

First Church Life

October 2017

First ARP Church of Rock Hill





Pastor's Message

Philip Bunch, Associate Pastor

500 Years of Reformation (and still counting)...

When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" ([Mt 4:17](#)), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance. [Thesis 1 , Martin Luther]

As many of you know and are already celebrating, we approach a great milestone in the life of the Church. This year marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther writing the famous "[95 Theses](#)" and nailing them to the Wittenberg Castle church door (or really, more like the church bulletin board). You can see the words to the first *thesis*, or statement-to-define, above. Luther sets a marked difference against the Catholic Church's teaching on penitence. Instead of an act or action that one performs--presumably under direction of a local priest--Luther maintained that Christ (and the Scriptures) taught a lifestyle of repentance. That's one of the reasons that we will be studying several of the Reformers' lives in our Wednesday night *Study of God's Providence*. It was not an action to be completed, but a life to be lived in submission to God's authority. We continue to celebrate this and many more things that came from the Protestant Reformation. Among them include: the doctrine of justification by faith alone in Christ alone, the Bible in the language of the common people, the reformation and restoration of Biblical worship, the priesthood of *all* believers.

This is also a busy month in the life of our church. We look forward to spending time in the mountains of North Carolina at our Church-wide Retreat on October 13-15. Please register if you haven't already done so! (*individuals: \$75, families: \$100*) Near the end of the month, we will host our annual Fall Carnival, which always proves to be a fun time for *ALL* ages. Join us on Wednesday, October 25 for food and fun and games!

Finally, our church will come together on Reformation Sunday, October 29 to celebrate the history of our church tradition with one special service at 10:00am. Following that service, we will enjoy a time of fellowship with our new members, as well as hearing a report from our Spain mission team. Be sure not to miss out on all of these wonderful ways to celebrate God's faithful care and love in the life of our church family.

~Philip

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October Birthdays

1 Adele Robinson
Sydney Sloop

3 Buddy Cassels
Janie Cauthen
Jan Stephenson

4 Mary Hendrick

5 Anne Oates

6 Brady Nowicki

7 Jake McCallister

8 Elizabeth Turner
Aggie Powell

9 Emma Harper

10 Will Smith

11 Riley Norman

12 Chase Dillingham
Jacob Gilleland
Greg Harbin

13 Thomas Gettys
Eric Madsen

14 Jenny Nowicki
Zaylee Talley

15 Patti Brakefield

16 Steve Cashion
Ben Harper
John Primm
Carol Roper

17 Shirley Hendry

18 Beth Gault
Robert Wilkerson

19 Spencer Anderson
Mary Campbell Kellett
Joe Robinson

21 Miles Robinson
April Crawford
Jennifer McAfee

23 Paul Gettys

24 Carey Harper
Beth Simpson

25 Susan Eaves
Theresa Smith

26 Sharon Neely
Ashley Scott

29 Roe Roach
Chad Smith
Graham Tuttle

31 Trip Donahue
Lois Kirkpatrick
Neal Powell

Our Christian sympathy is extended to

The family of
Jane Wageley Faulkner
at her death
September 13, 2017

Jeannie Marion
at the death of her sister
Linda McCollum Downs
September 26, 2017

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." -Psalm 116:15

Welcome New Members



John and Jane Bailey, both native New Yorkers, met in 1968 at the USO while John was in Russian language school for the USAF. They married in 1972 and have a daughter, son-in-law, and 15 year old grandson who live next door to them. John served in the Air Force for 24 years, retiring in 1990 from Shaw AFB. After retirement, he became a financial planner. Jane worked in the Physical Education department at Winthrop University, and retired this year. Their hobbies include reading, drawing (Jane) and photography (John).

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Don McKnight was raised in the York ARP Church, and was a member of our church back in the 80's. He served in the Air Force from 1956-1976 and on the Rock Hill Police Force from 1976-1993. While stationed in Germany, Don married Ingrid Hilfenhaus; they were married for 54 years before her death in March 2014. Don has a son in Orangeburg, a daughter in Ft. Mill and a daughter here in Rock Hill. He enjoys golf and travel and is a member of Post 34 of the American Legion.

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John and Melissa Anne Primm moved to Rock Hill in 2016 after graduating from Clemson University, where they met. John is from Cary, NC and studied Civil Engineering. He is an Engineer in Training for Keck & Wood. Melissa Anne is from Moncks Corner, SC and studied Industrial Engineering. She works as a Continuous Improvement Analyst for Quality Custom Distribution in Pineville. They both enjoy spending time outdoors and cheering their Clemson Tigers and Carolina Panthers.

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Spain Mission Team Presentation

Sunday, October 29, following the 10:00 worship service



Operation Christmas Child Night: Wednesday, November 15

For several years, our church has participated in *Operation Christmas Child*, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, that uses a shoebox of gifts as a way to share the gospel with children around the world. Our elementary children have gone to the OCC Processing Center in Charlotte, and have heard from young people who received boxes as children, and have since accepted Christ. Hearing these personal stories helped us realize the true power of a simple gift.

On November 15, a "Full Circle Speaker" will be here to share the impact of a shoebox on his/her life. Afterwards, we will have a packing party, and our goal is to fill at least 100 boxes!! In preparation for this, the Family Life committee wants to encourage those who enjoy crafts, as well as our savvy shoppers to begin making and/or purchasing items to donate. There is a display in the connector with suggested items (clothing, bar soap, hair brush, toothbrush [no toothpaste], school supplies, games, etc.) but use your imagination and personal interests. Above all, pray for this ministry and for the children who will receive these boxes.



Jackie received a shoebox as a child in an orphanage in Guatemala -and it changed her life. Her favorite item? A toothbrush!

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

On September 21, members of our church served lunch to 65 people at the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen. Thank you to **Susan and Buist Eaves, Fran Hancock, Linda Neely, Gail Stafford and Donna Zeigler** for serving. Our church is committed to serving on the 3rd Thursday of each month and volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve and clean up. The usual work times are 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; contact Susan Gardner (sgardner@comporium.net) for more information or to volunteer. **Our next serving date is Thursday, October 19.**

Youth Happenings



"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10



Westminster Shorter Catechism

We're excited to offer to all of our High School Students (*and any interested Middle school students are welcome as well*) a course through the Westminster Shorter Catechism. The Shorter Catechism, though more than 350 years old, is undoubtedly still one of the best introductions to the key doctrines of the Christian Faith. Working through the WSC via recitation and discussion is a great way to enrich our head and heart knowledge of God. We hope that all of our High School students will consider embarking on this journey. We will begin the course on Sunday, October 7th— be on the lookout for more information!

Middle School Fall Retreat // November 3-5

The speaker for the retreat is Luke Grigsby and the University of South Carolina RUF band will lead us in music. Registration packets are en route to our students' homes! Deadline to register will be Thursday, October 19.

If you're not receiving "Youth Happenings," our weekly Youth Ministry newsletter please contact Luke at youthdirector@firstarp.org or at the church office!



Middle School Discipleship Groups: Sundays, October 8 & October 15

Both guys and girls meet at 4:00 pm at the Church (*enter at the gym*) for an hour of fellowship and Bible study.

High School GUYS Discipleship Groups: Tuesdays, October 10 and October 17

Meet at Molly & Luke's at 7:30 pm for dinner, fellowship and Bible study.

High School GIRLS Discipleship Groups: Mondays, October 2 and October 23

Meet at Molly & Luke's at 7:30 pm for dinner, fellowship and Bible study.

G. L. O. W.

Catawba Presbytery Children's Retreat

Saturday, October 14

9 a.m.—3 p.m. at Neely's Creek ARP Church

Cost is \$5 and includes lunch

Register online at neelyscreek.com or contact Connie Kiser

Wednesday, October 25

Fall Carnival

5:30—7:00 pm

Fun for ALL AGES! Invite friends!

Inflatables, Cakewalk, Face Painting,
Games, Food—and more!

****Non-scary costumes, please****

The following men were elected to the office of Elder by the congregation on Sunday, September 24. Thank you to all who were willing to serve. Please continue to pray for the officers and leaders of our church.

Class of 2022

George Barron, Jr., David Gault,
Jeff Lesslie, Charles Robbins

Preschool Update:

We are off to a great start this school year! We have moved past the first day /week tears and are getting into the routine of our class days. Thank you all for your support. The past weeks we have learned why we come to preschool (Luke 2:40-51), that we make friends at school (Based on 2 Kings 4:8-13) and that God made each of us special and unique (Psalm 139:14).

Age appropriate skills and lessons are apart of each day as the children learn and play in a Christ-centered loving environment.

We have a "Giving Chalkboard" in the connector. Please consider donating items that will help the classrooms produce enriching crafts and artwork for each child.

Thank You,
Virginia McCallister
preschooldirector@firstarp.org



Women's Ministries

LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM

Soup Luncheon Prayer-time
at
First
Associate Reformed Presbyterian
Church

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
Colossians 4:2 ESV



Prepare for the Holidays
with
a QUIET TIME of

Nourishment
for
Body and Soul

Tuesday, November 7th
Lunch will be served from 11:45-1:30
in Robinson Hall

With Devotional Prayer Pauses:
12:00—Thanksgiving
12:25—Advent
12:50—Christmas
1:15—The New Year



First ARP COOKBOOK *"Taste and See"*

\$25 each or 3 for \$60

A great Christmas gift!

Contact Michelle Harbin or any WM Board member to purchase

HARPs News

HARPs FALL LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 17

12:00 p.m. in Robinson Hall

Lunch buffet will be \$10 (paid at the door)



The Fall HARPs luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 17 at 12:00 in Robinson Hall. Seniors from Mt. Prospect Baptist have been invited to join us, and the program will be given by Wayne Wingate and members of Manna House Ministry at Mt. Prospect. Their food pantry serves those in need every Saturday, and First ARP is hoping to learn more about this wonderful ministry and possibly partner with them in the future. Those who attend on October 17 will also learn about the November trip to Flat Rock Playhouse and an overnight stay at Bonclarken.

Reservations must be made by October 14 by signing one of the sheets in each adult SS class, in Robinson Hall, or in the Connector.



HARPS Christmas Trip to Flat Rock, NC

November 29 – 30, 2017

“Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas”

Join the HARPs as they travel to the mountains on Wednesday, November 29. The group will spend the night in the Bonclarken Lodge and attend the 2:00 p.m. matinee on Thursday, November 30. Play and lodging \$85 per person (*includes double occupancy, tickets, and breakfast. Single occupancy is an additional cost*). Rooms have two queen beds, and no televisions.

Each person will be responsible for the cost of lunch and dinner on Wednesday, and lunch on Thursday (three meals). **Deadline for sign-up and payment will be Oct. 17 at the HARPs luncheon.** Checks should be made to First ARP Church and turned in to the office or at the Oct. 17 lunch. *Memo line on check: HARPS Christmas Play*

Church Wide Retreat October 13-15

REV. MATT MILLER, SPEAKER

We want YOU in the picture!

Space is still available;

contact Philip if you would like to attend!



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Foundations for the FAITH ADULT FALL PROGRAM:

A study in God's providence

October 4 — [*Reformation emphasis*] Martin Luther

October 11 — [*Reformation emphasis*] John Calvin

October 18 — [*Reformation emphasis*] John Knox

October 25 — **FALL CARNIVAL**-Games, cake walk
and carnival style food for all ages!

November 1 — Corrie ten Boom

November 8 — Jackie Robinson

November 15 — *Operation Christmas Child Night*

November 22 — *Thanksgiving Break*

November 29 — Mother Teresa

December 6 — *Children's Christmas Program*

October Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, October 1 Communion

TUESDAY, October 3

- Women's Ministries Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 4

- Preschool Family Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Foundations for the Faith
5:30 p.m.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 5

- Barry Dagenhart Prayer Team
7:00 a.m.
- Circle #2 at the church
10:00 a.m.
- Circle #1 at Molly Grigsby's home
7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, October 7

- Men's Breakfast
7:00 a.m. in Robinson Hall

MONDAY, October 9

- Jeanie Alexander Prayer Team
9:30 a.m.
- Circle #3
7:00 p.m. at the home of Ginger Smith
- Ladies Book Club
7:00 p.m. at home of Ruth Todd

TUESDAY, October 10

- Presbytery Meeting at Neely's Creek
10:00 a.m.
- Women's Ministries Bible Study
10:00 a.m.
- Family Life Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m.
- Diaconate Meeting
6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 11

- Foundations for the Faith
5:30 p.m.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 12

- Women's Ministries Bible Study
12:00 p.m.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, October 13-15

Church Wide Retreat @ Bonclarken
Regular Sunday schedule in Rock Hill

MONDAY, October 16

- Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, October 17

- Women's Ministries Bible Study
10:00 a.m.
- HARPS Fall Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 18

- Foundations for the Faith, 5:30 p.m.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 19

- Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Women's Ministries Bible Study
12:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, October 21

- Caregiver Bible Study
9:30 a.m. in the Faith Room

SUNDAY, October 22

- Women's Ministries Board Training
12:00 p.m.
- CSC Afternoon Movie
3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 25

- **Fall Festival and Carnival
5:30 –7:00 p.m.**
- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 26

- Women's Ministries Bible Study
12:00 p.m.
- Just Joy Worship in Robinson Hall
6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, October 29 (One Service)

- **Kirking O' The Tartans
10:00 a.m.**
- **Spain Mission Team Presentation
and New Member Reception**

TUESDAY, October 31

- Women's Ministries Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday

Foundations for the Faith

5:30 p.m. Meal in Robinson Hall

6:15 p.m. Children's Choir
Preschool Music
Youth Group

6:30 p.m. Adult Study

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Just Joy

every 4th Thursday

6:30 p.m. Worship Service
geared toward special needs
friends and families, but all are
welcome to come and
participate!

Preschool

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Contact **Virginia McCallister** for
more info on Fall enrollment:

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