



FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Church Family,

Way back in 2003 when our nation was invading Iraq, I hitched a ride into Charlotte with a seminary classmate. Later that day my wife would collect me from school and we would head to Atlanta for a wedding.

My friend with whom I was riding had served in the US Army and was studying for the pastoral ministry with hopes of returning as a US Army Chaplain. He has been serving since 2005 and has been on many tours in recent years.

As we approached the interstate that morning to make our commute to school, the radio announced our invasion and my friend immediately let out some wild scream and hit the gas! He was through and through an Army man. I'll never forget it!

This time of year is when many of our national denominations, especially Presbyterians are having their assemblies. I've attended the General Synod of our denomination this week along with James Constable and Tim Robinson. At our meetings we hear from all kinds of people from around the world of the Presbyterian church. One of my favorite experiences is to hear from the military chaplains of our denomination.

These chaplains are on the front lines not only of conflict that our nation has with others, but they are on the front lines of the conflict of the human heart that our soldiers deal with daily. Our soldiers face war, death, loss, time from family and so much more. They also face their own mortality, as well as stresses that we can't begin to fathom. Thank the Lord for Chaplains! Their calling and duty is unique, special and most needed.

Our sister denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) is meeting next week in Greensboro. Prior to their meeting, the Presbyterian Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel will be having their annual training in Greensboro. This includes Presbyterian Chaplains in military and other services from all stripes of Presbyterianism.

During our Sunday School hour this Sunday, June 11 and for a brief Mission Moment at the beginning of service, we will hear from US Marine Chaplain Johan Baik. I hope that you will make some time for this special presentation and will learn about a wonderful mission our ARPC and other chaplains have among our military.

Sunday's sermon will be "The State of the Church" from Revelation 2:1-7. We will be reminded from the Lord's Word about our marching orders as a church of Jesus Christ!

Lord willing, see you then!

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's

 **FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE** 

is July 25th-27th at Bonclarken.

Brochures are available at the sanctuary entrances or visit arp.cem.org.

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

R.C. Sproul's children's book *The Priest with Dirty Clothes* parallels the hymn *His Robes for Mine*. The congregation and choir will be singing it this Sunday.

<http://www.ligonier.org/store/priest-with-dirty-clothes-hardcover/>

The Prayer Needs of Our Church Family

Upcoming Surgery: Jackie Smith, cataracts. Chuck Renegar, cataracts.

Health & Strength: Tom McPherson (blood clot), Connie Bennett (Parkinson's/foot surgery), Cindy Wright (complications with ankle), Dottie Latta and Audrey Turner.

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.

The Newton Family at the loss of David.

Family of the Week: Bill and Fran Haynes.

For the local ministries we support: Alamance Pregnancy Center, Allied Churches, Caring Kitchen, Gideons, Meals on Wheels, Piedmont Rescue Mission, Siloam Missionary Homes

For the regional ministries we support: Jesse & Shayna Wesselink (to International Students in Triad), Ali & Tari Mitchell (ARP Connect/Ministry to Muslims in USA), Jeff & Shelia Osborne (Stateside/Short-Term Missions Coordinator), David Springer (Campus Outreach at Elon University)

For those sent to foreign places: Drew & Lauren Goodman (Pastor in Wales), Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Spain), Nathan & Ashley Olson (Layman Serving the Church in Scotland)

For those in our congregation who are sent on short-term missions:

Summer 2017 Wales & Scotland:
Karen Hoke, Lynn Limon, & Joyce Payne;
Mexico Music Camp: Ed Limon

If you would like to assist David Newton's Family visit gofundme.com and search NEWTON BENEVOLENT FUND.

Save The Date! August 15th



First ARP Church night at the Burlington Royals Baseball Game!
Tickets are \$6!
(Also, let Bryan know if you would like to participate in singing the National Anthem—any age!)

NEW Ministry Opportunities!

Table Talk:

20s & 30s are invited to gather with Pastor Crotts on **Tuesday, June 20th at 7 PM** for dinner and conversation.
Text Bryan at 336-944-2892 to *R.S.V.P.*

Cat Kids is for young people through high school age! Join Pastor Crotts in learning the Westminster Shorter Catechism, fellowship and games on **Wednesdays, June 14th & 21st at 6 PM!**

First ARP Calendar of Events June

6-8 General Synod Meeting-Bonclarken
11 Lord's Supper
12 Men's Evening Gathering: *18 Words*,
Ch. 4 (Panera Bread) - 7 PM
13 Ladies' Book Study: *Envy of Eve*, Ch. 4
(The Root Trackside, Elon) - 7PM
14 Cat Kids - 6 PM
19 Stated Session Meeting
20 Table Talk-(20's & 30's) - 7 PM
21 Cat Kids - 6 PM
25 Simple Supper - 7 PM
27 Young at Heart Luncheon - 11:45 A.M.
Ditra Graves of the Elon Police
Department will speak.

Find ideas for shopping all year long for Operation Christmas Child shoebox items:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/year-round-packing-ideas/>

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

Dick Wright	6/4
Heather Hayes	6/6
Kevin Hutelmyer	6/8
Darrell Plyter	6/9
Steven Cobb	6/16
Kelton Christopher	6/17
Audrey Sneed	6/17
Judy Bernhardt	6/18
Aaric Newton	6/21
Kasey Burwell	6/23
Kristen Carter	6/23
Lainey Childrey	6/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Kristen & Travis Carter (4)	6/1
Lola & Jim Knox (61)	6/8
Esther & Darrell Plyter (55)	6/9
Kathryn & Stephen Crotts (44)	6/16
Mandy & Bryan Crotts (18)	6/19
Pat & Grady Pack (62)	6/19
Bryan & Karen Jones (30)	6/20

Nursery:

June 11: John Robinson & Lynn Limon
June 18: Anne Garner & Vicki McPherson

Counter:

June 11: Stephen Robinson
June 18: Ferald Mann

Deacon on Duty:

June 11: Glenn Owens
June 18: Larry Isley

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