



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,

I have watched my three children learn to read. It happened over time as we showed them phonics, read to them, gave them audio stories to hear and as they observed life with advancing age and skills.

On one occasion when riding in the car, one child says to us, "That sign there says Lowe's." We know this particular child could not yet read. How did they know it? They had been to Lowe's multiple times with Daddy as he made runs to the store for paint, hardware and other goods for home maintenance projects. Before children can read, they can often recognize familiar objects, shapes, logos and more.

Give yourself a test: What are the Golden Arches but McDonalds! The giant 6 in the sky is Motel 6. You get the point. Marketing, logos, name recognition mean a lot in our culture.

I recently chatted with someone in the marketing field and asked how to market a church. There's a lot we can do to get our name out in the community.

At our recent congregational meeting, we mentioned a handful of initiatives to help get our church name, values and reputation into the community. Some of those initiatives are:

- signs on Shadowbrook and Saddleclub that are immediately readable, lighted and clearly state enough information for the thousands who pass by daily
- temporary banners on our road frontage announcing special events as Easter and Christmas Services
- a fresh website that is manageable by our ministry staff and can assist us in clearly communicating who we are and when we gather
- effective use of social media to announce, promote and generate conversation about our church
- other means of announcing our church such as yard signs, automobile stickers, flyers and advertisements

Gone are the days of the Yellow Pages ad or the saturation of news print into every home. There are many avenues of media that must be utilized to garner the attention of the world. Our church can be well-served by entering into that twenty-first century world.

Our church has some natural advantages for publicity at well! Our location is wonderful. Our building is beautiful! The amount of traffic that passes our location is substantial. Several of our members came to know us by simply driving by our property.

Our greatest asset is you! As each of us, transformed by the Lord Jesus Christ into new creations, serve the Lord and the world, people will get to know what God is like and see the values of heaven on display. As you are engaged in our church life, are benefiting from the graces of the church and you invite others, our church may grow!

Think and pray on these things! Be sure to jump in Sunday School this week as our study of the Protestant Reformation begins. Our concluding studies in Philippians will teach us how to think and act as Christians. And on Sunday evening, Psalm 53 leads us to study a contrast of the fool who says God is not and the wise who puts his trust in Jesus!

See you Sunday,

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ask God to help each of us to live holy lives before the watching world as a witness to Christ Jesus.

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's, hip pain)

Freeman Baulding (car accident)

Theo Baulding (hip pain)

Bryan Crotts' brother & wife, David & Katie (praise for new baby Thomas born September 24)

Mandy Crotts' cousin, Wendy Miller (recovery from shoulder replacement surgery due to rheumatoid arthritis)

Foy Evans' daughter, Justine Robare to find local employment

Ann Garner's grandson, Philipp (cancer spread to lymph nodes)

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

Fran & Bill Haynes' daughter Kelly & husband Justin (praise for new grandson, Whit Samuel Boggs born October 2)

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

Lola Knox (regaining of strength after cancer treatments)

Jim Knox (stroke recovery, improved care, night sitters, strength for family as they provide care, etc.)

Steve Kyaw (second surgery for cancer removal)

Ferald Mann (good check up with surgeon, recovering from bronchitis)

Jean McKinnon's aunt, Melvina (upcoming 2nd cataract surgery)

Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)

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

Mary Renegar (breathing issues from COPD)

Jill Roy (recovering 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 Florida

Hurricanes & Mexico Earthquake recovery & ARP Churches affected; BCA teacher's parents in Puerto Rico

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: Betty & Ferald 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 8/16)

LOCAL CHURCH: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pastor Powell Sykes.

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Gideons Alamance West Camp, Al Whitlow

(regional) David Springer (Campus Outreach at Elon University)

MISSIONARIES: Nathan & Ashley Olson & family (Layman Serving the Church in Scotland)

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

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRIES: Bonclarken is the denomination's conference center, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western NC, with accommodations for groups up to 350.

FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 4	Ladies Bible Study: chapter 4, <i>The Gospel According to Abraham</i> - 11 A.M.
Wednesday, October 4	Handbell Choir Practice - 6:30 P.M.
Sunday, October 8	Morning & Evening Worship - 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
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, <i>chapter 6, 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)
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

Margaret Mann	October 8
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

📞 Chuck & Mary Renegar have a new phone number! Please update your contact information. 📞

(336) 270-6529

A PRAYING LIFE SEMINAR

The Praying Life is a seminar based on the book of the same name. The author—Paul Miller—will be leading the seminar at Friendly Hills PCA Church in nearby Jamestown, NC, on October 6 & 7. This seminar is not for victorious Christians, but Christians defeated in the trenches, asking... How do I focus when I'm distracted with so much to do? How do I pray longer than five minutes? How do I ask when I've tried it before and it doesn't work? Delving into these frustrations, the author says to look at Jesus' powerful, yet simple teachings on prayer. For more information visit [Friendly Hills PCA website](#). Find the book for purchase [here](#) (at Westminster Book Store or other book sellers).



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

Invite a friend by using the invitation at the Sanctuary doors or by e-mail, text, or FACEBOOK!

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 **RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT** 

Here are only a few of the vast treasure of hymns that aid our singing and praising the Lord Scripturally:



*Glory to the Holy One* is R.C. Sproul's new CD featuring lyrics drawn from Scripture and a lifetime of theological reflection. It is a collection of beautiful new hymns written by Dr. R.C. Sproul, wedded with soaring melodies written by award-winning composer, Jeff Lippencott. Recorded in esteemed venues around the world, this new project provides the church with an offering of that which is good, true, and beautiful in the Christian faith. Visit [here](#) for more information.

~*Hymns for a Modern Reformation* by James Montgomery Boice & Paul S. Jones

~*Getty Kids Hymnal - In Christ Alone AND For the Cause* by Keith & Kristyn Getty

~Indelible Grace Music ([igracemusic.com](http://igracemusic.com)) "Our hope is to help the church recover the tradition of putting old hymns to new music for each generation, and to enrich our worship with a huge view of God and His indelible grace."

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Campus Outreach is growing!! Local leader, David Springer, has news to share about the opening door in Florida! Read about it [here](#).

Campus Outreach's mission is to Glorify God by Building Laborers on the Campus for the Lost World.

	Nursery	Counter	Deacon on Duty
October 1:	Carol Erb & John Robinson	Jay Snow	Larry Isley
October 8:	Jondeen Terry & Vicki McPherson	Ferald Mann	Glenn Owens

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