



# First Associate Reformed PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Church Family,

Some time ago, a trade or special skill was often passed down from one generation to another through apprenticeship.

A young man, for example, would go to work for a master carpenter and learn his trade. Through daily work alongside one who knew a skill well, he could, in time, work himself into a career. This was true of cobblers, blacksmiths, silversmiths, tinkers and so on.

When I was working towards becoming a minister of the Gospel, some of the same features of apprenticeship were available to me. I was taught by men who had long careers in pastoral ministry. That teaching took place in the classrooms at seminary and in the halls, study and sanctuary of my local church. I am where I am today in ministry, skills and learning because others took time with me.

The apostle Paul, when teaching young pastor Timothy, says to him: "What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2 *ESV*)

The idea is that ministers ought to pass down the truth of the Gospel, as well as Gospel ministry skills, to those who can serve others.

In one of my previous charges we had a group of several ministerial students who were trained and sent off to serve the church. It was a great joy to participate in their training and to see them off to ministries where they have been effective servants.

Last Sunday I was honored to preach at the installation service of one of these men who has trained and gone out to serve the church of Christ. While I missed being with my congregation, it was a joy to see a faithful man serving in a place where his gifts will well serve the local church. It was also a joy to preach to his congregation, bringing the word of God to bear regarding the motives of a minister for the work that he does for them.

On Sunday nights, beginning this Sunday, we will take a break from the Psalms to have a short series on the Beatitudes from Matthew 5. I hope you will join us for this rich study of how children of the King live for His glory and the good of others. If you want a special spiritual treat, let me encourage you to give Sunday nights a try—we sing, pray and hear from God's Word. And we like to eat together on the last night of each month!

I mentioned a few Sundays back that there would be an upcoming Sunday School class on the subject of Heaven. This class will begin on August 6 and will last four weeks. It will meet in the Fellowship Hall classroom. Let me know if you have any questions!

*Bryson*

Young at Heart ❤️ July 25 at 11:45 A.M.

Chaplain Morzingo of the NCARNG will talk on the National Guard Chaplaincy program. Burgers & trimmings provided. Bring salads & desserts if desired.

*You are invited to  
the annual Ladies Tea*



*at First Associate Reformed  
Presbyterian Church, Burlington  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
in the Fellowship Hall  
on Saturday, August 12, 2017*

R.S.V.P. by e-mailing  
[ministrycoordinator@firstarpburlington.org](mailto:ministrycoordinator@firstarpburlington.org)  
or by texting or calling (336) 944-2901.

**CHURCH-WIDE WORKDAY!**  
Saturday, July 22 at 9 A.M. until...



**Inside and outside chores for big  
and little, young and old!**

**(Cleaning nursery toys, tidying the  
kitchen, window washing, neatening  
pew racks, pressure washing,  
pruning, clearing the corner  
woods...!)**

**(Breakfast & snacks provided!)**

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's

**FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE**

is July 24-27 at Bonclarken.

Brochures are available at the sanctuary  
entrances or visit [arp.cem.org](http://arp.cem.org).

## THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Health & Strength:

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's/foot surgery), Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain), Jean Cathey (eye surgery), Lola Knox (strength for cancer treatment & healing), Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize), Jackie Smith (cataract surgery #2), Audrey Turner, Cindy Wright, Missionary Nathan Olson (brain infection), Rev. Rhett Sanders (complications from brain surgery)

For our homebound members: Elizabeth Barber, Theo Baulding, Jean Cathey, Foy Evans, Doris Haywood, June Little, George McKinney, Catherine Mangum, Pat Montgomery, Gene Parks, Mae Wilburn and Al Wright.

Karen Hoke as she prepares to move on or before September 1st.

For Ed Limon on short-term missions trip to Mexico Music Camp

Family of the Week: The Larry Isley Family

Foy Evans desire to move back to Burlington, details to fall into place

Emergency Workers, Law Enforcement Officers and Armed Forces: Josh Limon, Stateside; Steven Mendiola, Middle East (Maggie & Baby Girl due August)

For Andrew and Norene Brunson suffering persecution in Turkey. Pray for his release from prison and that our nation's leaders would intervene effectively. ([worldwitness.org](http://worldwitness.org) & search Brunson Update)

That we'd be salt and light in our spheres of influence as we go about our daily lives in our community.

Local Church: First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham, Pastor Kent Butterfield

Allied Churches

Ali & Tari Mitchell (ARP Connect/Ministry to Muslims in USA)

Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan)

For the Church of God to grow through the work of Central Services, the agency of the Executive Board of General Synod, which exists to support and encourage churches, pastors, agencies, and boards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Ask for God to grant wisdom for those who serve in seats of authority: parents, earthly masters, governors, judges and officers of the law.

### Save The Date!

8/6 & 8/13 🎵 Practice singing the National Anthem following the Sunday Night service for First ARP Night @ the Burlington Royals 🏆 8/15

8/12 ☕ Ladies Annual Tea Party at 2 in the afternoon

Host a table or bring a treat? Call or text Mandy Crotts at 336-944-2901.

10/14 **Fall Festival:** Bar-B-Que & Fixins, Games, and Bluegrass Music with special guest Dewey Brown! Begins at 4 P.M.

### First ARP Calendar of Events

#### July

19 Cat Kids - 6:30 P.M.  
24-27 Family Bible Conference  
25 Young @ ❤️ Luncheon-11:45 A.M.  
30 Sunday School:  
Missionaries Jeff & Lisa Long  
30 Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing & Social  
6 P.M.

#### August

2 Cat Kids - 6:30 P.M.  
6 Lord's Supper  
7 Men's Lunch @ Southbound - 12 noon  
8 Ladies Evening Book Study - 7 P.M.

### JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Crotts	7/24
Sandra Johnson	7/24
Laurie Isley	7/30
Clay McPherson	7/30
Kevin Limon	7/31
Gage Roy	8/4
Josh Limon	8/11
Ossie Spaulding	8/12
Catherine Mangum	8/13

### ANNIVERSARIES

Julie & Jay Snow	8/2
Lynn & Ed Limon	8/10
Carolyn & James Constable	8/23

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:

Samaritan's Purse recommends shopping all year long for supplies to fill Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in November to share with children around the world. Right now is a great time to purchase crayons, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, small writing tablets, markers, colored pencils and socks and t-shirts. See [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) for lists.

### RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

On [ligonier.org](http://ligonier.org) you have access to almost 8,000 resources to help you grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Also, the booklet containing daily readings—*TABLETALK*—can be mailed to your home.

#### Nursery:

July 23: Macon Baird & Jondeen Terry  
July 30: Vicki McPherson & Donna Wolff

#### Counter:

July 23: Larry Isley  
July 30: Stephen Robinson

#### Deacon on Duty:

July 23: Glenn Owens  
July 30: Larry Isley

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