



Dear Church Family,

What is a steward? In the ancient world, the world that our New Testament writers knew well, that person was made in charge of a household. A steward was given the keys, resources and a charge: *make the household prosper*.

Our church has a stewardship. It really has multiple stewardships. Let me briefly explain:

We are stewards of the *Gospel of Jesus Christ*. From the throne of glory, Christ rules his church on earth through the ministry of the elders, who labor in the word, sacraments, prayer, fellowship and suffering. We must open our doors to make the work of the church available to those called by God into Christian faith. And we must call the world to faith in Jesus and into the life of the body of Christ, the church.

Our stewardship includes one another. Our calling as individuals and as a whole church is to love, serve, encourage, warn and share burdens with each other.

Each of us have spiritual gifts for God's glory and the good of others. We are each a body part making a whole! As we teach, count, manage, usher, visit, serve, write notes, pray, etc., we act as stewards of entrusted gifts.

The property that we enjoy is a stewardship. It makes a public statement to our community that we have a place with space set apart to worship the living and true God and enjoy other benefits of the church on earth. It costs money to own, operate and maintain. It also requires many hands to see to its care.

The Lord is watching, giving us needed resources and he will come someday to review and judge our labors.

It is required of stewards to be found faithful. Let's keep up the good work!

Bryson

☆ THANK YOU ☆

Thank you so much to each of you who braved the extreme heat to participate in our church work day! It was fun and such a blessing to see so many folks—around 25! And though it was sweltering, the hard work invested in our building & grounds was encouraging and helpful. Volunteers cleaned nursery toys, changed light bulbs, steam-cleaned floors, trimmed trees and bushes, pressure-washed sidewalks, cleaned pews, drank lots of Gatorade...

*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
or by texting or calling (336) 944-2901.

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

elisabethelliott.org

Elisabeth Elliot was one of the most influential Christian women of our time. For a half century, her best selling books, timeless teachings & courageous faith have influenced believers & seekers of Jesus Christ. . .she used her experiences as a daughter, wife, mother, widow, & missionary to bring the message of Christ to countless women & men around the world. Books to note: *Through Gates of Splendor* · *Passion & Purity* · *The Shaping of a Christian Family*

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 (debilitating headaches), 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: Bryan & Karen Jones

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 (wife, 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 & search Brunson Update)

Pray that the Word of God preached will cause us to love the Lord with all our heart, mind, soul and strength.

Local Church: Hillside Presbyterian Church (ARP)
Pastor Bill Prince

Caring Kitchen

Shelia Osborne (Stateside/Short-Term Missions Coordinator)

Jeff & Lisa King (Spain)

For the Church of God to grow through Erskine Seminary.

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 (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

7/30 Sunday School:
Missionaries Jeff & Lisa King
7/30 Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing & Social
6 P.M.
8/2 Cat Kids - 6:30 P.M.
8/6 Lord's Supper
8/7 Men's Lunch @ Southbound - 12 noon
8/7 Men's Evening Gathering @ Panera -
7 P.M.
8/8 Ladies Evening Book Study - 7 P.M.
8/9 Cat Kids - 6:30 P.M.
8/12 Men's Fishing
8/12 Ladies' Tea - 2 P.M.
8/15 First ARP Night Burlington Royals 🏟️
8/20 Ministry Fair
8/22 Table Talk - 7 P.M.

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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
Stephen Robinson	8/13
Hannah Baird	8/19
Betty Mann	8/19
Carolyn Pulley	8/19
Lola Knox	8/21
David Robinson	8/22
Freeman Baulding	8/24
Foy Evans	8/30
Joyce Payne	8/31
Seth Spaulding	8/31

ANNIVERSARIES

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:

CARING KITCHEN is a volunteer-run ministry on the campus of Burlington Christian Academy & Burlington Assembly of God. It was started to extend meals served to those in need on the weekends in 1989, when other kitchens served only weekday meals. Also, it is intended not only to feed the hungry but "to remind them that God cares for them." To volunteer or donate food email robturnbag@juno.com or call (336) 227-3434. Also, speak with Vicki McPherson—members here at First ARP who serve at Caring Kitchen.

Nursery:

July 30: Vicki McPherson & Donna Wolff
August 6: Joyce Payne & Carol Erb

Counter:

July 30: Stephen Robinson
August 6: John Robinson

Deacon on Duty:

July 30: Larry Isley
August 6: Stephen Robinson

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