



First Church Life



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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Schedule
8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship

Bring a Friend to Church Day: January 31, 2010

The Membership Committee is sponsoring this special day and challenging all members of First ARP to extend invitations to neighbors, coworkers, and friends, asking them to join in worship on Sunday, January 31 at either the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship service. Use this opportunity to share with others, especially those who have no church home, the joy that corporate fellowship can bring.

SUPER BOWL CHILI SALE

Order NOW for February 7 delivery!

The FARPYS and Women's Ministries of First ARP are sponsoring a Chili Sale to support Youth Missions. Chili may be pre-ordered and picked up on Sunday, February 7. You may also have the chili delivered to your home. We are offering a choice of **Regular Beef Chili** or **White Chicken Chili**. Order forms will be available in the connector and other places Wednesday, January 13—Wednesday, February 3.

The HARPS will meet on **Tuesday, January 26** at noon in Robinson Hall for their monthly covered dish luncheon. Stephen Turner will be the guest speaker. Make plans to attend and don't forget to bring your best dish to share! Also, mark your calendars for the annual Valentines Break-

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Welcome 2010! It's a brand new year with new opportunities around every corner and, of course, those dreaded resolutions. Tired of the "eat better," "spend less money," and "exercise more" resolutions that just seem to drop off after a few days? Here are just a few suggestions from your DCE on ways to make a difference with your goals for 2010!

- 1 - Read the Bible in a Year: If you couldn't finish this task from last year, why not give it another shot? Pick up a guide from the church and get started—it's an amazing journey to read through God's Word!
- 2 - Family Devotions: I know the hectic lifestyles we all live day in and day out, but why not set aside intentional time for you and your family to read, share, and pray together each day. Spending time as a family unit is only going to encourage your relationships to grow. Remember, you are training the next generation of kingdom disciples! If you would like resources, I have a few that I could recommend.
- 3 - Attend the Winter Sunday School elective, a study on Tim Keller's *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*. This 9-week course is based on the parable of the prodigal son and will meet in the Faith Meeting Room during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:40) between January 24 and March 28. Anyone is welcome to attend, but we especially encourage those who do not usually attend Sunday School to consider participating in this special course. There will be snacks, fellowship, music, teaching, and discussion each week.

I hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities to grow in the year 2010. Blessings!

Amanda



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Jack Roddey at the death of his sister, Bettie Gatewood Roddey Kistler. Please pray that God's comfort would rest upon this

Please note: Biddy Ball practice is on Mondays from 6-

FARPY News

All youth are invited to youth group on Wednesday evenings. Dinner is served at 5:45 with lesson, games, and worship to follow (6:30 till 7:15). This semester, the FARPYs will continue exploring what it means to be "different" and what it means to grow deeper in the faith. We will explore what it looks like to have a deep relationship with Jesus and how to tend that relationship by the means of grace. See you there!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those going on the ski trip must turn in your second payment of \$50 to Matt on or before January 20!

Getting psyched for Super Bowl Sunday? GREAT— plan on spending that fun night with the FARPYs... details to come soon!

Visit www.farpy.blogspot.com for more information.

Keeping a Promise, by Bob Robinson, D.D.

After retiring from the pulpit ministry in 2001, Bob Robinson, your Pastor Emeritus, had great desires of recording his life's journeys to pass down to his children, grandchildren, and so forth. After much encouragement and diligence in writing, Bob's memoirs are finally available for others to read.

The title, *Keeping a Promise*, has a two-fold meaning. First, it refers to his remaining faithful to his calling in the ministry. It also explains a bit of the relationship that he and his wife, Mary have developed through the years.

The book follows in chronological order, giving much of the content to his 34 years spent at First ARP as Pastor. Also included are bits of his courtship with Mary, special services he was a part of during his ministry, and events that touched his life. Basically, Bob wanted to share how God used certain circumstances and events to shape his life. It was an effort to show how God led and directed him into the ministry and how he remained faithful through the ups and downs. For him, it was rewarding to reflect and look back over those events and see exactly how God was, and still is, at work.

Filled with great stories and emotion, this hardback book is

ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE

Late last year the Session approved a goal for the congregation to complete the final phase for the organ restoration by October 8, 2011. This date is based on research of our church records by Paul Gettys, which disclosed that on October 8, 1911, the Session approved the selling of the old pump organ and replacing it with our "new" organ. When the first two phases were completed and the final payment was made, the balance in the Organ Fund was \$1,527.85. As of December 31, 2009, that fund has \$55,557.00. The current estimated cost of the final phase is \$84,000.00, leaving an additional \$24,443.00 to fund.

It is hoped the funds will be available and we can have the old façade pipes working again after being silent for more than 50 years. The restoration will require approximately one year to complete after the contract is signed. While no formal fund-raising campaign is planned, with your help this goal can be accomplished.



Attention all Ladies:

Two great opportunities!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of February 19-21! All ladies are invited to join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth at our winter retreat. We will be heading to Edisto Beach for a great get-away weekend!

The retreat begins on Friday evening and ends Sunday morning after breakfast and a short worship service. Amy Kulbok will lead us in morning and early afternoon spiritual growth sessions on Saturday. The cost will be minimal. For information or to sign up, please contact Mary Joyce Wright (366-3853 or mjwrh@aol.com) or Debbie Leathers (366-9543 or dhleathers@yahoo.com).

Also, on March 19-20, Anne Graham Lotz will present "Just Give Me Jesus," a FREE life-changing revival and spiritual renewal for women. This event will be held at the Bi-Lo center in Greenville on Friday evening and all day Saturday. Anne will deliver messages from God's Word and Fernando Ortega will lead worship through music. It is our hope that many women from our church will be able to attend and experience this rewarding, uplifting event.

If you are interested in this event, please contact Jeanie Alexander (327-0378 or jeaniealex@comporium.net).

FEBRUARY Birthdays

1	Ana Cate Loftus	21	Dan Canupp
2	John Hamilton		Dick Carroll
	Toni Vaughn		Erin McManus
3	Russell Hubbs		Bill Vogel
5	Bob Robinson		Chris Wingate
	Larissa Smith	22	Nora Madsen
	Matt Whisonant		Helen Revell
	Bernice Williams		Beverly Simpson
	Mary Landstreet	23	Bob Thompson
9	Kitty Barrett		Matt Turner
13	Scott Fischesser	24	Deacon Stager
	Brittiany Smith	25	George Barron III
14	Archie Barrett		Charles Robbins
15	Elli Barnette		Angela Woods
	Virginia Hallman		Harper Woods
	Paula Williamson	26	Ken Gasque
16	Sam Cable		Carolyn Rogers
	Debbie Turner		Norma White
17	Sandra Canupp		Julia Wilkerson
	Bill Hancock	27	Elizabeth Eaves
18	Kirk Clayton		Matt Eaves
	Devon McManus		Justin Elder
	Mary Weisz	28	Tristan McManus
19	Juliet Brice		Emily Patrick



On Thursday, December 17, college students and members of First ARP Church served 75 individuals at Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen. Those who helped included Kristy Brault, Erin Cauthen, Lauren Coombs, Rachel Dagenhart, Amanda Ghent, Ann Louise Kellett, Laura Leathers, Matt Lewellyn, Megan Madsen, Benjamin Simpson, Mary Frampton Whitesides, and Jan Stephenson. The next meal will be served on Thursday, January 21, 2009.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Jan Stephenson, Dorothy Day Coordinator.