



FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Rock Hill, South Carolina

Sunday Schedule

8:30—Worship 9:45—Sunday School 11:00—Worship
5 p.m.—Foundations For the Family

We are incredibly blessed at First ARP to have such wonderful kitchen facilities and equipment, and opportunities to host events on a regular basis. In order to keep the facility and the equipment in tip-top shape, the Session believes we need to enforce the Facilities Policy. This means that the kitchen will be locked at all times when not in use. There will also be a check-out policy for all equipment from the kitchen or Robinson Hall that is borrowed by church members (this includes linens, tables, chairs, pots, pans, serving utensils, etc). To borrow any of these items, you must see Elsie in the church office and sign the proper forms. We hope this will help in keeping all of the items secured and the kitchen usable. We appreciate your help and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



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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 the Pastor

As most of you are probably aware, some pre-renovation work has been ongoing in the old choir robe room during the past month. **David Ledbetter** has been planning and overseeing the work of transforming the robe room into two offices – one for the Associate Pastor, and one for the DCE. This work was necessary because the actual renovations will necessitate taking about half of their previous offices for a hallway and exit area involving a stairwell from upstairs.

Thanks to volunteers, this work has cost only the price of materials, and a little bit of time from the electrician. A wall was placed to divide the robe room, and two doors were hung, and finish materials were used (chair rail, baseboard, etc.) It is always dangerous to give a list of people because I may leave someone out, but I want to thank folks for their work on this mini-project. In addition to many of the deacons who helped with removing furniture in the robe room on the Deacon Workday back on September 8, those I have seen there the most over the past couple of weeks include: **Buddy Brault, Carey Harper, David Ledbetter, Eric Madsen, and John Pearson**. These guys performed some super work, and had way too much fun in the process. I appreciate their time and effort which will allow our staff to move into these new offices right before the renovation work begins.

Barry

Prayer Requests

Pauline Hamrick is at Cabarrus Hospice in Kannapolis, NC.
Bob Murdock is recovering from surgery.
Bob Slough is recovering from heart surgery.

Each week, a list of updated prayer concerns based on daily updates is compiled. This list contains not only prayer needs, but also an ongoing list of praises and concerns that God has graciously answered. If you would like to receive this updated prayer list on a weekly basis, please contact Bryan and indicate whether you would prefer a hard copy or email.



SESSION NOTES

The Session held one meeting in September. Key actions include:

- Approved updates to the CE Manual based on inputs from this year's Vacation Bible School. This included adding procedures to develop and gain approval of curriculum unique to our church.
- Approved work to support Operation Christmas Child during the September and October Sunday evening service project time.
- Discussed concerns about items missing from the kitchen.
- Approved increased enforcement and publicity of policies to keep the kitchen locked and having any borrowed items checked out through the office. (A sign-out form is available in the office.)
- Noted the deadline for all church agencies to make 2008 budget submission to the Finance Committee by October 1st.
- A notebook has been compiled of church policies and procedures and placed in the office as a reference document. All church agencies should work to keep information in the notebook current.
- Heard a report that city permits for the renovation work have been received and work will begin within the next two weeks. Deacon-led work is ongoing to transform the former choir robe room into new offices for the associate pastor and DCE. (Their current offices are in the area of the new rear entryway.)
- Received a letter from Rev. Bult asking to resign his position as Associate Pastor in order to become pastor at Greenwood ARP. It was approved with regret and appreciation for his work at First ARP.
- The Sacrament of the Lord's Support will be celebrated on October 7th.
- Identified members in need of specific concern and offered appropriate prayers for them.

Questions about this meeting or inputs to the Session can be directed to your district elder, a pastor or the clerk.



We extend our Christian sympathy to **George Barron, Sr.** at the death of his brother, **Robert Edwin Barron III** on Monday, September 17 and to **Mary K Sturgis** at the death of her father on Thursday, September 20.

CE Corner

Bedtime Bible Stories is an event for all children (3 yrs-5th grade) on Friday, November 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be dinner, activities, and fun bedtime stories for the children. Parents, put this on your calendar so you can make plans for that evening too! More details to come soon.

See you at the church-wide retreat
October 19-21, 2007
at Bonclarken!

Reformation Celebration

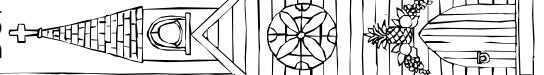
Don't forget about the Reformation Celebration on **October 27** at the Lesslie Farm. We will celebrate the historic occasion of Reformation that began in 1517. This special event will begin at 4 p.m. and will include dinner, activities, and a special guest. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Michelle Bult, Amy Kulbok, or Kristin Shoger.



We need your help! We still have empty slots to provide flowers for the sanctuary. Please contact the church office if you can provide flowers for one of the following Sundays: October 28, November 11 (Communion Sunday—requires 2 arrangements), or November 25.

Thank you!

The women of the church would like to extend their gratitude to Bryan and Michelle Bult for their years of service at First ARP. There will be a reception following the Sunday evening family worship on October 7th to honor them and fellowship together. Please come and share your stories, thanks, and support as they prepare to move. If you would like to help with the reception or prepare any items, please contact Jamie Raines, President, or Amy Kulbok, Vice President or any other member of Women's Ministries.



Remember,
If you would like to have an article published in the newsletter, you must submit it to Amanda by the 10th or 25th of the month. Thank you for your timely cooperation.

Operation Christmas Child

FAMILIES together in service experiencing "the power of a simple gift."

This year, First ARP will explore a new outreach project this Christmas Season. The Kick-off for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, was Sunday, September 23 and was a great success! We need to continue packing boxes in order to reach our goal of 250 boxes! How can you participate?

- Pick up a green brochure and a plastic box in the entrances to the church. (You can use your own boxes, but plastic ones are preferred since they can be reused by the children. You can pick these up at Wal-Mart or the dollar stores.)
- Choose the age and gender for your gifts.
- Fill the box with gifts appropriate for the child you are giving to a child, like socks, shoes, and more supplies that are useful and what not to include.
- You may also include a note or photo of you and your family. You might even receive a note back!
- Cut and attach the label from the brochure onto the top of the box, with the correct age and gender marked. Secure the box with a rubber band.
- DO NOT PUT THE \$7 IN THE BOX FOR SHIPPING!! Instead, make donations to the church toward the cost of sending the boxes. We will write ONE check to cover this cost before we send them to the distribution center.
- Please return ALL boxes to the church office or the site in the connector by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

We at First ARP Church have truly been 'blessed to be a blessing' and have the privilege of being ambassadors for Jesus Christ!

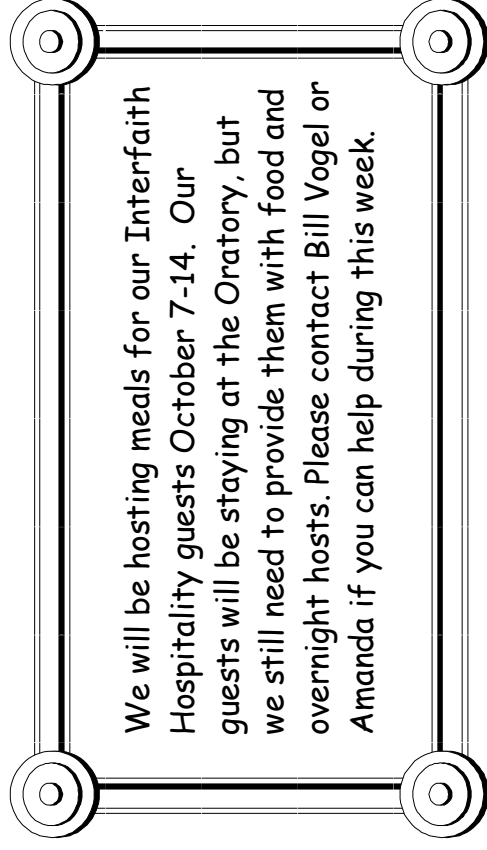
OCC Steering Committee

Jeanie Alexander, Tonya Borachok, Debbie Brault, Rachel Crawford, Lois Kirkpatrick, Connie Kiser, Beverly Simpson, and Kelley Tuttle

HARPS Information

The HARPs committee will meet on October 10 at 10 a.m. at the church. Please come and share any ideas you have for the group this year.

The HARPs will have a covered dish luncheon at 12 noon on October 23 in the gym. Mark your calendars. More information to follow.



The following men were elected as Elders for the class 2012 last Sunday:

Robert Lesslie Cole McKinney
Tom Roper Wayne Wingate

Do you have your college student's address? We need all of their information as we compile a list with mailing addresses, phone numbers, birthday, and email addresses. We want to keep in touch with all of our students! Please notify the church or Debbie Leathers with this information.

FROM THE DIACONATE...

The diaconate held a regular meeting in September and would like to report the following:

- Progress has been made for obtaining permits to move forward with renovations. In-house work has already begun. There are still items that need to be discarded before renovation work fully begins.
- The new windows needed for work of renovations will be ordered.
- A list of those eligible for Deacon has been formed and the nominating process will begin at congregational meetings on October 28.
- The diaconate will assist with games at the Reformation Celebration on October 27, 2007 from 4-8 p.m.

Financial Update

August General Budget Giving	\$ 50,793.00
August Actual Expenses	\$ 59,167.00
Year-to-Date Actual Deficit	\$ 35,956.00
Forward in Faith Balance	\$755,784.56

Youth Mission Prayer Vigil

On Saturday, October 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Youth of First ARP Church will be sponsoring a Mission Prayer Vigil. The purpose of this event is to spend time as a church family in prayer for future mission trips as well as lifting up the needs, concerns and praises of First ARP Church. Please consider joining us on this day for a one hour prayer

Youth News...

Youth lock-in!

The Middle School and Senior High youth are having a Lock-In on **Friday, Oct. 12**. We'll meet Friday night at 8:00 p.m. at the church and finish up Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. There are going to be games, food, fun and much more! You DO NOT want to miss out. **Please bring your favorite snack item and a 2-liter drink to share with the whole group!** If you have any questions, please ask Andrew!

MISSION PRAYER VIGIL

On Saturday, October 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the youth will be sponsoring a Mission Prayer Vigil at the church. This event is open to the entire congregation, but we want our Middle School and Senior High youth to lead it. That means we need YOUR help! It does not require a lot of work, just a one hour commitment that morning. If you can help out, please see Andrew.

DOROTHY DAY UPDATE



On Thursday, September 20, Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen served 85 people a delicious menu. George Barron, Sr., Carolyn Hallman, Joanne Vaughn, and Marsha Vogel helped prepare and serve the meal.

Remember, the next meal to serve will be on Thursday, October 18. Call Bill Turner if you are interested in helping with this service. Thanks for your support!