



FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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May 2009, Part Two

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina
Summer Sunday Schedule (May 24-Sept 6)
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship

First A.R.P. Church
201 East White Street
Rock Hill, SC 29730



Crocodile Dock
VBS 2009
June 15- - 18, 2009
9:00 a.m. - Noon

It's time to register for the most fantastic week of the summer!! You should have received an informative letter and registration forms for your children for this awesome week of Bible learning, activities, and fellowship for children (ages 4 - 5th grade).

During this action-packed week, children will learn that God is with us, God is powerful, and God gives us life and cares for us. The older elementary children (grades 4 and 5) will even participate in service projects around our community. Together, we'll learn to see God in everyday life, and share His light with others.

All children who have finished 3 year old preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us! Contact Kristin Weeks, VBS Director (324-9676), or Amanda at the church if you would like to register your child, or would like to participate in the week's events. See you down

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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.



Caring Committee Anniversary

Ten years ago this month, a group of devoted members of our congregation met together for the first time out of concern for certain members of our congregation. It had become evident that we had members in need of on-going contact with those who could observe and minister to individuals who were homebound--some temporarily and some more permanently. Some were living away from relatives who could visit on a regular basis; some had no close relatives at all; others had care providers but needed the regular touch of those who minister to the heart and soul. Most just needed a friendly face or a loving card to break the monotony of the day-to-day life of the homebound or recovering.

Since the summer of 1999, more than 100 people have participated as caregivers. Some have taken a short term of service; others have served faithfully since the very beginning. Phone calls, cards and notes, visits, gifts of food and flowers—all requiring time and effort—let these treasured members of our church family know they are not forgotten.

As administrator of this committee, I know the time that has been given to this vital ministry. I know that some of our original caregivers have become the recipients of care in recent years. I know the time and effort our “founder,” Wayne Wingate, has put into recruiting those who serve. I now know that adults like stickers for “a job well-done” as much as children. I know of the thousands of cards that have been sent and the hundreds of visits and phone calls that have been made. I know the blessings to the caregivers have been as great as the blessings to those they serve. As I leave this ministry, I wanted you to know of these faithful servants and of this ongoing ministry that is so vital to our being a true covenant community. Thank you for allowing me to participate and to experience this blessing in my life.

Kathy Barron



We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Irene Kneece, at her death on May 10, 2009. Continue to pray that God would comfort her family at this time.



Congratulations to Mark and Karen Cable, proud grandparents of Bennett Wilson Vick, born on May 7, 2009. The parents are Becky and David Vick.



Congratulations to Lauren Roper, daughter of Tom and Carol Roper, and Kyle Hawley who were united in marriage on May 9, 2009 in Charleston, SC

FARPY News

The FARPYs would like to thank all of the folks who provided their time, food, baked items and treasures for our busy Spring season!



Our Welsh visitors had a blast visiting with us and they were so grateful for your hospitality. Then you provided baked goods for our annual Spring Bake Sale, at which we raised \$585! But that wasn't enough - you brought all sorts of treasures to us for the Yard Sale. Over the weekend, we raised over \$2100.

Your support of the youth and the summer missions trips are greatly appreciated!

Graduation Sunday

On **Sunday, May 31**, we will recognize our high school graduates during the worship service and honor them at a reception following the service. Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of these students.

We'd like to know if you have a college graduate. Please contact Amanda **BEFORE MAY 27** with their information (college attended and degree earned) so they may be recognized as well.

The **2009 Atlanta Mission Team** will meet on **Sunday, May 31 at 11:45** in the Rogers' Room. Contact Amanda if you are unable to attend. Your commissioning service will be on June 7, 2009.

The **2009 Appalachia Mission Team** has a scheduled meeting on **Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m.** at the church. It is very important that you attend this meeting. Contact Michele Harbin (366-1250) if you have a conflict. Your commissioning service will be June 28, 2009 and there will be a send off party at the Smith's on July 3, 2009.



Keep praying for **Dr. and Mrs. John Carson** as they continue to travel with the Mobile Theological Training Team ("MT3") to ensure that pastors and leaders all over the world are well equipped to serve their congregations and evangelize their homelands.

Our Interfaith Guests Are Coming!!

Our guests with IHN will be here **May 24-31**. The Adult Sunday School classes will prepare dinner for the two families (3 adults/5 children) and volunteers will spend the night with them at the church. Contact Jeanie Alexander (jeaniealex@comporium.net) if you can help.

Family Bible Conference

July 20-23, 2009 Bonclarken

Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God

This week at Bonclarken promises a great week of teaching and activities for the entire family! Contact Amanda if you would like to attend.

Preschool News

Did you know you are currently ministering to 42 children and their families through the Preschool program at First ARP? Of these children, 17 are from families that are members of First ARP. We are now enrolling for summer and fall for ages 1-4. Please let your friends and family know that First ARP offers this wonderful ministry.

The **Women's Circles** will meet jointly this summer. The meetings will be held in Robinson Hall on June 3, July 1, and August 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a salad supper provided by the circles. We will study chapters 10, 11, and 12 in those months respectively. Plan to join us as we finish our study of *Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches*.

Don't forget to join us each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. (June 9-July 14) for our study of *Having a Mary Spirit*. Contact Brenda Wilson (366-7838) or Amanda if you would like to participate.

June Birthdays



- 1 West Kellett
- 2 Becky Flowers
- 4 Juli Gasque
- 4 Elizabeth Blank
- 4 Rachel Crawford
- 5 Jack Hicklin
- 5 Brad Brakefield
- 5 Chet Peachey
- 6 Miriam Simpson
- 6 Butch Boone
- 6 Susan Cassels
- 7 Melissa Robbins
- 7 Rebecca Watkins
- 8 Debbie Brault
- 9 Wayne Gardner
- 9 Will Hamilton
- 9 Taylor Madsen
- 10 Doc Herlong
- 11 Debbie Wingate
- 12 Hanah H. Rhoad
- 15 Anna S. Player
- 15 Connie Kiser
- 15 John Topor
- 15 Andrew Shoger
- 16 Chad Helms
- 17 John Heinsohn
- 18 Joanne Mauldin
- 19 Robert Alexander
- 20 Melissa Leighton
- 20 Ralph Norman
- 21 Mary Lyle
- 21 Jamie Reinsch
- 21 Larry Vaughn
- 22 Robert Blank
- 22 Scott Ledford
- 23 Howard Kellett
- 23 Mark Neely
- 23 Eva Rhodes
- 24 Leonard Williams
- 24 Hanna Buchner
- 24 Rebecca Milling
- 25 Sunny W. Nunnally
- 25 Valerie Heinsohn
- 27 Juliet Leach
- 29 Rhonda Logan
- 29 Marshall Rogers
- 30 Allison Fleischer
- 30 Tim Kiser
- Patrick Robinson

Save The Date

May 24: Summer Sunday Schedule Begins
(9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship)
May 31: Graduation Sunday
June 7: ARP Magazine Day
June 15-18: VBS 2009