grace. She was born July 5th at 12:40 PM and measured 7 pounds, 5 ounces and 19 inches long. Please pray for John, Kristen and baby Audrey Grace as they grow together as a family! Don't forget to ask great-grandmother Jean McKinnon to show you her pictures of the little one!

Keep the Limon family in your prayers as they are scattered about serving our Lord. Kelly is several weeks in on her service trip to Honduras. She writes, "Being here in Honduras has helped me to see how much better I have it in the United States. I have been working at a house for single mothers here called Hogar de Esperanza (House of Hope). The youngest mother in this home is 13 years old. It's hard to imagine how girls so young are not only taking care of themselves, but taking care of their children as well. This work has impacted me spiritually. I see how God is working here, showing the girls how much He loves them. Most of the girls are understanding this love of the Father, since most feel they never had an earthly father. I see opportunity to share more with these girls about God and His love and grace." Ed and Lynn will be several weeks in the south of Mexico serving the church by encouraging those who labor in assisting the churches there to worship our Lord and Savior. Pray for safety, health, sleep, energy and opportunity so that God is most glorified and his people are encouraged!

Women of the Church - make sure to mark your calendars for our annual Ladies Tea to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 13 at 2 PM. Please feel free to invite friends and family members to attend. This is for our ladies of all ages! And, be sure to bring your favorite tea cup for your own use. You will get to hear about the book study and Bible study offerings for our ladies for the upcoming year.

Finally, our Deacons will be holding a workday on Saturday, July 30 at 9 AM. The chore list for the day includes both inside and outside tasks. If you have a wheel barrow and the proper tools for spreading mulch, please bring those with you. If you have some expertise in pruning roses, be sure to help us trim our many rose plants. See Glenn Owens if you have any questions.

It's been some time since we have studied Hebrews together. This Sunday we will be resuming our verse-by-verse study of this wonderful epistle written to the early church and to us. Our passage will be Hebrews 10:19-25. In this passage, the unknown writer moves from his lengthy section on truths of our faith to specific duties that Christians are obligated to do based on God's grace in their lives. It leads us up to the great chapter 11, which shows us how many famous bible saints lived lives of faith and perseverance in the midst of hardship in the world. I believe we will find great encouragement from these upcoming sermons from chapters 11-13 of Hebrews.

If the Lord is gracious, see you on Sunday!

MEN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Men's Gathering. Men's Thursday evening gathering will be Thursday, July 14 at 7 PM at Panera Bread. Our discussion will be chapter 3 in *Masculine Mandate*.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The fifth First Presbyterian Women's Ministries Retreat will be held this fall at Bonclarken on November 4-5.

The theme for the retreat is God's Marvelous Grace. Barbara Duguid who has written the book *Extravagant Grace*, will share her story of God's amazing grace. The purpose of this retreat is to grow in our understanding of God's Word and to have fellowship with our sisters across the Presbytery. The annual meeting for the Presbyterian is part of the retreat this year and is to be held after lunch on Saturday.

Details regarding the retreat are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. We hope you will consider joining us again for a time of Bible study, renewal and fellowship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST ARP

July

14	Men's Evening Gathering
21	Stated Session Meeting
30	Church Workday - 9 AM
31	5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Social, 6 PM

August

2	Women's Ministry Leadership Training
7	Lord's Supper
8	Men's Lunch
9	Women's <i>Extravagant Grace</i> Book Study, 7 PM
11	Men's Evening Gathering
13	Women's Tea
18	Joint Officer & Stated Session Meeting
21	Ministry Fair

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Childrey	7/2
Lynne Causey	7/5
Jamie Terry	7/8
Liam Hutelmyer	7/11
Owen Constable	7/13
Bryan Ickes	7/13
McKenna Constable	7/14
Chris Hutelmyer	7/14
Kathryn Richardson	7/15
Erik Ensley	7/16
Jondeen Terry	7/16
Ferald Mann	7/18
Patrick Crotts	7/24
Laurie Isley	7/30
Clay McPherson	7/30
Kevin Limon	7/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Betty Bessette (44)	7/1
Dick & Cyndy Wright (39)	7/2
George & Mary Lou McKinney	7/26
Donald & Sandy Childrey	7/29

MID-YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Be sure to go by the Fellowship Hall to get your contribution statement for January - June 2016

Nursery:

July 17: Macon Baird & Vicki McPherson
July 24: John Robinson & Dot Hutelmyer

Counter:

July 17: John Robinson
July 24: Bill Haynes

Deacon Duty:

July 17: Stephen Robinson
July 24: Glenn Owens

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