



# FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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**First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
**Rock Hill, South Carolina**

**Sunday Schedule**  
**9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship**



## Foundations For the

The Christian Education, Family Life, and Worship committees are excited to announce our fall program, Foundations for the Family, that will begin on **Wednesday, September 3**. A meal will be served from 5:45-6:15 p.m. (at no cost, but donations will be accepted) followed by a time for children, youth, and adults to study and fellowship with one another, until 7:15 p.m.

The children are also invited to a mentoring hour that will begin at 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday. There will be adults and teachers available to help finish homework for the evening in order to enjoy the evening activities. If you would like to help with this time, or would like your child to attend, please contact Michele Harbin or Amanda.

For study opportunities this fall, Andy Stager will lead a Bible study for the adults. Beth Moore's *Daniel* will also be an optional study for the women. The preschool children will be learning the Children's Catechism, while the elementary children travel through the book of Genesis. The youth program will be packed with Bible study, fellowship, and games.

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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

Do you know what's special about **Sunday, August 24, 2008**? I hope you have your calendar marked for that date because this year's RALLY DAY is sure to be packed with fellowship, excitement, and encouragement from our youth. The Christian Education committee extends an invitation to you and your families to attend this year's program in the gym during the Sunday school hour.

Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. We need YOUR help in providing the meal, so if you have a favorite breakfast casserole recipe, you love to make homemade biscuits, or you love blueberry muffins, go ahead and bring your dish to the gym for everyone to enjoy. We will need as much help as we can get to provide a full meal for everyone. Please let Amanda know if you will be bringing anything for the breakfast.

The RALLY DAY program will begin at 8:45 a.m. with a message from middle school students who went on the Atlanta Mission trip in early June. Following their presentation, Sunday School teachers will be introduced and the children will be promoted to their new Sunday School classes. After the children are dismissed, the high school students will give a presentation on their trips to Appalachia and Wales.

As you can tell, this will be a busy morning, but we are looking forward to sharing with you all that has happened this summer. We are also excited to mark the beginning of a new year. I hope that you will join us on Sunday, August 24 at 8:30 a.m.

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note...

Dr. Barry Dagenhart will be on vacation beginning July 28. He will return to the office on Monday, August 11. Dr. Bob Robinson will preach on Sunday, August 3 and Guy Smith will preach on Sunday, August 10. If you have any concerns, please contact the church office or your district elder.

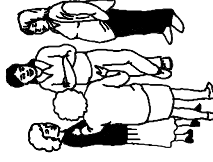
## FARPY Thanks YOU

We have safely returned from our trip "across the pond." Our time with old and new friends was amazing and we can't wait to share with you all of the many things God is doing in Wales. Come to Rally Day on August 24 to hear all about the trip!

The FARPYs would like to thank each of you who prayed for us and the trips we attended this summer. Each of our prayer partners were an encouragement for each of us as we took part in The Great Commission. Thank you for thinking of us!

## Women's Ministries News

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m.** for the last joint circle meeting of the summer to study Chapter 12 from our book (dinner will be provided). On **Thursday, August 14** from 5-8 p.m. we'll fellowship while scrapbooking together (bring your own dinner). On **Wednesday August 27 at 5:30 p.m.**, the Women's Ministries will have their annual kick-off for the 2008-2009 year - join us for a great time of fellowship!



Beth Moore's *Daniel* will be offered this fall on Tuesday mornings (10-11:30 a.m.) & Wednesday evenings (6-7:30 p.m.), beginning September 2 & 3, respectively. The cost for the study is \$25, which covers the book and other study materials. Please contact Amanda if you will need childcare. If you are interested in either study, please contact the church office to sign up and order a study book. Checks should be made payable to *First ARP Women's Ministries*.

## FROM THE DIACONATE...

- The diaconate held one meeting in July and would like to share the following:
- ◆ Arrangements have been made to secure a line of credit to cover any shortfall in the payments for Forward in Faith renovations.
  - ◆ The Robinson Hall HVAC system is being replaced in conjunction with the renovation process.
  - ◆ Volunteers are still needed for the sound system during Worship on Sunday mornings. Training is available-- contact Chet Wingate, Charles Robbins, or Frank Wilkerson. Polly Wingate is handling sign-up for those willing to serve in this way.
  - ◆ The Interfaith Hospitality Network Committee requested a liaison with the Board of Deacons to facilitate issues related to facility usage. Emily Patrick, one of the Deacon representatives to the Missions and Outreach Committee will serve in this capacity.
  - ◆ Deacon policies and responsibilities are being reviewed and updated to facilitate continuity.



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to **Leonard Williams** at the death of his brother **Bob**. Please continue to pray that God's comfort would rest upon this family.

Congratulations to **Josh and Emily Norris**, upon the birth of their son, **Walker Reid** on Friday, July 18. Proud grandparents are **Chet and Debbie Wingate**.



## SESSION NOTES

The Session held its normal July meeting. Key actions included: Reviewed information on the current renovation. Recent work has focused on the windows and installing internal walls. Elevator installation is awaiting city coordination for a power shutdown. Completion is expected during September. A line of credit is being processed to cover the remaining cost until Forward in Faith giving meets the full needs.

The Professional Staff Committee presented its Salary Plan report which establishes salary ranges for various church positions based on comparable salaries and denominational guidance. This report was approved and will be used in future budget planning.

The Recruiting Committee reviewed the upcoming elder election cycle. Key dates include: recommendations due to the office on August 24<sup>th</sup>; nomination voting on September 7<sup>th</sup>; and the elder election on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Communion will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> with Dr. Robinson officiating.

Approved use of the church for a wedding on January 31, 2009, in keeping with normal procedures for non-members.

Identified members in need of specific concern and offered appropriate prayers for them.

In recent called meetings, the Session received Bethany Geddings and Hall Dozier as new members.

Questions about this meeting or inputs to the Session can be directed to your district elder, the pastor, or the clerk.



### Dorothy Day Update

On Thursday, July 17, members of First ARP Church served 70 individuals at Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen. These members included Dick & Lee Carroll, Barry Dagenhart, Bill & Earle Turner, Ben Turner, and Sally Williamson. Thanks to all who help with this wonderful ministry! Our next meal will be Thursday, August 21.

Remember our Summer Sunday Worship schedule is now in effect through Sunday, August 31. Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m. and worship follows at 10:00 a.m.

## Christian Education News

On **Sunday, August 17** immediately following worship until 1 p.m., all preschool and children's teachers for Sunday School and Foundations for the Family are asked to attend a training session in the gym. Even if you've been teaching for years, you are still ask to attend. There will be a sandwich & salad bar for lunch. Please contact



MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers, will begin meeting in September at First ARP. We need YOUR help in this ministry. If you would like to provide goodies, childcare, or be a speaker for one of the meetings, please contact Dottie Gettys, Amanda, or a member of the steering committee.

Calling all SERVANTS!  
The Christian Education Ministry of First ARP still needs YOU to consider helping with the Children's ministry for the 2008-2009 year. We need nursery & toddler nurturers, preschool & elementary leaders, Children's Church teachers, and other volunteers to help with the activities. You can also be praying for the children and adults involved in all aspects of this ministry. If you would like to



A Note of Importance  
After the end of the War between the states, South Carolina had many orphans with no facilities and little money. The youngsters had to fend for themselves.

Banding into small groups they found work wherever there was need, living in makeshift tents, and moving to another location when the work ran out or they were no longer welcome.

Dr. William Jacobs, determined to find a better solution, sought help from the Clinton Presbyterian Church where he was pastor and others in the community. Dr. Jacobs was a man of prayer and action. He wrote in his diary on October 29, 1872 "I talked much about our orphanage and received the first gift to it from an orphan, Little Willie Anderson. God prosper the work."

Today The Thornwell Home For Children seeks to serve those who are in need of a home and all that implies, along with an education that prepares them to be responsible for their own actions. These children are the abandoned, the abused and the neglected.

The board of directors is appointed by the Synod of the Southeast, including FL, GA, SC and NC. All of their income for day to day operations comes from churches, Sunday schools, and individuals.

If you visit, you will find that they have set high goals—nothing less than giving these children a Christian environment and preparing them to go out into a world that is constantly changing and at times can be rough.

If you would like to know more about the home or would like to contribute to this ministry, please contact Dick Herron or Amanda Ghent.

Remember, our **IHN** guests will arrive on Sunday, **August 3** and stay until Sunday, **August 10**. Sunday school classes have been asked to provide the meals. Overnight hosts are still needed for the week. If you can help, contact Bill Vogel or Amanda.

