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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,

This Lord's Day we worship the Lord, as well as remember and observe the wonderful heritage we have in the Protestant Reformation.

Our lineage as Scottish Presbyterians is significant. Our forbears in the Presbyteries of the Associates and the Reformed, having left the Church of Scotland in the mid-18th century, came to America to unite in Philadelphia in 1782.

Our denomination has an old and long history of faithfulness to the *5 Solas*, or *alone* statements that capture much of Reformation thought:

Sola Scriptura ("Scripture alone"): The Bible alone is our highest authority.

Sola Fide ("faith alone"): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

Sola Gratia ("grace alone"): We are saved by the grace of God alone.

Solus Christus ("Christ alone"): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.

Soli Deo Gloria ("to the glory of God alone"): We live for the glory of God alone.

Our sermon series for the next five weeks will cover each of these areas of thought and show us how the heartbeat of the Reformation still lives in the Reformed & Reforming church of the day. I hope these messages will give us great joy as we uncover the benefits we enjoy as Protestant Reformed Presbyterian believers.

I hope to see many of you at our 5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Social. We will sing some of the songs of the Reformation, as well as enjoy a provided feast of ham, mac & cheese, vegetables and drink. Please bring a dessert to share.

Please be sure to mark your personal calendars for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting during the Sunday School hour on November 12. The purpose is to encourage one another in the opportunities our church has to minister God's Word, grace and glory in the upcoming year.

If the Lord is gracious, see you Sunday -

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lift up our Deacons as they serve the body of Christ in stewardship of our facility, material needs and support for all ministry events.

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 (recovery from second surgery to remove cancer)

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 (recovery from knee replacement surgery)

Cynthia Ward's son Mike

Donna Wolffe (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: Kaity Moore

LOCAL CHURCH: Ambassador Presbyterian, Apex, NC Pastors Warren Harvey & Dan Layman

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Siloam Missionary Homes
(regional)

MISSIONARIES: Rebecca Carson, Germany

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: [The ARP Magazine](#)

FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 25	Ladies' Bible Study, chapter 5, <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	Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday Evening Worship - 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
Sunday, October 29	Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing & Social - 6 P.M.
Monday, October 30	Ligonier Reformation Event - live stream online here (ligonier.com Events)
Sunday, November 5	The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served during Morning Worship.
Monday, November 6	Men's Lunch* (Southbound Sandwich Works) - 12 noon
Monday, November 6	Men's Evening Gathering* (Panera Bread) - 7 P.M.

*chapter 9, "Reconciliation," J.I. Packer's *18 Words: The Most Important Words You Will Ever Know*

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)
Saturday, December 9	Raleigh Ringers Christmas Concert - 3 P.M. (Duke Energy Performing Arts Center, Raleigh, NC)
Sunday, December 17	Christmas Caroling & Treat Bag Delivery - 6 P.M. (cookies & hot chocolate to follow)

BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Renegar	October 25
Esther Plyter	October 30
Fran Haynes	November 4
Jean Cathey	November 5
Pat Montgomery	November 10
Jack Snow	November 10
Martha Ann Crotts	November 13
Stephanie Payne	November 14
Laurene Howington	November 20
Martha Alexander	November 22
Ellen Huffman	November 24
Audrey Turner	November 24
Tim Robinson	November 25

ANNIVERSARIES

Joyce & Russ Payne	November 3
Jill & Bill Roy	November 7
Libby & Randall Cobb	November 8
Mary & Chuck Renegar	November 22
Carol & Rick Erb	November 28



Check out First ARP on *FACEBOOK* for important events and newsworthy highlights! www.facebook.com/FirstARPBurlington



For uplifting sermons including sermons from First ARP visit www.sermonaudio.com First ARP Church .

"Dear Congregation, I can't thank you enough for remembering me in your prayers and cards of inspiration.
Each one is very much appreciated. ~Yours in Christ's Love, Ferald Mann"



*Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing & Social is Sunday Night at 6 P.M!
Ham, macaroni & cheese, salad, tea, lemonade provided!
Please bring desserts to share.*

🎵🔔 The Raleigh Ringers Christmas Concert 🔔🎵

December 9 at 3 P.M. at the Duke Energy Performing Arts Center in Raleigh.
Tickets are \$15 for groups of 10 or more (\$17 individually). R.S.V.P. to Lynn Limon.
A headcount is needed now to place a group order. Payment is due by December 9.

~They are an amazing group of handbell players who have performed nationally with up to 28 ringers playing at a time.~

**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 BREAKFAST SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED.**



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.)

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 **RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT** 

Reformation Women is a book by Rebecca Vandoodewaard. It highlights that women are an essential element in church history. Just as Deborah, Esther, and the New Testament Marys helped shape Bible history, so the women of the Reformed church have helped to make its history great. In Reformation Women, Rebecca Vandoodewaard introduces readers to twelve sixteenth-century women who are not as well known today as contemporaries like Katie Luther and Lady Jane Grey. Providing an example to Christians today of strong service to Christ and His church, these influential, godly women were devoted to Reformation truth, in many cases provided support for their husbands, practiced hospitality, and stewarded their intellectual abilities. Their strength and bravery will inspire you, and your understanding of church history will become richer as you learn how God used them to further the Reformation through their work and influence.

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

World Witness is The ARP's missions wing. Visit their website [here](#) to learn more about the latest updates and activities.

	Nursery	Counter	Deacon on Duty
October 29:	Joyce Payne & Kathy Isley	Larry Isley	Glenn Owens
November 5:	Macon Baird & Carol Erb	Ferald Mann	Glenn Owens

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