



# First Associate Reformed PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*We are a group of believers united in Christ for the glory of God and a desire to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in Burlington and to the ends of the earth!*

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The days of thank you notes seem to be gone by the wayside. The Apostle Paul includes one in his final verses of his prison letter to the Philippian church. Our study in our morning sermon series on Sunday will take us through that note of thanks!

Without their help, Paul's Gospel efforts in Rome would not have been possible. Without their partnership in prayer, support and Gospel ministry, the advance of Christ's kingdom would have slowed or halted.

Here's some common good advice for Christians: *find out where God is at work and join in the labor.* The church at Philippi did just that! We should see that God is at work in our place of worship and jump aboard to make the advance of Jesus' Gospel spread.

God uses all kinds of people. The Philippians were an odd bunch: a rough jailor and his household, a wealthy purveyor of cloth, a slave-girl soothsayer, plus all of the others who came to faith in Jesus and joined the Way. This odd bunch, made new by Christ, became the unlikely support system for Paul. Never underestimate your ability to assist in the labors of God's work! God saves us in Christ and by his Holy Spirit puts us to work.

Let's keep up our good work with our *\$5 Challenge* - if each giving unit contributes an extra \$5 per week (or whatever you can do!), we can see an impact in our budget income shortfall. In September, our income was \$17,840.21 and expenses were \$17,321.25 - that's a positive month! For the year 2017, however, we are operating at a deficit of \$32,584. Let's pray, penny-pinch, and see what God can do through our efforts to make our budget, and thereby, our ministry in Christ fruitful.

And *thank you!* Your partnership in prayer, finances, and kingdom labor is a grace of God to me, the staff, your church officers and the Gospel ministry here.

I hope you will bring someone to Saturday's Fall Festival and BBQ. Be sure to bring your appetite and a lawn chair and stay for the afternoon's music, fellowship and music. I think we will all enjoy the bluegrass music of Dewey Brown and friends.

See you Saturday & Sunday,

## THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### **Ask that God would give parents faithfulness in raising their children.**

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's, hip pain)

Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)

Mandy Crotts' cousin, Wendy Miller (recovery from shoulder replacement due to R.A.)

Foy Evan (vertigo)

Anne Garner's grandson, Tyler Philipps (beginning chemotherapy for cancer)

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

Fran & Bill Haynes' neighbor (cancer, faith in Christ)

Lola Knox (regaining strength after cancer treatments)

Jim Knox (stroke recovery, improved care, night sitters, strength for family)

Steve Kyaw (second surgery to remove cancer)

Ferald Mann (continual progress from surgery, recovering from bronchitis)

Jean McKinnon's aunt, Melvina (second cataract surgery)

Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)

Mary Renegar (COPD, breathing difficulties)

Justine Robare, Foy Evans' daughter, (to find suitable employment locally)

Christine Roberts (Ed Limon's sister, adjustment to assisted living home & alzheimers)

Jill Roy (recovery from foot surgery)

Becky Sneed (broken arm)

Audrey Turner (strength)

Donna Wolffe (broken wrist)

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

Campus Outreach serving Elon students, Isaac Sasser & Peter Perkins; expansion to FL

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: Margie Mann

### 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 on 8/16)

LOCAL CHURCH: Beacon Baptist Church, Pastor Gregory Barkman

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Meals on Wheels (drivers Gary Gregory, Glenn Owens)

(regional) 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**

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ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRIES: Dunlap Orphanage

## FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

No Ladies' Bible Study Wednesday, October 11	
Wednesday, October 11	Handbell Choir Practice - 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, October 14	Fall Festival - 4 P.M.
Sunday, October 15	Morning & Evening Worship - 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
Sunday, October 15	Choir Practice - 5 P.M.
Monday, October 16	Stated Session Meeting - 7 P.M.
Tuesday, October 17	Ladies Evening Book Study, chapter 1 & 2, <i>Idols of the Heart</i> - 7 P.M.
Wednesday, October 18	Ladies Bible Study, chapter 5, <i>The Gospel According to Abraham</i> - 11 A.M.
Wednesday, October 18	Cat Kids - 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 18	Handbell Choir Practice - 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, October 19	Piedmont Rescue Mission Banquet - 6 P.M.
Tuesday, October 24	Young at Heart - 11:45 A.M. - <i>The Reformation</i> by Pastor Crotts
Tuesday, October 24	Table Talk - 7 P.M.
Wednesday, October 25	Ladies' Bible Study, chapter 6, <i>The Gospel According to Abraham</i> - 11 A.M.
Wednesday, October 25	Cat Kids - 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 25	Handbell Choir Practice - 6:30 P.M.
Sunday, October 29	Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing & Social - 6 P.M. (pizza supper)

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 25	Hanging of the Greens - 9 A.M. (Breakfast provided)
Saturday, November 25	Operation Christmas Child - 2-6 P.M.
Wednesday, November 29	Lessons & Carols <b>Rehearsal</b> - 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

Macon Baird	October 11
Ed Limon	October 11
Anne Garner	October 14
Jay Snow	October 19
Chuck Renegar	October 25
Esther Plyter	October 30

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/FirstARPBurlington)



You are invited to  
First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's  
**FALL FESTIVAL**

Saturday, October 14 at 4 P.M.

Join us for bbq and fixins, games and bluegrass music!

On the marquee: Friends of First ARP & special guest, Dewey Brown

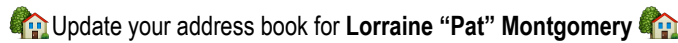
On the menu: Q-Shaq BBQ,

~homemade~ BBQ Baked Beans, Mac-N-Cheese, Coleslaw,

Mixed-Berry Cobbler, Banana Pudding, Brownies

**Invite a friend**

**by using the invitation at the Sanctuary doors or by phone, e-mail, text, or FACEBOOK!**



Update your address book for **Lorraine "Pat" Montgomery**  
The Oaks of Burlington  
1670 Westbrook Ave., Room 103  
Burlington, NC 27215

**RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT**

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**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT**

RUF=Reformed University Fellowship

More than just a ministry on the university campus, RUF seeks to be a ministry for the university. This ministry strives to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life. Since the mid-1970's, RUF remains committed to having ordained, seminary trained campus ministers serving on the college campus. Visit [ruf.org](http://ruf.org). We support Rev. Josh Grimm as he serves students at Queen's University in Charlotte, NC. See what's happening [here!](#)

	Nursery	Counter	Deacon on Duty
October 15:	Jondeen Terry & Vicki McPherson	Ferald Mann	Glenn Owens
October 22:	Kathy & Laurie Isley	Glenn Owens	Stephen Robinson

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