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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 the Faith,

We are marching towards one of the greatest celebrations in human history—the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 theses or points of dispute for debate. He hoped for a conversation in his small town. Instead, he sparked the Protestant Reformation, a world-wide revolt against all that was unbiblical.

We are heirs of this great heritage. The Reformation still matters today. Why? Because we constantly need reform. We need to ask, “What does the Bible say?” “What must I do to conform to God’s will, his holy standard?” “Where am I off the mark?”

Every person, every institution goes through periods of *formation*, *deformation* and *reformation*. What is ideal we start with zeal. Time, wear, and sinful people give way for downgrade. A rule-keeper, a whistle-blower speaks up, “We’re not following the map, the game plan, the Scriptures.”

Join us this Sunday in the Sanctuary to meet Martin Luther! Hear his story, his passion, his hardships, his joys—and his message from the Gospel—that Jesus freely saves sinners by grace through faith.

This dramatic monologue performed in full costume by Stephen Crotts is one not to be missed. All ages are encouraged to come. Be sure to come on time—this presentation will begin at 9:45 AM sharp! Invite someone to join you.

During worship, we will say farewell to the book of Philippians. The ending’s greetings and blessing are full of great Gospel grace for our minds and hearts. In the weeks to come we will take up a 5-week study of the marks of the Reformation—Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, and the Glory of God Alone. Over the weeks leading up to Christmas, our study will take us through the book of Ruth.

May the Lord bless our study of his Word!

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ask God to grant our Church Elders, Deacons, Staff, & Volunteers blessings, wisdom and desire to serve Biblically.

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 (treatment options 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, scan results)

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

Steve Kyaw (second surgery to remove cancer Monday, October 16)

Ferald Mann (continual progress from surgery)

Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)

Mary Renegar (COPD, breathing difficulties)

Scott Robar & family

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)

Jondeen Terry (knee replacement surgery, Tuesday, October 17)

Audrey Turner (strength)

Cynthia Ward's son Mike

Donna Wolffè (broken wrist)

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

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

Young adults & singles (good relationships, contentment)

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: Pat Montgomery

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

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Piedmont Rescue Mission

(regional) First Presbytery Church Extension

MISSIONARIES: MT3—Mobile Theological Training Team (from the ARP's Missionary branch, World Witness)

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

EMERGENCY WORKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ARMED FORCES:

Ask 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)

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRIES: Christian Education Ministries

FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 18	Ladies Bible Study, chapter 4, <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.
Sunday, October 22	Martin Luther Speaks! - 9:45 A.M.
Sunday, October 22	Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday Evening Worship - 11 A.M. & 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, <i>chapter 5, 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	Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday Evening Worship - 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
Sunday, October 29	Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing & Social - 6 P.M. (Ham, macaroni & cheese, salad, tea & lemonade provided. Please bring dessert to share!)

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 12	Town Hall Meeting in the Fellowship Hall - 9:45 AM with Refreshments
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 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

Jay Snow	October 19
Chuck Renegar	October 25
Esther Plyter	October 30

ANNIVERSARIES



Check out First ARP on *FACEBOOK* for important events and newsworthy highlights!

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MARTIN LUTHER IS COMING!

THIS SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:45 A.M. SHARP, GATHER IN THE SANCTUARY TO HEAR
STEPHEN CROTTS IN FULL COSTUME RECOUNT THE MAN BEHIND THE REFORMATION.

The Session of First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will host a Town Hall Meeting
during the Sunday School Hour on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at 9:45 A.M.
The purpose will be to discuss with the congregation our opportunities for ministry in the coming years!



A note from Joyce Payne: Operation Christmas Child boxes are due Sunday, November 20.

The goal is 120 boxes. It's not too late to donate and have a box created for you.

Also, if you would like to volunteer at the Charlotte Processing Center on Saturday, November 25 from 12 noon-6 P.M.,
speak with Joyce Payne, (336) 222-1133. (You can work in 3 hour increments.)

 **RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT** 

Two great books on Martin Luther:

Visit [here](#) for *The Barber Who Wanted to Pray* by R.C. Sproul.



Visit [here](#) for *Reformation Sketches* by W. Robert Godfrey.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Joni Eareckson Tada, the Founder and CEO of **Joni and Friends** International Disability Center, is an international advocate for people with disabilities. A diving accident in 1967 left Joni Eareckson, then 17, a quadriplegic in a wheelchair, without the use of her hands. After two years of rehabilitation, she emerged with new skills and a fresh determination to help others in similar situations.

One of her favorite quotes is by John Bunyan: "Hope has a thick skin and will endure many a blow; it will put on patience as a vestment and will endure all things (if they be of the right kind) for the joy that is set before it. Hence patience is called patience of hope,' because it is hope that makes the soul exercise long-suffering under the cross until the time comes to enjoy the crown!" She has written many books including *Joni—an Unforgettable Story* and *When God Weeps Why Our Sufferings Matter to the Almighty* by her and Steve Estes.

	Nursery	Counter	Deacon on Duty
October 22:	Kathy & Laurie Isley	Glenn Owens	Stephen Robinson
October 29:	Joyce Payne & Fran Haynes	Larry Isley	Larry Isley

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