



FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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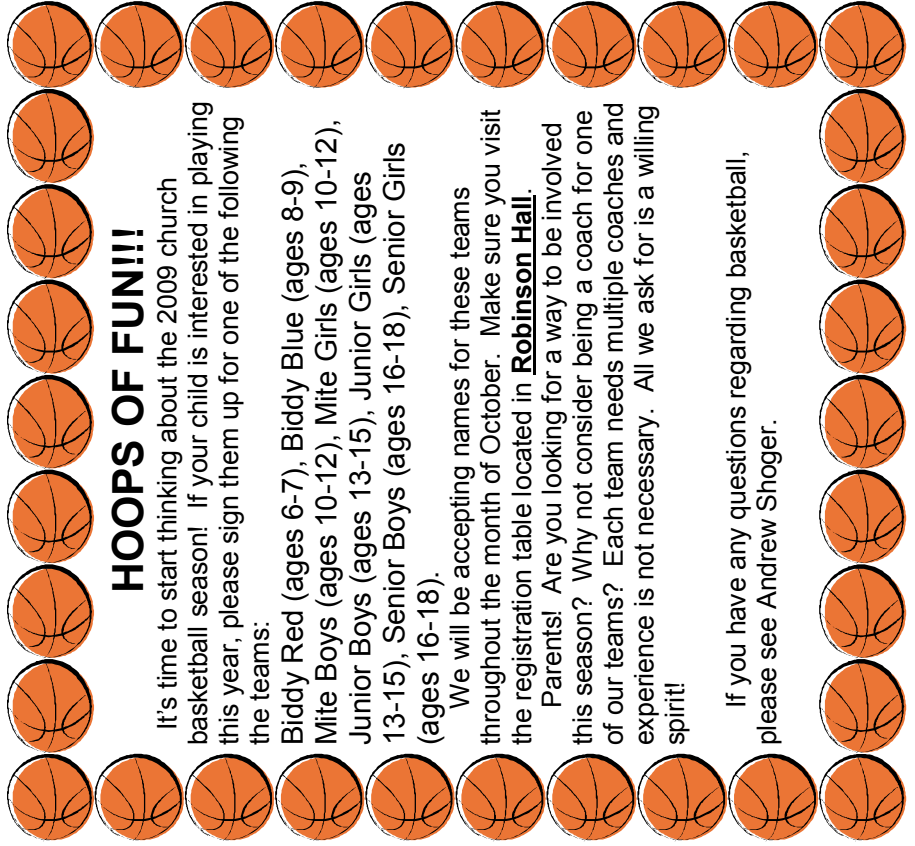
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October 2008, Part Two

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



HOOPS OF FUN!!!

It's time to start thinking about the 2009 church basketball season! If your child is interested in playing this year, please sign them up for one of the following the teams:

- Biddy Red (ages 6-7), Biddy Blue (ages 8-9), Mite Boys (ages 10-12), Mite Girls (ages 10-12), Junior Boys (ages 13-15), Junior Girls (ages 13-15), Senior Boys (ages 16-18), Senior Girls (ages 16-18).

We will be accepting names for these teams throughout the month of October. Make sure you visit the registration table located in **Robinson Hall**.

Parents! Are you looking for a way to be involved this season? Why not consider being a coach for one of our teams? Each team needs multiple coaches and experience is not necessary. All we ask for is a willing spirit!

If you have any questions regarding basketball, please see Andrew Shoger.

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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

I want to thank the congregation for your patience during this renovation process. Many classes have been uprooted from regular meeting space; many of you have had to park in strange places; and this process has tested the patience of the best of us. However, by and large, I have been extremely pleased with the flexible attitude most everyone has exhibited, and I encourage you to continue that same outlook during the next few weeks.

Our main hold-up with the adult education area is doors. Our doors have been ordered for months, and we finally have a 'ship' date for October 21. It will take some time for them to arrive, some more time to have them installed with all of the hardware, and then some more time for the city inspector to come and sign off on the entire project so that we might have an occupancy permit. I can't say with any confidence how many days that will take. We hope to move Sunday School furniture from your present classrooms to the new classrooms on **Saturday, November 1**. This date hinges on having the proper permit to occupy the building. It is my understanding that we may occupy the building before the parking lot is completed since they are separate work permits. The parking lot will take a few more weeks, depending upon weather, approval of a landscape design for the parking area, etc. It is hard to imagine how much red tape there is to this type of work, but I can assure you there is more than most of us are aware. In Proverbs 13, we can see that "hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life" and "a desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul." We look forward with great anticipation to this desire being fulfilled, and it will be sweet to us all as we have the use of this wonderful space.

On a more personal note, I also want to thank you for your prayers on my behalf for my health. I recently went to see a vascular surgeon in Charlotte since it had been seven months since my diagnosis of a blood clot. He had an ultrasound performed and compared it to my original test back in February. He informed me that I was in good shape - that my body had absorbed almost the entire clot - and that it was safe for me to go off the blood thinner medication, and go on aspirin only. This is certainly good news, and thanks so much for your support of me and my family during this time of recuperation.

Barry

FARPY NEWS

Mission Appreciation Dinner

The Middle School and Senior High Youth would like to invite each of you to our annual Mission Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 5:45 p.m. This is our opportunity to say "Thank You" for all of your support of our mission program. Please come and enjoy a great meal, hear reports from our Summer mission trips, and learn about our plans for future trips. We hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful evening! Childcare will be provided following our meal for children in 4th grade and under.

Middle School Fall Retreat

Calling ALL Middle School students! Your Fall Retreat to Bonclarken is Nov. 7-9! You won't want to miss out on all the fun as we spend a weekend in the mountains with friends! If you are interested in going, please pick up a registration form from your Sunday School room or from Andrew. The registration deadline is Sunday, October 26.

Church-Wide Retreat Activity

If you are going on the church retreat this weekend, come prepared to help make Bonclarken a better place! On Saturday morning, the youth will be helping do some much-needed 'yard work' around the grounds. This is a great opportunity for us to give back to Bonclarken for all the fun we have had there. Make sure you bring some work clothes with you, especially long pants and long-sleeve shirts. If you have work gloves, throw those in your bag too!

Fall into Feeding the Hungry!

Pilgrims' Inn and the Children's Attention Home are having a Thanksgiving food drive to help the needy families of Rock Hill. They are asking for fixing's and/or monetary donations for a Thanksgiving feast.

The food drive will be Friday, November 7 at the CN2 parking lot from 7:30 a.m.—5:15 p.m. Call 803-524-0889 if you have any questions.



Christian Education Ministry

Operation Christmas Child

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

If you miss the Kick-off on Wednesday, October 15, you can still participate in this ministry project! Just pick up a box from the church on Sundays or Wednesdays, fill it up, then return the box and a separate envelop with your check for postage (\$7 per box). Our goal this year is to fill 250 boxes, so reach out and join in service for children all over the world!

The Triple Play program for preschool and elementary children is in progress. You may pick up a book in the church office or from Amanda. Awards will be given on December 7.



The Adult Sunday school classes of First ARP have indeed been obedient to the Great Commission through personal involvement with local and foreign missions support. Each class approaches this responsibility in different ways.

For example, the Covenant Life class started collecting funds for Mexican Missions in 1980. Each class member contributes \$10 per quarter and the funds are sent to Greenville for disbursing to the children's work in Rio Verde. The class has received a letter each quarter from Bill and Kathy Warner giving updates on the work. The Warners have served as our missionaries for a number of years and have now retired to Flat Rock, NC. The children's work is continuing and the class will receive the names of the new missionaries shortly. Last month, the class joined with other classes to sponsor a pastor for Berlin. They added \$5 to their quarterly giving and gave a check to the church for \$350 for this purpose.

Together, as partners, ARP Sunday School classes are helping to take Jesus Christ to the world!



NOVEMBER Birthdays

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



Congratulations to **Jon & Anne Beckham** upon the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Laine, on Thursday, October 9. Proud grandparents are **Ralph & Elaine Norman**.



Save the Date!

The Preschool is sponsoring a Silent Auction and Student Art Show on Tuesday, November 11. This event will be held at the Magnolia Room of Laurel Creek from 9:30-11:30 a.m.