



*From the Pastor:*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are blessed! As the church has now entered into full swing, it is great to see what we can really do as a body.

I don't know about you, but I can't wait each week to come to worship. It is a great joy and privilege to enter the Lord's presence and with all of you! It's great to see faces each week, to know that we've made it another week on our pilgrimage to the Heavenly City.

Our Choir and Handbell ensemble are now rehearsing each week. We hope to hear from the bells one Sunday soon.

The Sunday evening service has been a great encouragement to me - to see folks committed to one another and the Lord, returning on the Lord's Day evening for song, prayer, instruction in the Word and fellowship. The 5th Sunday Hymn Sings are a delight as well - be sure to note the next one will be November 29.

Each Sunday School has great participation, much enthusiasm and great teachers. It is a delight to a pastor to see study books and Bibles coming in and out of the classrooms each week.

Last week our two Ladies' Studies met. The monthly evening study kicked off and had a full room. The next morning, over a dozen ladies came to the weekly study on the book of Joshua. What a joy to see and we know the Lord pays dividends as we dig into his Word!

Our recent workday was a success and I know an encouragement to your Deacons. We have a lot of building and grounds to care for and it is good to be

personally invested in the labor. Stay tuned for the next First Saturday Workday date.

Your Session has been laboring in many areas of late. We have been hard at work getting the church organized. We want to be a living organism, but one that has organization! Our committees and teams have been set up and you should be expecting a call from your leader for a meeting for the area of ministry in which you expressed interest. Some teams will meet often; others probably not so often. Each area will help the church thrive in our major areas of need: *Worship, Discipleship, Community, Mercy and Stewardship.*

Please be in prayer for all of the church officers as we prepare for the 2016 budget and elections process.

The Diaconate has covered a lot of ground lately - literally! Our facility is rather large when you begin to manage all of the details. We have passed fire inspection, our bus is ready to travel with some minor repairs completed, mechanical systems have been serviced, the ice machine fully operates and so much more. Be sure to thank these men who serve us well.

The prayer list that has been in each newsletter has grown in size and so we will produce it monthly and include it in one newsletter per month. Copies will also be available on Sunday nights during our prayer time. Contact me to add, change or remove any items as you see fit. Let me encourage you to keep your list close by - at the breakfast table, near your place of quiet time with the Lord and for sure on your heart and mind often.

May the Lord grant us grace to be a Holy, happy and functional body of Christ!

**SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the family of Robert Wray Newton, David Newton's father, who passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2015, at his residence in Boiling Springs, NC.



# PIEDMONT RESCUE MISSION

**“OFFERING A HAND UP, NOT A  
HAND OUT”  
1982-2015**

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### 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

### 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 AT FIRST ARP

### September

- 16 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM
- 17 Joint Officer Meeting - 7 PM
- 22 Young at Heart Luncheon - 11:45 AM
- 23 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM

### October

- 3 First Saturday Workday - 9 AM - Noon
- 3 Missions & Outreach Cookout - 4 - 8 PM
- 4 The Lord's Supper
- 7 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM
- 13 First Presbytery at Christ Church Denver, NC  
10 AM
- 13 WM Book Study - *Extravagant Grace* - 7:00 PM
- 16-18 Womens' Ministry ARP Fall Retreat at  
Bonclarken
- 18 Homecoming and 50th Anniversary  
Meal following Worship.
- 21 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM
- 27 Young at Heart Luncheon - 11:45 AM
- 28 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM

### November

- 1 The Lord's Supper
- 4 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM
- 7 First Saturday Workday - 9 AM - Noon
- 10 WM Book Study - *Extravagant Grace* - 7:00 PM
- 11 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM
- 15 Annual Congregational Meeting
- 18 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM
- 29 Hymn Sing and Social - 6 PM

### December

- 1 Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon - 11:45 AM
- 2 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM
- 4 Christmas Lessons & Carols with reception to  
follow - 7 PM
- 5 First Saturday Workday - 9 AM - Noon
- 6 The Lord's Supper
- 8 WM Book Study - *Extravagant Grace* - 7:00 PM
- 9 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM - Luncheon
- 20 Christmas Caroling after Evening Service
- 24 Christmas Eve Service - 5 PM (tentative time)

### Nursery:

Sept 20: Nicole Newton / Fran Haynes  
Sept 27: Jessica Richardson / Macon Baird

### Counter:

Sept 20: David Newton  
Sept 27: Doug Glass

### Deacon Duty:

Sept 20: Doug Glass  
Sept 27: Stephen Robinson

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