



FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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June 2008, Part Two

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

Sunday Schedule

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

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Our Interfaith Guests will be here before you know it! Our guests will arrive Sunday evening, **August 3** and depart Sunday morning, **August 10**.

Currently, there is only one family (one adult, one child) in the program. We will be responsible for the evening meals, as well as being a host for the evening. As always, we are counting on our Sunday school classes to help with some of the meals. We also need volunteers who can spend the night (8 p.m.-7 a.m.) at the church. If you would like to help in some way during that week, contact **Amanda Ghent**.

As a reminder, the schedule of classes and meals is below. Thank you for serving our church and community through this ministry!

Sunday - Spiritual Development (Deli tray)

Monday - Discover Life (Tacos, Salad, Fruit & Dessert)

Tuesday - The Ghents (Pork Chops, Potatoes, Beans)

Wednesday - Pool Party (Sausage Dogs)

Thursday - Fellowship

Friday - Young Adult

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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.



RENOVATION UPDATE

Since the origination of the Forward in Faith Campaign, we've come such a long way. With renovations progressing smoothly and nearing a completion in September, there is good news that actual cost of construction will stay within the parameters that were originally set over two years ago. That is a testimony to the provisions of God and the

wonderful work that Smith Construction is doing. All of the architectural fees and campaign costs have been paid, and the Daughter church fund is up-to-date (148K).

The highlights of the accomplishments thus far are: steel structure work completed; brickwork on east wall and around windows completed; new windows installed; new roof completed along with placement of HVAC units; elevator shaft completed and ready for the installation of the elevator; skylight installed in hallway area. The parking lot plans have been approved and the work will most likely take place in August.

Although we still have over 490K on hand to spend, it will not be enough to cover all of the costs associated with the work that remains. There is also about 9% of unpaid pledges to be received. If all pledges are met, the total received will be over \$1.3 million, which will necessitate the need to borrow about \$100,000 to finish the project. We appreciate those of you who are still paying on your pledges, and encourage those who have yet to complete their pledges to do so.

We thank you for your faithfulness to the FIF Campaign and we especially thank God for the way in which He will continue to supply every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Joe Patrick, Long Range Planning Committee
Kelly Clayton, Renovation Team

You can pray for the FARPYS ...

We've been through training, held fundraisers, packed and repacked our bags....there is only one thing left to do - get on the plane!

The Wales Mission Team leaves this Thursday, July

17. We appreciate all the support the congregation has given us in the months leading up to our journey and we would ask for your prayers for our team as we travel, meet new people, and share the Gospel. The team returns on Monday, July 28.

Those going are: **Ivey Smith, Atkinson Dillingham, Josh Madsen, Ryan Simpson, Kyle Brown, Bethany Geddings, Will Smith, Elise Harbin, Benjamin Simpson, Greg & Michele Harbin, Bill Vogel, and Andrew Shoger.**

Upcoming Elections

We will soon begin our annual process to elect officers for the church. This will begin with elders being elected during August and September. We ask everyone to begin praying for this process and the men who will be selected to help lead the church through service on the Session.

Our Form of Government says that all men who are members of the church are eligible for election as elders. The Recruiting Committee is taking a fresh look at the church rolls and making a major effort to have an accurate list of names which will be mailed to you later this summer.

Anyone who feels he cannot responsibly serve as an elder should contact the church office and request the Session remove his name from the list of those from which the congregation will select its nominations.

Please refer any questions to John Barron, Chairman of Recruiting Committee.

Don't forget!

July 29 - Elementary Bowling trip

July 31 - Preschoolers to Charlotte at Play

August 3-10 - IHN guests visit

Christian Education

Upcoming Children's Summer Activities

Children in grades 1-5 are invited to bowl on Tuesday, July 29 from 10-1 p.m. at Strikers Family Sportscenter. We will meet there, bowl 2 games, then have lunch. A parent/chaperone is asked to accompany each child. Cost is \$6.50 per child.

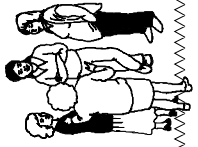
Preschool children (5 yrs and under) are invited to Charlotte at Play on Thursday, July 31. We will meet at the church at 9 a.m., enjoy 1.5 hours of playtime, and eat lunch before our return. Cost is \$6 with 10 children. Please bring your own lunch.

If you are interested in either event, contact Amanda immediately. Remember, the gym is open for free play on Mondays from 10-2.

First Presbytery has invited us to the 2008 Spiritual Life Conference, "The WORD: Inspiration, Education, & Transformation" at First ARP Gastonia on September 7 from 3-6:30 p.m. This event includes activities for children, youth and adults. Registration includes the program and dinner. Please contact Amanda if you would like

Summer Women's Opportunities!

On Thursday, August 14, from 5-8 p.m. in the gym, Amy Smith, a Creative Memories Consultant, will join us for a session of scrapbook cropping! This time of fellowship is open to **all ladies!** Even if you've never scrapbooked before, Amy will teach you techniques and give you tools to create your first page. For those that are pros at the scrapbook idea—bring your latest project and crop while you chat. There is **no cost** for this event, however, please bring your own dinner. Also, bring 5-10 photos that you can use to create a story page. Childcare will be provided if needed. Contact Amanda at the church if you have any questions.



August Birthdays

1	Brad Powell	16	Ben Barkley
3	Evan Gettys	17	Norma Nichols
	Wayne Wingate	18	Jan Kent
4	Eleanor Herlong	19	Lindsay M. Graham
	Hayley Powell		Barbara Roberts
5	Susan Barnette		Heather Whisonant
	Caroline Tuttle	21	Alex Doede
6	Jeremy Dreier	22	Matthew Myers
	Mary Phillips Gettys	23	Heather Robinson
	John Loftus	24	Julie Harbin
8	Caroline Robbins	26	Jamey Dagenhart
9	Emmie Kiser	27	Jill Fleischer
	Jack Loftus		Susan Hallman
	Mabry Smith		Kenneth Large
10	Laura R. Gordon	28	Andrew Love
	Sylvia Rhodes		Chrissi Norman
	Douglas Woods	29	John P. Gettys, Jr.
13	Ryan Simpson	30	Judy Hicklin
14	Doris Baker		Lori L. Alexander
	Becky C. Vick	31	Lauren Powell
	Mike Harris		
	Sarah Todd Low		
	Miley Rhoad		
	Mike Simpson		
	Sally Williamson		



Congratulations to **Dave & Amy Kulbok** upon the birth of their son, **Christian Nathaniel**, on Tuesday, July 8. Proud grandparents are **Robert & Barbara Lesslie**.