



FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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April 2009, Part Two

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina
Sunday Schedule
8: 30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School



Erin's Tea Room

Women's Ministries of First ARP is excited to host Erin's Tea Room on April 24, 25, and 26 in Robinson Hall from 10:00 a.m.-2 :00 p.m. each day. As always, good food & fellowship will be available and will accompany many opportunities to support First ARP's Women's Ministries.

From the menu, you will be able to choose one of the following: Parmesan-Herb Chicken, a boneless baby-back rib sandwich, or summer spaghetti. Choices of sides and desserts will also be available.

The WM will be selling herbs, plants, pottery, and gifts, and will hold a Silent Auction on Saturday, filled with great items like books, CDs, sporting event tickets, and gift cards to restaurants.

The FARPys will also host a bake sale throughout the weekend to raise funds for summer missions. The York County Library will hold their spring quarter booksale in the gym.

Don't miss out on this busy and exciting weekend! Volunteers are still needed to help with this event from Wednesday-Sunday. Contact Shellie Sloop if you can help!

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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 Director of Christian Education

If you have been reading through the Bible and are sticking to the plan that we published on the yellow sheet, you're almost done with your journey through I & II Samuel. I hope you've opened your mind when reading God's Word and have been amazed at all of the action-packed events we find in these two books of the Old Testament. Surely all of the passages in the first book kept you on the edge of your seat, and now as you wrap up the second, you're beginning to put all of the narrative pieces together.

So what is it that we can learn from all of the action, battles, deaths, and kings? First, you can see how God sovereignly raises Saul, and David to be kings in their time. Second, you see how the people are sinful in demanding a king to rule over them (forgetting that God is their King). Third, we see a huge contrast between Saul as king and David as king. Saul immediately was given over to self-sufficiency and did not honor God as God. His fear even compelled him to seek to destroy David, his God-anointed replacement. David, on the other hand, fully grasped God's sovereignty and understood that all glory, in battle and off the field, belonged to God. Later in David's reign, we're reminded of his humanness as he gives in to temptation. But instead of denying his actions, David confesses and repents from his wrong-doings.

I and II Samuel teach us valuable lessons and especially to conform our hearts' desires to those of our Sovereign God. David was a man who desired the heart of God and even slipped at times. Yet he had confidence that God was still there for him in those days. May we be encouraged by David, his heart, and in reading God's Word in the days to come.

Blessings,
Amanda



Congratulations to Elizabeth Eaves and Chad Friel who were united in marriage on April 4, 2009 in Bluffton, SC.

FARPY News



Each youth is asked to contact two

people (choose

from family, friends, and church members) and ask them to help with our bake sale by providing items (whole or individually wrapped) to sell throughout the weekend April 24-26. All youth are

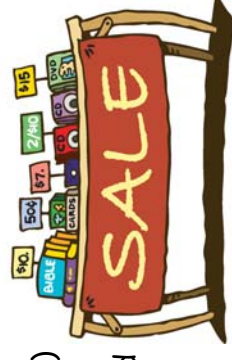


Bake Sale

asked to work at the bake sale Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning. You can also help with Erin's Tea Room that weekend by serving food or cleaning in the kitchen. Contact Michele Harbin (366-1250) if you have any questions.

The youth will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 9 to raise money for summer missions. All church members are asked to please start cleaning and gathering your items to sell and encourage friends and neighbors to contribute as well. Items may be stored at the church (contact Amanda for location). Beginning

Wednesday, May 6, We will also need volunteers (parents and youth) to help set up and price items, as well as work the day of the sale and help clean-up. Contact Michele Harbin (366-1250) if you can help.



The **2009 Appalachia Mission Team** has their next scheduled meeting on **Sunday, May 3 at 3 p.m.** at the church. It is very important that you attend all team meetings. Contact Michele Harbin (366-1250) if you have a conflict.



Keep praying for Jeff & Suzanne Allers, and their boys, Sam and Ben, as they serve at the Family Center in Preznlauser Berg, Berlin, Germany. Continue to pray for the outreach programs offered at the center to be effective, and for the growth of their relationships.

**Jubilee Celebration Offering Received on
March 25, 2009**

Thanks to everyone who supported the First ARP Women's Ministries Jubilee Birthday. We collected \$164.00 that will support our women missionaries in the field. Thank you!



Congregational Workday

We were able to accomplish great things on our workday, April 4. Thank you to all who came with shovels in hand ready to pull out, plant, and tend to our gardens. Now we can enjoy the beauty of creation even more! Thank you!

HARPS

The HARPS will meet for their monthly covered-dish luncheon on Tuesday, April 28 at noon in Robinson Hall. Come and enjoy this opportunity for great fellowship and useful information.

HARPS On The Go...

Downtown Greenville is waiting on us! We're heading there on Thursday, April 23 to visit the museums, Falls Park, and for the Main Street History Tour. We'll leave the church at 8:45 a.m. and return before 5 p.m. The cost is your lunch plus \$2 for the tour. Contact Bill Turner if you have any questions.

may Birthdays

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



April 24-26: Erin's Tea Room
May 6: Final Foundations for the Family (Elk's Park)

May 9: FАРY Yard Sale

May 24: Summer Sunday Schedule (9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship)

May 31: Graduation Sunday

June 15-18: VBS 2009