



From the Pastor:

Dear Friends in Christ,

If I were to list for you some of the most important shaping influences in my life, one of them would certainly be the work of the Tripp brothers - Paul and David Tripp. Related to them would be the many wonderful resources from the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation (CCEF). They follow the Bible's teaching on how people are made, how sin affects them and what Biblical steps towards change can do to redeem people.

Long before children came to our home, my then school-teaching wife attended a Christian education conference where Tedd Tripp was one of the main session speakers. The afterglow discussions from the conference led us to his of books on parenting. As we read his book entitled *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, the biblical model he presented made such good sense to us and has since then been our favorite parenting resource. It follows the Scriptures and is quite practical. A companion book has been written by Ginger Hubbard entitled *Don't Make Me Count to Three*. She writes from a mother's in-the-trenches perspective on following his teaching on parenting.

On Friday, September 9 in the evening and Saturday, September 10 in the morning, Tedd Tripp will be speaking at Harvest Baptist Church in Burlington. He will be presenting his parenting seminar on *Shepherding a Child's Heart*. This is a rare occasion for any parent to be able to sit and hear this teaching live.

Let me encourage you in this way: If you have kids, are about to have kids, or you have a loved one who could benefit from this event, please encourage them to go. The cost is \$15 per couple or \$10 for an individual. Pay their way! Babysit! Make it possible for them to go. I encourage you to attend with pen and paper in hand. I am sure the Lord will bless homes and the church in mighty ways.

In the last few weeks I have been so encouraged by the folks who have approached myself and others, inquiring where they might serve the church this next year! Please continue to drop by the Fellowship Hall and consider the Ministry Fair displays. My recent encouragement is for each member to consider finding a place to serve the Lord and his people in the church. If you are able, add one event to be served (Sunday School, evening service, a book study) and one event to serve (workdays, ministry teams). You will both be blessed and be a blessing!

On Wednesday, September 21, we will have a Ministry Team kick-off event at 7:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. For those planning to serve on a team or who have the desire to assist a particular ministry, this event is for you! The Session will present the established ministry teams, there will be a brief primer on how Ministry Teams work, the Deacons will present 2017 budget request worksheets and each team will be dismissed to discover the scope of their work and to begin on the year ahead. Each team either assists the work of the Session or Diaconate in their various areas of ministry.

Ministry teams include: Music Ministry, Christian Education, Nursery, Mission & Outreach, Young at Heart, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Audio Visual, Electronic Technology, Hospitality and Mercy, Event Assistance & Kitchen Upkeep, Properties Appearance and Minister's Assistance.

This Sunday evening our study will break from the Psalms and we will consider for several weeks the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5. We will return to the Psalms, taking our study up with Psalms 26-50 at some future point in time. Please join us on Sunday evenings at 6 PM. It's a great way to end the Lord's Day!

Please be sure to express your sympathy to Macon Baird (mother), Jean Cathey (sister) and Carolyn Pulley (sister). Each of them recently lost a loved one to death. Also, pray for our sister Jondeen Terry as she has foot surgery this week!

See you Sunday,

HOMECOMING 2016

This year's Homecoming Sunday will be Sunday, September 25. At 9:45 AM during the Sunday School hour, we will have the Moderator of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church speak to us about this year's spiritual emphasis. Phil Williams, a ruling elder from Covenant of Grace ARP Church in Winston-Salem is our moderator and his topic will be "Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength". Our 11:00 AM worship service will include a sermon from Pastor Crotts on the same theme. A luncheon will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall - the church will provide ham & turkey and we request that all who wish to bring a dish provide a fall-themed side. Dot Hutelmyer will be coordinating the meal, so please contact her if you have questions.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us on September 12 at noon at Southbound Sandwich Works. Our discussion will be chapter 8 of *Masculine Mandate*. The Thursday evening Men's Gathering will meet to discuss chapter 5 of *Masculine Mandate* on Thursday, September 22 at 7 PM at Panera Bread.

SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART

Parenting Seminar with Dr Tedd Tripp.

When: September 9-10,
Friday: 7-9 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Cost: \$10 per person
\$15 per couple

Where: Harvest Baptist Church
3741 S Church Street
Burlington, NC 27215

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Bennett Richardson	9/1
Gwen Hilton	9/4
Libby Cobb	9/6
Karen Hayes	9/6
Jill Roy	9/6
Carolyn Crotts	9/7
Doug Cobb	9/15
Nicole Newton	9/18
Ariel Constable	9/19
Larry Isley	9/20
Jillian Roy	9/29
Beth Seay	9/30
John Snow	9/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Vicki McPherson (40)	9/4
Len & Jessica Sneed (17)	9/17
Charles & Beth Seay (35)	9/19
Tom & Lorene Childrey (56)	9/25

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST ARP

September

- 4 Lord's Supper
- 12 Men's Lunch
- 15 Stated Session Meeting
- 17 Homebound Basket Delivery
- 21 Ministry Teams Kickoff
- 22 Men's Gathering
- 25 Homecoming and Luncheon
- 27 Young at Heart Luncheon

Christmas in August! Now is a good time to stock up on supplies for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Crayons, pencils, sharpeners, scissors, erasers, rulers, glue sticks, underwear, socks, tees, etc. Avoid large items like notebooks. Questions, call Joyce Payne 222-1133.

Nursery:

Sept 4: Vicki McPherson & _____
Sept 11: John Robinson & _____

Counter:

Sept 4: Bennett Richardson
Sept 11: John Robinson

Deacon Duty:

Sept 4: Stephen Robinson
Sept 11: Glenn Owens

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