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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 Saints of Christ Jesus,

We mark passing time in various ways. Some look at their wrist watches often. Others keep a calendar book handy, crossing out the days and appointments as they pass. Many have a daily routine that is up-and-at-em, chores, work, down and back up again for another day. And then there are the sun, moon and stars, which tell us daily that another cycle of life has passed by.

Another way to mark time is the holiday displays in retail stores. Hardly has Christmas gone by and St. Valentine has graced us with his presence, followed by St. Patrick, the Easter Bunny, Uncle Sam and Yankee Doodle and so on.

Halloween is past! Thank the Lord. My 2-mile morning walking circuit was littered with candy wrappers. I'm sure every local dentist is both disgusted and happy to see opportunity for dental care.

No doubt the stores have 50-75% off what was full-price and a hot commodity just hours ago. And there is, I'm sure, a mix of the next holidays - Thanksgiving and Christmas - already on the shelves.

In the church I mark the time by the behind the scenes events that must be accomplished. Wednesday is Groundhog Day for me—all publishing deadlines are due. It's a high-blood pressure day. Everything must be written, proofed, produced and distributed. It's a day of details!

One set of details to cover for the year-end are the important processes of nominations and elections of church officers and congregational servants, as well as preparing the upcoming year's budget for your approval.

The Session, following Chapter 8 of our *Form of Government*, is seeking your recommendations for Elder and Deacon. A brochure will be available this Sunday in the common areas of the church. Included is information regarding our *Form of Government* procedure, biblical standards for office and a form for you to use in recommending someone to an office.

Boxes for your completed forms will be in the Narthexes and the Session requests all forms to be turned in by Sunday, November 19 at 6 PM. Additionally, according to Chapter 3 of our *Form of Government*, the congregation has the privilege of electing for one-year terms each a Congregational Chair and at least one Congregational Treasurer. We historically have had only one Treasurer, however, more than one is allowed. Finally, according to our Church By-Laws, we must elect one Trustee to serve the congregation for a four-year term.

Our Session has called a Congregational Meeting for 9:30 AM on Sunday, December 10 for the purpose of holding elections and adopting a 2018 Budget. Copies of the proposed 2018 Church Budget will be distributed in advance of the meeting. You may review the budget, ask questions in advance, pray over the matter and be prepared to support, amend or not support the proposed budget at the Congregational Meeting.

Additionally, the Session will host a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, November 12 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Lord-willing, see you on Sunday as we study Ephesians 2:1-10, *Saved By Grace Alone*—

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Future leaders, ministers, and missionaries

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's, hip pain)

Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)

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 proved no change/next scan in January)

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

Steve Kyaw (recovery from second surgery to remove cancer; upcoming treatments)

Ferald Mann (continual progress from 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)

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: Kay Moore

LOCAL CHURCH: Grace Hill Church (ARP), Pastor Ross Durham

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Christian Adventurers Club, Terry Creech and Mark McKinney
(regional) ARP Minister Chaplain (CPT) Mike Basie, Vicenza, Italy

MISSIONARIES: Foreign Mission - that the name of Jesus would be faithfully preached across all lands

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: World Witness and all fronts/leaders, Alex Pettett

FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, November 1	Ladies' Bible Study, chapter 5, <i>The Gospel According to Abraham</i> - 11 A.M.
Wednesday, November 1	Handbell Choir Practice - 6:30 P.M.
Sunday, November 5	Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday Evening Worship - 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
Sunday, November 5	The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served during Morning Worship.
Sunday, November 5	Choir Practice - 5 P.M.
Monday, November 6	Men's Lunch* (Southbound Sandwich Works) - 12 noon
Monday, November 6	Men's Evening Gathering* (Panera Bread) - 7 P.M.
	<small>*chapter 9, "Reconciliation," J.I. Packer's <i>18 Words: The Most Important Words You Will Ever Know</i></small>
Wednesday, November 8	Ladies' Bible Study, chapter 6, <i>The Gospel According to Abraham</i> - 11 A.M.
Wednesday, November 8	Handbells Practice - 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, November 8	Cat Kids - 6:30 P.M.
Sunday, November 12	Town Hall Meeting in the Fellowship Hall - 9:30 A.M. with Refreshments
Sunday, November 12	Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday Evening Worship - 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
Sunday, November 12	Choir Practice - 5 P.M.
Monday, November 13	Stated Session Meeting
Tuesday, November 14	Table Talk (20's & 30's) - 7 P.M.
Wednesday, November 15	Ladies' Bible Study, chapter 8, <i>The Gospel According to Abraham</i> - 11 A.M.
Wednesday, November 15	Handbells Practice - 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, November 25	Hanging of the Greens - 9 A.M. (Breakfast provided)
Saturday, November 25	Operation Christmas Child - 2-6 P.M.
Saturday, November 25	Deadline to <i>R.S.V.P.</i> to Lynn Limon to attend Raleigh Ringers Concert
Sunday, November 26	Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday Evening Worship - 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
Sunday, November 26	Choir Practice - 5 P.M.
Sunday, November 26	Simple Supper (chicken noodle soup, homemade bread) - 7 P.M.
Wednesday, November 29	Lessons & Carols Rehearsal - 6 P.M. (Supper provided)

SAVE THE DATE

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

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 .

🎵🔔 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 by November 25! 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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If you missed the Reformation Celebration Event from Ligonier and Reformation 500, it's not too late! Visit [reformation500.com](http://reformation500.com) to replay the video talks on 500 years since the Reformation and the opportunities we have now to know God's word and share it!

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Reformation Heritage Books' mission is to glorify God and strengthen His Church through the publication and distribution of Puritan and Reformed literature for all ages. Reformation Heritage Books was founded in 1994 with the purpose of distributing sound, Reformed, experiential literature. Visit heritagebooks.org .

	Nursery	Counter	Deacon on Duty
November 5:	Macon Baird & Carol Erb	Ferald Mann	Glenn Owens
November 12:	John Robinson & Donna Wolf	Larry Isley	Stephen Robinson

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