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We are a group of believers united in Christ for the glory of God proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to Burlington and to the world.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

Worship. Scripture. God. Christ. Community. Family. Service. Evangelism. Missions. Loving. Caring. Safe. God-centered. Reverent. Leadership. Peace. Reformed. Prayer. Essential. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

These are some of the key words you wrote down at our congregational meeting on Sunday, which describe some of the main work and character of our church. Many words were duplicated, indicating that the things we value about our church are held in common. It was encouraging to see the results of your thoughts and love for our church.

Outreach to the community. Ministry to children. Resolution to relational struggles. Congregational engagement in the work of the church. Training as ambassadors to reach out for church growth. Increased presence through signs, advertising and social media.

These are some initiatives that you indicated you wanted to see improved in our church life and for future growth. We want to aspire, to run after goals like these, in order to accomplish our mission and be faithful to Jesus.

Five dollars a week! One of our Elders calculating our budget shortfall has noted that if each giving unit (we have 70) gave an extra five dollars per week, our deficit would be well covered. So, here's a challenge: think about what you might be able to add to your giving to help with the shortfall. We love our church and the work God has given us, so let's see if we can make up the difference!

Be sure to attend Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 this Sunday to hear from Joyce, Karen and Lynn as they report to us on their July trip to Scotland and Wales to serve the Olsons and Goodmans. (rescheduled due to sickness)

Also, join us for a Homecoming Luncheon after worship in the Fellowship Hall. The church is providing ham, turkey & drinks. Please bring fall-themed side dishes and desserts. Food will be received in the kitchen before the Sunday School hour and Worship service. Let's celebrate the Lord's goodness to our church over these 53 years.

Lord-willing, see you on Sunday,

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH & STRENGTH:

Connie Bennett (hip pain, Parkinson's)

Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)

Foy Evans (weakness)

Sarah Gilmore (Jack Snow's finance's mother recovery from major surgery)

Lola Knox (regaining of strength after cancer treatments, knee inflammation)

Jim Knox (stroke recovery)

Steve Kyaw (recovery from surgery)

Ferald Mann (recovering well from surgery)

Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)

Margaret Owens (balance, recovery from dental surgery)

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

Mary Renegar (breathing issues from COPD, skin cancer removal)

Becky Sneed (broke right arm at wrist)

Audrey Turner (procedure, pray for good results)

Donna Wolffe (broke wrist)

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

Hurricane Harvey & Irma recovery, & ARP Churches affected

OTHER NEEDS:

Foy Evans' daughter, Justine Robare to find suitable employment now that they have moved to Elon

That we'd be salt and light in our spheres of influence as we go about our daily lives in our community.

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: Vicki & Tom McPherson, son Clay

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, job search; Steven Mendiola, Middle East (wife, Maggie & Baby Aleighana born 8/16)

LOCAL CHURCH: First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Durham

Pastor Kent Butterfield

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Allied Churches

(regional) Ali & Tari Mitchell (ARP Connect/Ministry to Muslims in USA)

MISSIONARIES: Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan)

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

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRIES: For the Church of God to grow through the work of Central Services, the agency of the Executive Board of General Synod, which exists to support and encourage churches, pastors, agencies, and boards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 20	Ladies' Bible Study - 11 A.M.
Sunday, September 24	Homecoming & Luncheon
Tuesday, September 26	Young at Heart ♥ - 11:45 A.M.
Wednesday, September 27	Handbell Choir practice resumes - 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, September 30	Operation Christmas Child Box Packing - 4 P.M., Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE

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

Larry Isley	September 20
Jackie Smith	September 24
Jillian Roy	September 29
John Snow	September 30
Margaret Mann	October 8
Macon Baird	October 11
Ed Limon	October 11
Anne Garner	October 14

ANNIVERSARIES

Katherine & Macon Baird	October 12
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Check out First ARP on *FACEBOOK* for important events and newsworthy highlights!

www.facebook.com/FirstARPBurlington



HOMECOMING IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24! THERE WILL BE FELLOWSHIP MEAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE TO REMINISCE AND LOOK AHEAD! TURKEY & HAM AS WELL AS TEA, LEMONADE, & WATER WILL BE PROVIDED; PLEASE BRING FALL-THEMED SIDES TO ACCOMPANY!

♥ **Young at Heart** is Tuesday, September 26 at 11:45 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. ♥
Lunch is potluck! Don Bolden, Editor Emeritus of the *Times-News* will be our speaker.

→ 📖 NEW BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE BOOK TABLE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH KITCHEN! 📖 →

- REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE, ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION, • A LITTLE BOOK ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE BY JOHN CALVIN,
- REFORMATION ABCs THE PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS OF THE REFORMATION-FROM A TO Z BY STEPHEN J. NICHOLS & NED BUSTARD. • MARTIN LUTHER A GUIDED TOUR ON HIS LIFE & THOUGHT BY STEPHEN J. NICHOLS



Join in the fun!
Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Box Packing Event
Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 4 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall



RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

"I would never have thought that such a storm would rise from Rome over one simple scrap of paper..." (Martin Luther)

Visit PBS [here](#) to watch an enlightening documentary on Martin Luther as we approach the 500th anniversary of him nailing his 95 Thesis on the church doors in Wittenberg, Germany.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

The mission of Allied Churches of Alamance County is to prevent and end homelessness and food insecurity through providing direct service and leadership in collaborative community efforts. ACAC operates an emergency shelter, resource day center, community kitchen, and food pantry. ACAC seeks to provide basic needs as well as resources and case management support in order to meet social, educational, health, and other needs of the hungry and homeless in the surrounding community. In addition, we work with several community partners to provide services to shelter guests during their stay, and continued support once they have exited the shelter. Visit [here](#) for more information.

	Nursery	Counter	Deacon on Duty
September 24:	Vicki McPherson & Joyce Payne	Glenn Owens	Glenn Owens
October 1:	Macon Baird & Fran Haynes	John Robinson	Stephen Robinson

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