



First Associate Reformed PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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For God's glory, First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is a group of believers united in Christ endeavoring to make disciples and proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in the Burlington area and throughout the world.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

Last year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive count was 107 boxes, which were sent around the world to excited children!

We are hoping to increase that number by 55 boxes. How will we do it?

There are three ways you may participate in this year's drive (yes, it's only August, but keep reading):

First, you may complete your own box as you may have done so for many years. Gather your items over time or make a special trip to the store and bring your completed box to the church at the appointed date, which is sometime later this fall.

Second, you can give \$15 to Joyce Payne and she and others in the church will purchase enough goods to make a box suitable to ship to an eager young person somewhere in the world.

Third, take advantage of the back-to-school shopping sales that are ongoing and drop your collected items in the Fellowship Hall.

Ideas for shoeboxes include: bar soap, wash cloth, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, flashlight with batteries, small toys, tools, tee shirt, socks, hair accessories, small fishing kit, pencils, or note pads.

Please, no liquids or any foods or candies with expiration dates. Also, remember that boxes can be distributed in areas where sensitivity and care must be taken into account regarding some items we may consider toys: please, no toy weapons or war-related toys.

On September 30 at 4 PM, we will have a box packing event in the Fellowship Hall. All items collected between now and September 2 will be organized and ready for a group to package for our goal of sending 162 boxes in 2017. Please speak to Joyce Payne if you have any questions. For more information or ideas, please refer to the Operation Christmas Child idea booklet at the piano entrance to the Sanctuary or visit www.samaritanspurse.org

Sunday is a packed day with many spiritual treats: Our new Sunday School Class on Heaven will begin and it will gather in the Fellowship Hall Classroom. The morning sermon will be from the last half of Philippians 2. We will get a snapshot of the characteristics of Godly leadership in the church as we study about Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served. On Sunday evening, we will consider the second Beatitude, "Blessed Are Those Who Mourn", from Matthew 5:4. Don't forget - National Anthem rehearsal for August 15 "Night at the Royals" starts this Sunday evening right after worship.

Lord-willing, see you Sunday!

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH & STRENGTH:

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's/foot surgery)
Macon Baird (surgery to remove cancer from throat, August 10)
Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)
Jean Cathey (recovering from eye surgery)
David Huffman recovering from detached retina repair surgery
Lola Knox (last cancer treatment August 7, praise that treatment has gone well)
Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)
Audrey Turner (strength)
Cindy Wright (healing from infection, strength, healing with R.A.)
Rev. Rhett Sanders (complications from brain surgery)

OTHER NEEDS:

Karen Hoke as she prepares to move on or before September 1st.
Foy Evans moving on August 19 to Elon; suitable employment for daughter, Justine
Margaret Owens as she mourns the loss of her mother, Mildred Turbyfill
Shauneen Roy as she recovers from vehicle crashing into her home
Nicole Newton & children after the loss of David, provision, wisdom
Ask God to help each of us to live holy lives before the watching world as a witness to Christ.

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: Jim & Lola Knox

EMERGENCY WORKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ARMED FORCES:

Josh Limon, stateside; Steven Mendiola, Middle East (wife, Maggie & Baby Girl due August 15)

LOCAL CHURCH: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rev. Powell Sykes

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: Gideons Alamance West Camp, Al Whitlow

Campus Outreach at Elon University, David Springer

MISSIONARIES: Nathan & Ashley Olson (Layman serving the church in Scotland)

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

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRIES: **Bonclarken** is the denominations conference center, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western NC, with accommodations for groups up to 350.

FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, August 2	Cat Kids - 6:30 P.M.
Sunday, August 6	Lord's Supper
Sunday, August 6	National Anthem singing practice - 7 P.M.
Monday, August 7	Men's Lunch @ Southbound, Ch. 6, "The Devil" in J.I. Packer's <i>18 Words</i> - 12 noon
Monday, August 7	Men's Evening Gathering @ Panera, Ch. 6, "The Devil" in J.I. Packer's <i>18 Words</i> - 7 P.M.
Tuesday, August 8	Ladies Evening Book Study, Ch. 5-9, in Melissa Krueger's <i>Eny of Eve</i> - 7 P.M.
Wednesday, August 9	Cat Kids - 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, August 12	Men's Fishing - 9 A.M.
Saturday, August 12	Ladies' Tea - 2 P.M.
Sunday, August 13	National Anthem singing practice - 7 P.M.
Monday, August 14	Joint Officer Meeting & Stated Session Meeting
Tuesday, August 15	First ARP Church Night at the Royal's Baseball Game - 7 P.M.
Saturday, August 19	Moving Day for Foy Evans & Justine Robare - 11 A.M.
Sunday, August 20	First ARP Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall - 9:45 A.M.
Tuesday, August 22	Young at Heart - 11:45 A.M.
Tuesday, August 22	Table Talk - 7 P.M.
Sunday, August 27	Simple Supper (sandwich fixings)

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 24	Homecoming & Luncheon
Saturday, September 30	Operation Christmas Child Box Packing - 4 P.M.
Saturday, October 14	Fall Festival
Tuesday, October 19	Piedmont Rescue Mission Banquet - 6 P.M.
Saturday, November 25	Hanging of the Greens - 9 A.M. (Breakfast provided)
Wednesday, November 29	Lessons & Carols Rehearsal - 6 P.M. (Supper provided)
Sunday, December 3	Lessons & Carols - 6 P.M. (Reception to follow)
Sunday, December 17	Christmas Caroling & Treat Bag Delivery - 6 P.M. (cookies & hot chocolate to follow)

BIRTHDAYS

Gage Roy	August 4
Josh Limon	August 11
Ossie Spaulding	August 12
Catherine Mangum	August 13
Stephen Robinson	August 13
Hannah Baird	August 19
Betty Mann	August 19
Carolyn Pulley	August 19
Lola Knox	August 21
David Robinson	August 22
Freeman Baulding	August 24
Foy Evans	August 30
Joyce Payne	August 31
Seth Spaulding	August 31

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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*Ladies are invited to*



*the Annual Tea  
at First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Burlington  
at 2 o'clock in the afternoon  
in the Fellowship Hall  
on Saturday, August 12, 2017*

Let Mandy Crofts know if you would like to host a table and/or bring a treat.  
(336-944-2901 or [plantsandpillars@gmail.com](mailto:plantsandpillars@gmail.com))

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 All hands on deck!

Foy Evans & his daughter, Justine Robare need your help as they move from Raleigh to Elon on Saturday, August 19. If you can assist for a few hours, beginning at 11 A.M., please let Pastor Crofts know. Their address will be 525 S. Williamson Ave., Elon, NC 27244.



RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

Visit esv.org to read the Bible online. This website also offers tools to hear the Scripture read aloud and offers study tools for cross-referencing and more. They even have an app to enable you to take the Bible with you wherever you go! The English Standard Version (ESV) is an essentially literal translation of the Bible in contemporary English. Created by a team of more than 100 leading evangelical scholars and pastors, the ESV Bible emphasizes word-for-word accuracy, literary excellence, and depth of meaning.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

The mission of Reformed Theological Seminary is to serve the Church by preparing its leaders, through a program of graduate theological education, based upon the authority of the inerrant Word of God, and committed to the Reformed Faith. There are campuses in 9 cities in the U.S, including Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as global sites. Visit rts.edu for more information on the seminaries and educational opportunities RTS provides.

	Nursery	Counter	Deacon on Duty
August 6:	Joyce Payne & Carol Erb	John Robinson	Stephen Robinson
August 13:	Kathy & Laurie Isley	Ferald Mann	Glenn Owens

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