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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 Church Family,

We have heard much of late about the Protestant Reformation of the Church.

The start of the Reformation came about in the 14th century as early Reformers like Jan Huss and John Wycliffe began to read the Bible and see the wide gap that existed between the reality of the church practices and the marching orders of the Scripture.

Their desire, along with those of later Reformers (like Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and the Erskine brothers of ARP fame), was to see the church obey the Lord by living, worshipping and following the Word of God in every sphere of life.

And so, as we have been eagerly learning of late, we see that the Reformation has affected every area of life—church, home, government, art, society, education, literature and more.

We are blessed to be a Protestant and Reformed church, governed by King Jesus, his elders and the Bible! We are also tasked with continuing the Reformation—the church is both *reformed* and *always reforming*. We must take great care to see that our lives and worship are governed by God's Word.

One of the ways that we want to be sure to keep the heritage that we have alive and to pass it down to the next generations, is to keep the church well-informed about the opportunities that we have to serve the Lord in 2018 and beyond. We want to be faithful to the Scriptures and on mission as Jesus has both reconciled us to himself and given us the ministry of reconciling the world to Him.

Please be sure to join the church family for our **Town Hall Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall this **Sunday, November 12 at 9:30 AM**. We will continue the discussion that began at our September Town Hall, where we all expressed the love we have for our church, and the desire we all have to strengthen her and see her grow in numbers.

Many of you asked for opportunities to “pitch in” and help our church grow. We will discuss various opportunities that we have in 2018 to help our church grow, as well as some immediate opportunities to let our community know about our sweet fellowship, worship, and learning of Christ.

I hope that you will take time to come, engage and prepare to serve the church. There will be breakfast food and drink items served.

In our Worship Service, we will hear from Romans 3-4 about the great doctrine of justification by faith alone—*Sola Fide*. Let's worship the Lord and together learn about our great salvation in Christ Jesus!

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray that we would live by the Spirit & would put off what hinders, put on what helps us to lead in our spheres of influence.

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's, hip pain)

Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)

Harold Boswell (rehabilitation after suffering a stroke)

Foy Evan (vertigo)

Anne Garner's grandson, Tyler Philipps (chemotherapy), (grieving at the loss of his grandmother, Bessie Philipps)

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, swallow test)

Steve Kyaw (chemotherapy—7 weeks)

Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)

Greg & Carolyn Pulley's grandson, Tommy (newly diagnosed with heart condition)

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)

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: Margaret & Glenn Owens

LOCAL CHURCH: Covenant Fellowship (ARP), Pastor David Smith

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Ministry to Visiting Professors from China, Rev. Stephen Crotts

(regional) ARP Minister Chaplain (CPT) Leon Buchannan, Grafenwoehr, Germany

MISSIONARIES:

Andrew and Norene Brunson suffering persecution in Turkey; pray specifically that he will be released by Christmas!

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: Moderator of Synod Lee Shelnett

FIRST ARP CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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| 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

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| Sunday, December 3 | Lessons & Carols - 6 P.M. (Reception to follow) |
| Tuesday, December 5 | Young at Heart - 11:45 A.M. |
| Saturday, December 9 | Raleigh Ringers Christmas Concert - 3 P.M. (Duke Energy Performing Arts Center, Raleigh, NC) |
| Sunday, December 10 | Congregational Meeting - 9:30 A.M. |
| Sunday, December 17 | Christmas Caroling & Treat Bag Delivery - 6 P.M. (cookies & hot chocolate to follow) |

BIRTHDAYS

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| 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

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| Libby & Randall Cobb | November 8 |
| Mary & Chuck Renegar | November 22 |
| Carol & Rick Erb | November 28 |



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www.sermonaudio.com First ARP Church .







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 19.

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.)

   **LESSONS AND CAROLS WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 6 P.M. WITH A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.**   
THIS EVENT IS ONE TO MARK, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND DIG OUT YOUR FESTIVE WEAR (PLAID PANTS AND SWEATERS!). THE SERVICE WILL BE THE READ WORD OF GOD AND THE BEST OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC. THERE WILL BE READINGS FROM THE BIBLE THAT SHOW GOD'S WONDERFUL PLAN OF REDEMPTION (THE LESSONS) AND WONDERFUL SELECTIONS OF CHRISTMAS SONGS (THE CAROLS). THIS WILL BE A WONDERFUL EVENT TO INVOLVE THE WHOLE BODY AND TO GET OUR MINDS CENTERED ON THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS! THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TO BRING A FINGER FOOD TREAT: VEGETABLE, FRUIT, SAVORY, OR SWEET!

 **Young At Heart** is Tuesday, December 5 at 11:45 A.M. 

Turkey, gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, squash casserole & frozen fruit salad will be provided.

Please provide additional vegetables, desserts or bread. (There is no Young at Heart in November.)

  **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.~

Annual Business Meeting

The Session has called the annual business meeting of the congregation for Sunday, December 10, 2017, at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2018 Budget and hold elections for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Congregational Chair and Treasurer. Copies of the budget and the final ballot for officers will be distributed prior to the meeting by mail.

| | Nursery | Counter | Deacon on Duty |
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| November 12: | John Robinson & Donna Wolf | Bill Haynes | Stephen Robinson |
| November 19: | Vicki McPherson & Jimmy Smith | Glenn Owens | Larry Isley |

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FROM ANDREW BRUNSON, SEPTEMBER 2017

“You are worthy, worthy of my all
My tears and pain I lift up as an offering
Teach me to share in the fellowship of your suffering
Lamb of God you are worthy of my all.

You are worthy, worthy of my all
Adopted as a son, a brother to my King
Indeed I will share in your glory if I share your suffering
Jesus, you are worthy of my all.

You are worthy, worthy of my all
But my heart faints, drowned in sorrow, overwhelmed
Make me like you, Cross-bearer, persevering, faithful to the end
To stand the trial and receive the crown of life.

You are worthy, worthy of my all
This is my declaration in the darkest hour
Jesus, the Faithful One who loves me, always good and true
You made me yours, you are worthy of my all.

I want to be found worthy to stand before you on that day
With no regrets from cowardice, things left undone
To hear you say, ‘Well done, my faithful friend, now enter your reward’
Jesus, my Joy, you are the prize I’m running for.

You are worthy, worthy of my all
You are worthy, worthy of my all
What can I give to the Son of God, who gave himself for me
Here I am, you are worthy of my all.”
