



First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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From the Pastor:

Dear Congregation,

We are so blessed to welcome many new members to our congregation. For the past several Sunday afternoons, the Session has met with those seeking to make First ARP Church their home. And, for the next several Sundays, we will continue to meet with others!

It is a joy to hear testimony of God's goodness in each person's life as he has brought these folks to saving faith in Jesus Christ. It is a great blessing to have them unite with us so that we benefit from their fellowship, gifts and encouragement in the Lord.

We have recently received the following as communicant members: Harold Boswell, Shirley Boswell, Carolyn Crotts, Patrick Crotts, Mandy Crotts, Martha Ann Crotts, Carol Erb, Rick Erb, Ben Gregory, Kay Moore, Kaity Moore, Rachel Pelone, Audrey Sneed and Caleb Sneed. They will be recognized on Sunday, September 13 during our worship service.

I hope that you will help each of these members become a part of the life of the body here!

On Sunday during worship, I will begin a new sermon series in the book of Hebrews. It is often considered one long sermon from an unknown early church leader. It shows us that Jesus Christ is greater than all the shadows of the Old Covenant, which pointed to his coming and work of redemption. Please pray for my studies and preparation in this new series!

Our Sunday night series on the Christian Life continues as we look at how the Lord called us from before the foundation of the world to be a people for his own possession. Our systematic study of all the work of redemption - past, present and future - in our lives is so beneficial to our growth in grace, our praise of Jesus in worship and our confidence to live life in the broken world where we now find ourselves. It is a sweet treat to end the Lord's Day in the Lord's House, with the Lord's people and in the Lord's Holy Word. If you haven't yet joined us, please consider doing so.

If you have any prayer requests for the Sunday evening prayer time, please let me know by phone, text, e-mail or in-person. We want the body praying for one another!

Many thanks to all who have signed up to participate in the life of the church through Sunday School Classes, Ministry Teams and Committees. I think we had record Sunday School attendance this past weekend and I hope to see it grow this next Sunday with summer and the holidays behind us.

The Session will be meeting soon to form the ministry teams for the year. Its our prayer that a well-organized church will help us to function efficiently and effectively for God's kingdom and the church of Christ here on Saddle Club Road!

See you Sunday,

ATTENTION WOMEN:

The 108th annual meeting of First Presbyterian Women's Ministries is Sat., 10/17 at Pinecrest Church in Flat Rock, NC. Join our women who will be driving the church van leaving Fri. afternoon, 10/16, as soon as possible and spending the night at Bonclarken. There are only 4 rooms left which are reserved for us. Speakers will be Elizabeth Burns & Victoria Andes. We will travel home Saturday afternoon to be here for homecoming service Sunday. Please respond to Janice Richardson by THIS SUNDAY if you are going: bestelect1@embarqmail.com or 449-7057.



PIEDMONT RESCUE MISSION

“OFFERING A HAND UP,
NOT A HAND OUT”
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GREATER VISION BANQUET

The Piedmont Rescue Mission's **Greater Vision Banquet 2015** will be October 15, 2015, 6PM at the National Agents Alliance Building, 1214 Turrentine St., Burlington, NC. The meal is catered by Golden Corral. Please join us for an evening of fellowship as we learn about this vital ministry in our community. Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards. The Keynote Speaker is Robert Amaya, *Co-Star* in the movie *Courageous*, “Jaiver Martinez.” There is no cost for your meal. However, this is the main fundraiser for the rescue mission, so a generous donation is appreciated. Please let Glenn or Margaret Owens know if you will be attending, as we would like to sponsor a table.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for the Session as they prepare to lead the congregation through the 2016 budget process and as our updated Ministry and Policy Manual is implemented in the life of the church.
- Lift up our Deacons as they serve the body of Christ in stewardship of our facility, material needs and support for all ministry events.
- Pray for Catherine Mangum's daughter Laura Moss to make a full recovery from illness. She is at home.
- Pray for the unemployed to find work that uses their gifts.
- Ask that our caregivers may persevere in their labors of love.
- Lift up those who are chronically ill, that they may find grace in their hour of need.
- Pray for our aging members who experience various health-related trials.
- Ask that God would give parents faithfulness in raising their children.
- Remember our homebound members who are unable to enjoy our worship and fellowship.
- Marion Angel, Theo Baulding, Hope Gregory, Doris Haywood, Bill Huffman, Jim & June Little, Mary Lou McKinney, Catherine Mangum, Pat Montgomery and Rucker Turner.
- Give thanks for those who serve our church in various ways.
- Ask God to help each of us to live holy lives before the watching world as a witness to Christ Jesus.

SYMPATHY: Please pray for the family of George Byron Crotts.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES: Andy Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Spain), Ali & Tara Mitchell (ARP Connect), Jubilee Birthday Ladies – Sheila Osborne & Rebecca Carson

LOCAL MISSIONS: Jesse Wesselink (International Students, Inc), Siloam Missionary Homes, Alamance Pregnancy Center, Allied Churches, Meals on Wheels.

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
Jim Little	9/20
Betty Bessette	9/22
Jillian Roy	9/29
Beth Seay	9/30
John Snow	9/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Vicki McPherson (39)	9/4
John & Cheryl Greeson	9/17
Len & Jessica Sneed (16)	9/17
Charles & Beth Seay (34)	9/19
Tom & Lorene Childrey (55)	9/25

Calendar of Events for **SEPTEMBER**

5	First Saturday Workday - 9 AM - Noon
6	Sunday School Classes Begin - 9:45 AM
6	The Lord's Supper
7	Labor Day (Office Closed)
8	Women's Ministry Book Study - 7:00 PM
9	Women's Ministry Bible Study Begins - 11:15 AM
10	Stated Session Meeting - 6 PM
17	Joint Officer Meeting - 7 PM
22	Young at Heart Luncheon - 11:45 AM
26	Missions & Outreach Cookout - 4 - 8 PM

Nursery:

Sept 13: John Robinson / _____
Sept 20: Nicole Newton / Fran Haynes

Counter:

Sept 13: John Robinson
Sept 20: David Newton

Deacon Duty:

Sept 13: Macon Baird
Sept 20: Doug Glass

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