



# FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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February 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

### First ARP Reaches Out to Rock Hill Salvation Army Men's Warming Center

This winter, the Salvation Army has opened their doors each night when the temperature has dropped below 38° to provide men a safe and warm place to sleep. Up to 15 men each night receive warm, fresh meals that are prepared by community volunteers and easy-to-carry snacks the next morning as they leave for the day. This has been an incredible ministry to the homeless men of Rock Hill, and has attracted many volunteers.

During the week of January 25-31, many folks from First ARP were able to pitch in a hand and help with this ministry. Each night, a couple, a family, or a group of students prepared, served, and ministered to the individuals staying at the shelter.

Those that participated during this week were: Robert & Jeanie Alexander, Dave & Joan Barkley and family, Tony & Dana Berry and family, Wayne & Polly Wingate, John & Shellie Sloop and family, Lucinda and Brandon Rapp, the Senior High Girls Discipleship Group (Mary Alexander Barron, Julie Harbin, Taylor Madsen), and the Middle School Youth (Mary Catherine Blank, Mary Campbell Kellett, Justin Elder, Sara Simpson, Melissa Leighton, Brice Landstreet, John Landstreet, Megan Madsen, and Michele Harbin.

For more information on the program, go to the website, [www.rmministries.org](http://www.rmministries.org). If you would like to serve in this ministry, contact Michele Harbin.

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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 an Elder*

### **First ARP Stimulus Package – The Bible**

We are already well into February of our “Year of the Bible”, and the members of your Session and Christian Education committee want to encourage each of you to continue your Bible reading. If you haven’t started, it is not too late!

Of course, there are several ways to read through the Bible. One of the easiest and best ways is to read from beginning to end, just like we’re all taught to read. Another way to make your way through reading, is to read the books in chronological order, as they were written historically. Another popular guide would be to read parts of the Old and New Testaments together each day. Whichever plan you choose to use, you will be immersed in God’s Word each day and you will be amazed at how He uses His Word to impact every moment of your life.

If you want some help with organization and planning, we have developed our own calendar to read the Bible in less than a year (February 1—December 31, 2009). You can find this yellow tri-fold plan in the church office, or you can contact Amanda.

As you begin to read through the Bible, you will be ready to take the next step and work on some Scripture memorization. Check out the first two verses of Psalm 1, and then you can “Write them on the tablet of your heart” (Proverbs 7:3). Happy reading!

**Robert Lesslie**

**IHN** Thanks to all of our adult Sunday School classes for providing such delicious meals during the hosting week! We’re also grateful for those of you who participated as overnight hosts. With your help, this ministry is serving our community in a BIG way—many thanks!

Bill Vogel, IHN Coordinator

## **FARPY News**

### **Attention all Senior High Youth...**

If you are planning to attend the Super Retreat March 6-8, your registration forms and \$\$ is due by February 18. The cost is \$40 for church members, and \$70 for friends. You will also get a free T-shirt, so make sure you mark your size on your forms. We plan to meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. that Friday and leave by 5:30. You will need extra money for dinner on the way up, and lunch on the way home. Get ready for a fantastic weekend filled with worship, teaching, and fellowship!

### **2009 Summer Mission Trips!**

**Atlanta Mission Trip** – Middle School: June 8-11

Registration Deadline Wednesday, March 4

**Appalachia Mission Trip** – Senior High: July 4-11

Registration Deadline Wednesday, March 4

You still have a few more weeks to sign up if you haven’t already!!  
Contact Amanda if you need registration forms.

The 2008-09 Leadership York County is hosting *York County Project Connect*, a one-day, one-stop event to provide services and assistance for the homeless. The event will be from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 7 at the Emmett Scott Neighborhood Center on Crawford Street. There will be free breakfast and lunch, agencies to help the homeless, PLUS they hope to offer services such as haircuts, medical and dental care, free phone calls, bike repair, etc.

YOU can help serve the community by volunteering your time to help greet and escort visitors, serve food, or anything else that may encourage the homeless. If you are interested and can participate, contact Ashley Barron at 493-4027.



## Christian Education Ministry

### Special Offering on February 22, 2009

On Sunday, February 22, there will be a special offering received to support the Seminary education of two First ARP members, Jamey Dagenhart and Andrew Shoger. This is a wonderful opportunity to invest in these individuals and their future ministry, by financially supporting them through their studies at Erskine Theological Seminary. Thank you for your donations.

All adults & youth who work within our Christian Education ministry must complete the Child Abuse Prevention Training Session before working with our young people. If you are a new member, or have never attended one of these sessions before, it is imperative that you do so soon. Remember, there will be a background check with your provided information.

There will be two opportunities to complete this session in March—Wednesday March 11 at 5 p.m. or Sunday, March 15 at 9:15 a.m. Both of these will be held in the Discover Life Class (above Robinson Hall). Contact Amanda if you will attend or if you have any questions.

### Attention MEN of all ages...

Set your alarm clocks early on Friday mornings from February 27 - April 10. For these seven weeks, Andy Stager will lead a series of studies in I Thessalonians entitled "Always the Lord's." We will gather at Durango Bagel (295 Herlong Ave) at 6:30 a.m. for coffee, bagels, fellowship, and study. We will adjourn promptly at 7:30 a.m. Please invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers to grow in God's Word with us!

## March

### Birthdays

1	Jeanie Alexander	20	Bill Cornwell
	Jim Hinson	21	Chas Crawford
	Starr Lee		Herb Hamilton
2	Barry Dreier		Caitlin Roper
3	Matt Phillips	22	Martha Milling
4	Bob Harper	23	Kelly T. Hall
	Laura Leathers	25	Mark Golightly
	Laura Norwood		Harriet Goode
5	Key Barkley	26	Addi Berry
	David Helms		Jeremy Ghent
6	Kate Ferguson	27	Bradley Crews
7	Polly Wingate	28	Caris Kulbok
9	Emma Gilleland		Clay Simpson
	Elle Gilleland	29	Blake Boone
10	Johnny Logan		John Landstreet, Sr.
11	Sara Gettys		Elaine Norman
13	Beth Gettys	30	W. C. Kirkpatrick
	Lucy Patrick	31	Sally Coleman
14	Linda Neely	32	Andy Stager
15	Sally Ann Catoo		
	Warren Norman		
	Tripp Wilkerson		

### February is HOPE month

Bring your non-perishable canned good items to the church throughout this month. The items will be donated to the HOPE food pantry. Thank you for your help in this ministry!

Thanks to all who supported our "Souper Bowl Sunday" on February 1. We raised almost \$150 that will be used to help local benevolence needs.