



# FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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October 2009, Part Two

**First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
**Rock Hill, South Carolina**  
**Sunday Schedule**  
**8:30 a.m. - Worship**  
**9:45 a.m. - Sunday School**  
**11:00 a.m. - Worship**

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

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.



It's the most wonderful time of the year....  
We are already gearing up for the holiday season and we would like First ARP Church to participate in giving to those around us, near and far. This year, we will sponsor two projects, **Operation Christmas Child and Toys for Tots.**



We have 40 some FREE boxes left over from last year's OCC project that will be available **October 21** for pick up. To participate, just take a box from the church or buy one at the store, fill it up with great goodies and the \$7 donation, then return it to the church **BY Wednesday, November 11.** We will take all of the packed boxes to the drop-off location the following week.

Or, if you'd like a bit more time, you may drop off a new, unwrapped toy in the large box located in the connector. These "Toys for Tots" will be given to needy children around our local community. The toy drive will begin November 4. Please bring these to the church **BY December 9.**

Contact the church office if you have any questions.



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## Service Of Remembrance

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This special service was very well received by those in attendance last year, and I hope that you will be able to attend and will participate in remembering one or more of your loved ones near the end of the service as each name is spoken into a microphone, and a rose is placed in a vase in their memory. The flowers are provided by a benefactor of the service. The only thing you need to bring to the service is yourself and your family and/or friends. I hope to see you there.

Barry

## FARPY News

Don't forget about the Middle School Fall Retreat! Friday, November 6—Sunday, November 8  
Registration is due to Matt by October 28!

Pick up forms from Matt & win a prize by being one of the first 5 people to register!

**Friday, October 23:** Senior High Ultimate Lunch FREE lunch at the church at noon followed by ultimate Frisbee! Come on out even if you can't throw a Frisbee to save your life...it's always good to learn new skills!

**Monday, October 26:** Youth Ministry Team meeting @ 7 PM in Rogers' Room - Open to ANYBODY interested in youth ministry and who would like to help out!

A big thank you goes out to the Youth Ministry Team that helped out with the Super Retreat, September 25-27 and the FARPY Super Weekend, October 9-11! Everyone had an awesome time!

Visit [www.farpy.blogspot.com](http://www.farpy.blogspot.com) for more information.

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### Update on Gary Stiltner, Indian Land

Rev. Gary Stiltner is the mission developer of the Indian Land ARP Church, which began public worship September 13, 2009. Gary is a gifted evangelist who finds it incredibly natural to talk about Jesus to perfect strangers. From the get-go, he has focused his young congregation on works of mercy, service and outreach to the community. His Sunday preaching this fall is on the book of James. He is assisted by Derek Durst, who is mobilizing the congregation to reach area kids with the gospel through a variety of sports programs, and by Evan Frazier, whose musical gifts are employed for Indian Land ARP's worship services.

Please pray for Gary and the work in Indian Land. Visit their website at <http://indianlandmission.org>.

Congratulations to Warren and Chrissi Norman on the birth of their daughter, Riley Kathryn, on Sunday, October 11. We give thanks for new



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Carol Roper at the death of her brother, Robert Neely on October 5, 2009. Please pray that God's comfort would rest upon this family.

Don't forget to move your clocks back an hour on Saturday night, October 31!





## SESSION NOTES

The Session held a regular meeting in September. Key actions included:

- Heard recommendation by the Special Finance Committee on Forward in Faith Debt, and approved to:
  - 1 - Convert the Forward in Faith loan to a 15-year amortization / 7-year balloon loan
  - 2 - Fully fund General Budget line item 57300 (Forward in Faith - Debt Payment) when General Budget giving allows.
  - 3 - Designate the 5th Sunday of any month for a "Special Forward in Faith" Collection
- Membership Committee will review names to move to the inactive roll and brainstorm ways to attract new visitors.
- Worship Committee distributed the survey concerning the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Discussion will continue at the October meeting in order to give Elders appropriate time to review the survey results.
- Approved a hot-dog dinner and fundraiser for the Preschool on Dec 4 (the evening of the annual Rock Hill Christmas Parade).

**Don't forget the church-wide workday on Saturday, October 31**

from 9 a.m. until noon. We will use this time to plant shrubs in the new parking lot, as well as tend to the other areas around the church grounds. Also, if you have interest in serving as a



## HARPS

Remember the following dates:  
 Tuesday, October 27, 12:00 p.m.—Covered-dish lunch in Robinson Hall  
 Thursday, October 22: Lazy 5 Ranch in Mooresville (contact Jack Roddey if interested)  
 November 9-11, 2009—Annual Myrtle Beach trip (Contact Lee Carroll if interested)

Join us for a congregational-wide TABLE TALK gathering on **Sunday, October 25 at 6 p.m.** at the Lesslie Land. We'll sing together, hear a word from Andy Stager, and fellowship together! The **entire** church family is invited to attend this gathering. Dessert will be offered. Contact the Lesslies or the church office if you need directions!

# November Birthdays



• 2	Karen Cable	18	Herb Roberts
• 3	George Barron, Sr.	19	Tinsley Berry
•	Jamie Low		Donald McManus
•	William Robbins		Emily W. Norris
• 4	Sara W. Morgan	20	Mary Joyce Wright
• 5	Eli Robinson	21	John Aycok
• 6	Mookie Revell		Dennis Cox
•	Ann Roddey		Beth Pearson
• 7	Margaret W. Robinson	22	John Sloop
•	Alex Phillips	23	John Pearson
• 11	Linda Porter	24	Meg G. Dozier
•	Janice Sutton	25	Patrick Lyle
•	Michael Williamson		Bob Murdock
• 12	Don Harper		Zach Rogers
• 13	Joanne Cauthen		Frank Wilkerson
•	Mary Evelyn Lewis	27	Vance Alexander
•	Taylor Wingate		Betty LaPlume
• 14	Jamie Raines	28	David Barkley
• 15	Amy Heinsohn		Rise Strickland
•	Jennings Neely, Jr.	29	Mark Cable, Sr.
•	Alexander Robinson	30	Ginger Smith
• 17	Mary Alexander Barron		Peggy Murdock

**It's time for the preschool Hop-a-thon !**

On Friday, October 16 at 11:30 a.m., all students will gather in the gym to hop, laugh and raise a ruckus! You are invited to join us for the Hop and stay for a light lunch of sandwiches, chips & cookies. Let us know how many plan to join us for lunch so we'll have enough. If you are unable to join us, but would like to make a donation, you may leave a check in the offering plate or the church office. Please indicate in the memo it is for the HOP-A-THON. We hope to see you at the HOP! Any questions, please contact Shelley at [firstairpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:firstairpreschool@yahoo.com) or call the church office.