

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. Please feel free to pick up a blue informational folder outside the entrances to the sanctuary to learn more about our church. Also, please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place in the offering plate so we can have a record of your visit.

A Word About Our Worship Service: Ordination of Officers

The risen and ascended Christ gives gifts to his church by appointing ministers, elders and deacons to do and oversee the work of the church. The act of ordination sets these servants apart to do the work God has appointed for them to do. Christians are commanded to obey their leaders, to follow their lead, to receive God's Word from them and to let them watch over your soul.

Sunday Nights @ First Join us tonight at 6 P.M. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word as we study Matthew 5:6—blessed are those who hunger and thirst.

First ARP's Annual **Ministry Fair** is TODAY during Sunday School. This is your opportunity to discover the ministries our church offers and to sign up!

Choir practice resumes today at 5 P.M.

Young at Heart meets Tuesday, August 22 at 11:45 A.M. Rev. Stephen Crotts will report on his recent trip to China! Lasagna is on the menu; please bring sides to accompany.

Table Talk—for 20's & 30's—next meets for food and fellowship on Tuesday, August 22 at 7 P.M. at the Crotts home.

Handbell Choir resumes practice on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 P.M.

Cat Kids meets again on September 6 & 13 at **5:30 P.M.** at the church building.

Men's Gatherings for September are on the 11th at 12 noon & 7 P.M.

Ladies Evening Book Study is September 12 at 7 P.M.

Ladies Bible Study resumes Wednesday, September 13 at 11 A.M. at the church building.

Congratulations to the Constables! 🥰🍼🌸 Granddaughter, Aleighana, was born on Wednesday, August 16 at 3:23 A.M. She weighs 7 pounds, 12 ounces, & is 19 inches long; mother & baby are doing well! Praise the Lord!

Save the Date! HOMECOMING is Sunday, September 24. Join us for a congregational lunch to reminisce and look ahead. Ham & turkey will be provided; the congregation is asked to bring fall sides and desserts.

Save the Date! Saturday, September 30 at 4 P.M., you are invited to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the Date! First ARP's Fall Festival is Saturday, October 14 at 4 P.M. Join us for bbq and fixins, games and bluegrass music with special guest, Dewey Brown.

Save the Date! Piedmont Rescue Mission Fundraiser Banquet is October 19 at the Nations Agents Alliance Building, 1214 Turrentine St., Burlington, at 6 P.M.

	Ministry Information		
	NURSERY	COUNTER	DEACON ON DUTY
Today	Anne Garner & Vicki McPherson	Glenn Owens	Larry Isley
Next Week	Lynn Limon & Jondeen Terry	Jay Snow	Stephen Robinson

Tithes and Offerings on August 13, 2017
General Fund \$3,090.25

Love Offering \$65.00

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH & STRENGTH & OTHER NEEDS:

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's)

Macon Baird (recovering from throat cancer surgery)

Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)

Jean Cathey (recovering from eye surgery)

David Huffman recovering from detached retina repair surgery

Lola Knox (healing from cancer)

Ferald Mann (relief from pain)

Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)

Christine Roberts (Ed Limon's sister with alzheimers, moved to Fayetteville VA Home)

Mike Limon (Ed Limon's brother recovering from open heart surgery)

Audrey Turner (strength)

Cindy Wright (healing from infection, strength, healing with R.A.)

Karen Hoke as she prepares to move on or before September 1st.

Foy Evans moved on August 19 to Elon; suitable employment for daughter, Justine

Shauneen Roy as she recovers from vehicle crashing into her home

Nicole Newton & children after the loss of David, provision, wisdom

Ask God's blessings on our church elders, deacons, staff & volunteers as they lead & serve.

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, Al Wright

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Dottie Latta

RETURNING STUDENTS, TEACHERS

EMERGENCY WORKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ARMED FORCES:

Ask for God to grant wisdom for those who serve in seats of authority: parents, earthly masters, governors, judges and officers of the law.

Josh Limon, stateside;

Steven Mendiola, Mid East (wife, Maggie, Baby Aleighana, born on 8/16)

LOCAL CHURCH: Adams Farm Community Church (A.R.P.), Jamestown

Pastor Brian Howard

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: Piedmont Rescue Mission

Campus Outreach, Elon University

MISSIONARIES: MT 3, ARP's missions branch, World Witness theological training

Andrew & Norene Brunson in Turkey; pray for his release from prison

A.R.P. CHURCH MINISTRIES: First Presbytery Church Extension

SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Crotts

Vice Moderator: Jay Snow

Clerk: John Robinson

2017: Bill Haynes

2018: John Robinson & Jay Snow

2019: Ferald Mann

Elders Emeritus: Jim Knox & Gene Parks

DIACONATE

Chairman: Glenn Owens, 2018

Vice Chairman: Larry Isley, 2019

Secretary: Stephen Robinson, 2017

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Trustees: Steve Kyaw, Jim Knox,

Ferald Mann, Gene Parks

Treasurer: Laurene Howington

Secretary: John Robinson

Chairman: James Constable

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“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.” Philippians 3:7, *ESV*

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, August 20, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP
11 o'clock

Greeting of the Saints The Congregation & Visitors

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary for Silent Prayer

Votum Psalm 124:8, *ESV*

“Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”

Salutation Revelation 1:4-5, *ESV*

Call to Worship* Psalm 95, *ESV*

Hymn of Adoration*
No. 27 *Tell Out My Soul* WOODLANDS

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith *Westminster Creed*

Minister: Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, what do you believe?

People: *I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever; I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all his creatures and all their actions. I believe that God chose and ordained the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest and King, the Head and Savior of his Church. I believe that from all eternity God gave his Son a people, who will be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified and glorified.*

Unison: *Thanks be to God!*

Song of Praise*
No. 74 *Majesty* MAJESTY

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity, the heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches, and the universe is your temple. Your presence fills immensity and you have created life for your own pleasure. We come to you in the all-prevailing name of Jesus, with nothing of our own to plead, no works, no worthiness, no promises. We are often straying, often knowingly opposing your authority, and often abusing your goodness. Subdue in us the love of sin, let us know our need for restoration as well as forgiveness, in order to serve and enjoy you forever. We thank you for Jesus, who saves us by his meritorious life and sacrificial death, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Luke 24:46-47

“Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

Hymn of Redemption*
No. 204 *Rock of Ages* TOPLADY

Reading of the Old Testament I Samuel 9, *ESV*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Lord's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Hymn of Praise*
No. 625 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

Reading of the New Testament Philippians 3:1-11, *ESV*

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Holy Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
A Different Way to Count

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment*
No. 175 *Hallelujah, What a Savior!* MAN OF SORROWS

Benediction*

Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP
6 o'clock

”It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.” Psalm 92:1-2

Prelude Julie Snow

Readings from God's Holy Word Isaiah 55, *ESV* Rev. Bryan Crotts

Opening Hymn*
No. 33 *God the Omnipotent* RUSSIAN HYMN

The Belgic Confession (1561) Article 5

From whence the Holy Scriptures derive their dignity and authority.

We receive all these books, and these only, as holy and canonical, for the regulation, foundation, and conformation of our faith; believing without any doubt, all things contained in them, not so much because the Church receives and approves them as such, but more especially because the Holy Ghost witnesses in our hearts, that they are from God, whereof they carry the evidence in themselves. For the very blind are able to perceive that the things foretold in them are fulfilling.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration ~ Confession ~ Thanksgiving ~ Supplication

The Beatitudes Matthew 5:6 Rev. Bryan Crotts

Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Prayer

Closing Hymn*
No. 401 *Psalm 42* APPALACHIA

Sermon Notes

* Congregation Standing