



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,

Aren't we grateful for the rain sent this week? Just when the grass was turning a shade of brown and the earth was crying out for refreshment, the Lord has supplied! Early mornings and late evenings have been a step cooler. It is refreshing and a hint of what will soon come—autumn days, cooler nights and goodbye to the heat of summer.

Ladies of the church, I hope that you can make it to this Saturday's 2 PM tea in the Fellowship Hall. All week long, several of you have been dropping by to decorate a table. It is wonderful to see each person's personality, tastes and family heirlooms as the tables are coming together. Please be sure to come for fellowship, treats, overviews of this year's study books and a brief history of Katy Luther, the woman behind the Reformation.

Next Sunday evening after worship there will be a rehearsal for singing the *National Anthem* at the Royals baseball game on Tuesday, August 15. Stay tuned for what time we will be due at the ballpark to prepare to sing. Game is at 7 P.M.

As summer ends and the school year begins, let me remind you that our cycle of church life begins again soon. In order to kick off another year of ministry together, be sure to plan to attend the Ministry Fair during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, August 20. All classes will take a break to gather in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast snacks, drinks and display tables that show each of our ministries. Please consider how you might serve the church and be served by the ministries offered this upcoming year. The combined Sunday School class learning about Heaven will resume on August 27 and conclude on September 3.

This October will mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed to the chapel door in his hometown a set of issues for debate with the church. It sparked a world-wide reform of the church, one which we still benefit from today. Beginning on September 17, our combined Sunday School classes will study various topics of history, theology and the lasting effects of the Reformation. I hope that you will participate in order to learn about your heritage as Protestant, Reformed and Presbyterian Christians. It is indeed rich!

Our July treasurer's report is hot off the press and income for July 2017 was \$20,931.76 with expenses at \$20,976. The difference is -\$237.24. Praise the Lord for good news! And many thanks to those of you who have stepped up your contributions to help meet the church budget demands. Year-to-Date expenses have exceeded our income by \$15,780.51. Let's continue to trust the Lord for provision, frugality, and growth, as well as seek to offer what sacrifices of praise we can offer as we give the Lord's tithes and our offerings. Our church is quite blessed with a wonderful congregation, a commitment to Christ, a fine facility and many ministries that weekly assist each of us in our growth in grace and pilgrimage to heaven.

At our denomination's summer General Synod Meeting, one of our seasoned and senior members of the court reminded us of something key from our Form of Government:

Christ, being "...ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things" (Ephesians 4:10) gave gifts to His Church. Since the ascension of Jesus Christ to heaven, He is present with the Church by His Word and Spirit. From His throne of glory, He rules the church through His Word and Spirit by the ministry of men, and the benefits of all His functions of prophet, priest and king are effectually applied by His Holy Spirit.

We are privileged by Christ, as a local church, to have all that Christ offers to his people so that they may safely make their way to heaven through the jungle of a world filled with sin, opposition, rebellion and a spirit of hatred to the Living God. Let us keep up the good fight together in unity, prayer, fellowship, study, service and worship. There can be no greater witness to the world than a church operating as an outpost of heaven.

With this in mind, please pray for your officers (elders & deacons) as they meet on Monday, August 14 to serve our church.

This Sunday's messages will be the subject of Heaven - Part 2 in Sunday School, Philippians 3:1-11 in morning worship and Matthew 5:5, blessed are the meek on Sunday evening. See you on the Lord's Day!

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH & STRENGTH:

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's)

Macon Baird (surgery to remove cancer from throat, August 10)

Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)

Jean Cathey (recovering from eye surgery) (as her family grieves at the loss of her brother in Florida)

David Huffman recovering from detached retina repair surgery

Lola Knox (healing from cancer)

Ferald Mann (pain relief)

Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)

Christine Roberts (Ed Limon's sister, alzheimers, moving)

Audrey Turner (strength)

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

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 that God would give parents faithfulness in raising their children.

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: Steve Kyaw

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, Middle East (wife, Maggie & Baby Girl due August 15)

LOCAL CHURCH: Beacon Baptist Church, Pastor Gregory Barkman.

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: Meals on Wheels (Glenn Owens & Gary Gregory - volunteer delivery drivers)

Rev. Josh Grimm (Reformed University Fellowship, Queens University)

MISSIONARIES: For those in our congregation who are called, set apart and sent on short-term missions.

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

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRIES: The purpose of the William H. **Dunlap Orphanage** is to provide care, support, maintenance, and education of orphaned, or fatherless, or helpless, or needy children and to support projects related to such children.

FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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	<i>National Anthem</i> 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., Fellowship Hall
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



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



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*  
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~ Glenn & Margaret Owens wish to thank the members of the church family for their prayers & expressions of sympathy at the death of Margaret's mother, Mildred Perry Turbyfill. ~

 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 Crotts know. Their address will be 525 S. Williamson Ave., Elon, NC 27244.

 Young at Heart 

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



RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

First ARP Book & Bible Studies for 2017-2018:

- Wednesday 11 A.M. Weekly Ladies Bible Study - Iain Duguid's *Living in the Gap Between Promise & Reality The Gospel According to Abraham*
- Tuesday Evening 7 P.M. Monthly Ladies Book Study - Elyse Fitzpatrick's *Idols of the Heart*
- Wednesday nights, twice a month at 6 P.M. Cat Kids studies G.I. Williamson's *The Westminster Catechisms For Study Classes*
- Men's Monthly Lunch, meeting at Sandwich Works at 12 noon, & Men's Monthly Evening Gathering, meeting at Panera Bread at 7 P.M., will continue to study J.I. Packer's *18 Words*.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



Alamance County Meals on Wheels was formed on May 20, 1973, as Alamance County Council on Elderly, Inc. Over the years, the agency has offered hot home-delivered meals, frozen home-delivered meals, and winter weather emergency meals. The agency began delivering only one route, serving a few people, and now serves over 300 people each day on 24 different hot and frozen meal routes. First ARP-er's—Gary Gregory & Glenn Owens serve as Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers.

	Nursery	Counter	Deacon on Duty
August 13:	Kathy & Laurie Isley	Ferald Mann	Glenn Owens
August 20:	Anne Garner & Vicki McPherson	Glenn Owens	Larry Isley

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