



FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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April 2008, Part Two

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Rock Hill, South Carolina

Sunday Schedule

Worship - 8:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m.
Foundations for the Family—5:30 p.m.

FARPY Yard Sale!

The Middle School & Senior High youth will sponsor a yard sale to help raise funds for summer mission trips! The date this year is Saturday, May 3. Please start looking around your home and/or office for items you would like to donate to this cause. Please note that due to renovations we have very limited storage space. If you can hold on to your items until the week prior to the yard sale, that would be helpful. Please call the church office if you will need help transporting your items.

Spring Yard Workday

On Saturday morning, April 26, all gardeners and extra hands are expected to arrive at the church by 9:00 a.m. to assist with the many landscaping needs.

As a result of recent drought, our beautifully landscaped property has seen much destruction. There is a great need to remove dead shrubs and root systems, trim and fertilize. We'll also need the necessary garden tools to do this work.

Please set aside this one morning and offer a few hours of your service and you will be rewarded by the improvements you see and the good fellowship that we'll enjoy.

See you at 9:30 on April 26!



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Inspired by the love of Christ, and enabled by the Holy Spirit, we serve God through worship, education and fellowship that we may proclaim His grace and share His love in the world.



A Note from the Pastor

It is always a joy whenever we have the opportunity to report that the Session met and received new members into the life of the church. Such was the case on April 6 when the Session received **Mrs. Audrey Allan, Mr. Brian Twomey, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben (Kristin) Weeks** into the fellowship of First ARP Church.

I have also met with other visitors recently, and we will be receiving more new members within the next few weeks. Remember, sometimes visitors come to worship of their own volition, but usually a friend or family member has invited them. Of those recently joining or those preparing to join, an overwhelming majority were invited by a friend. If you know of people in your neighborhood or workplace, your family or classroom who need a church home, by all means invite them to worship at First ARP.

Visitors that I have met with recently tell me what a warm and inviting congregation First ARP is. They mention people who have spoken to them and actually seem interested in who they are and making sure they feel welcome. That sort of response by a congregation can be trained, but it is so much better when a congregation comes by that type of response naturally. That is certainly the case with this congregation, and I want to commend you for the way in which you make others feel so welcome. Keep it up, and remember – invite someone to worship this week!

Barry

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to **Chet Peachey** at the death of his brother, **Lee** on Thursday, March 27 and to **Connie Kiser** at the death of her father, Morris Glidewell on Saturday, April 12. Please pray for God's comfort to be upon these families.



REMINDER OF SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer is on it's way, and that means our worship schedule will be somewhat altered. Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m. with worship to follow at 10:00 a.m. This schedule begins on Sunday, May 25 and will run through the summer, ending on Sunday, August 31.

Youth Sunday

Preparations are underway for this special Sunday and the youth are excited about the opportunity to lead our church family in worship on April 27 at both services. If you are a Middle School or Senior High youth and have not been able to join us yet for planning, please join us at Youth Group on Wednesday nights; we would love to have you there! Also, please note that there will be a **Hamburger/Hotdog Cookout** following the 11:00 worship service to help raise funds for the Atlanta, Appalachia, and Wales Mission trips this year. Please plan to stay and enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal.

What a wonderful time we were able to have with the Rees family at the end of last month! Their visit from Wales was a great encouragement to our church family and has excited the Wales Mission Team and Youth Group in tremendous ways. We would like to thank the congregation for being so gracious and kind to our visitors. Martyn wrote in a recent email: **"THANK YOU SO MUCH for your fantastic southern hospitality - we absolutely loved our brief stay!"**

FARPY news

summer

Horizon & Quest

It's not too late to plan your summer at Bonclarken! The youth have 2 great opportunities to spend a week there with all their friends from the denomination. **HORIZON (Senior High)** is **June 16-21** and **QUEST (Middle School)** is **June 23-28**. Both of these weeks will feature wonderful speakers, a great worship band, tons of fun activities, tournaments, trips to town, and the always popular sludge war! If you are interested in either of these weeks, please see Andrew for details.

First ARP Women's Ministries offers \$100.00 scholarships per child each summer for our youth to attend summer camps at Bonclarken (Horizon, Quest, AIM, Reach, Music-Drama Camp, & Family Bible Conference). Contact Betsy Dreier for more information.

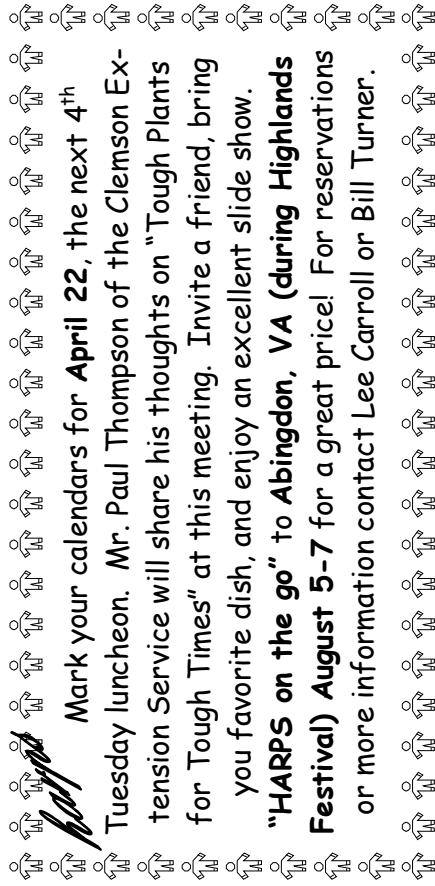
Christian Education

Foundations for the Family

Join us on **April 20 at 5:30 p.m.** for lessons for children and adults. A **pizza dinner** will follow at 6:30 p.m. Then come back on **April 27** for our last time of lessons and activities. There will be a **covered dish** meal at 6:30 p.m. We will end Foundations for the Family on Sunday, May 4 with Family Worship night, followed by a BBQ dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda.

Time to sign up for VBS!!

This year's program, "Blessed to be a Servant", will be blessed if you join us for the week of VBS, June 16-19. There is a sign up poster in the connector that needs your child's name on it! Children ages 4-5th grade are invited to be a part of this fun and exciting time of learning more about being a servant. Contact Lisa Cox

 **Mark your calendars for April 22, the next 4th Tuesday luncheon.** Mr. Paul Thompson of the Clemson Extension Service will share his thoughts on "Tough Plants for Tough Times" at this meeting. Invite a friend, bring your favorite dish, and enjoy an excellent slide show. **"HARPS on the go" to Abingdon, VA (during Highlands Festival) August 5-7** for a great price! For reservations or more information contact Lee Carroll or Bill Turner.

Upcoming Retreats & Conferences

Catawba Presbytery Senior Adult Retreat

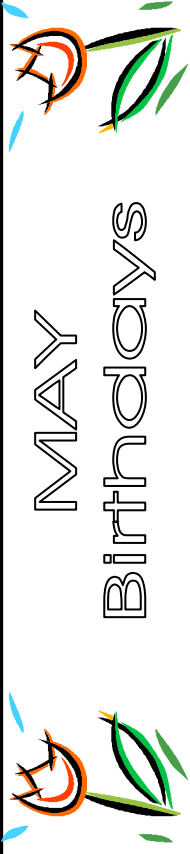
Thursday, May 1, 9:30-2:30 p.m.

Neely's Creek ARP Church, Rock Hill

2008 Family Bible Conference

July 21-24, 2008—Bonclarken

Please see Amanda for more information and



MAY Birthdays

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| 1 David Slough | 16 Hannah Robinson |
| 2 Tom Gunderson | 17 Glenn Barnette |
| Anna Low | 18 Cassie Brault |
| Emma Low | Herman Weisz |
| Christopher McKinney | 19 John Landstreet, Jr. |
| 3 MeiRose Barnette | 20 Malcolm Marion |
| Jan Elliott | 21 Ellen Hamilton |
| Walt Heinson | 22 Eliza Dreier |
| Dick Herron | Mary Catherine Norman |
| 5 Jennings Neely, Jr. | Judy Phillips |
| Carol Smith | 24 Adam Clamp |
| 6 Lew Dickert | Elsie Shillinglaw |
| Susan Kellett | Benjamin Simpson |
| 7 Cathy Harris | (Tom & Beverly's son) |
| Joe Sutton | 25 Betsy Dreier |
| 10 McAuley Alexander | Merritt Flowers |
| Bob Faulkner | Joe Patrick |
| 12 Lib Anderson | John Shoger |
| Katie Ledford | 26 Mary Laurel Patrick |
| Jacob Stutts | 27 Erin Cauthen |
| Lydia Woods | Peggy Matthews |
| 14 Jeanie Revell | Hunter Rogers |
| Gene Williamson | Alex Simpson |
| 15 Barbara Lesslie | 28 Maggie Harris |
| Robbie Lesslie | James Loftus |
| | 29 Hadley Harris |

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Our guests from Interfaith Hospitality Network will be visiting on April 20-27. If you can help in any way during this week, contact Bill Vogel or Amanda. Please remember these families in your prayers as they join us for the week.