

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

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29108

Prayer List

David Bunn - military;
Betty Bland,
Pat Harmon, Richard & Glenda
Lominick, Eliza Parr,
Mark McGuffee.

Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship

Wednesday

6:30 pm

Bible Study/
Prayer

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

August 2019

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the elders at the July 24 stated meeting:

1. The June Financial Report was received as information.
2. The June Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the members and visitor were discussed. Michael and Linda Birochak's memberships were transferred to Covenant Baptist Church of West Columbia.
4. The next Fellowship Meal will be a covered dish on Sept. 29.
5. The Order of Service for the Jennings/Faulkenberry wedding was approved.
6. Jason McCoy was approved as a teacher for the Youth on Wednesday nights.
7. The August stated Session meeting is scheduled for the 21st, 8:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please speak with an elder.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have an urgent prayer request, please email or call **Marc Faulkenberry**, and he will distribute it via email. If you would like to be **added** to the distribution list, please email Marc. It is a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.

prayers4newberry@gmail.com
351-0800 (cell)

Journey of a 1000 Bottles Update

A total of \$280 was collected for this project. Some of that money was used to purchase 32 cases of bottled water (**more than a 1000 bottles!**). The remaining balance of \$167 was donated to Central United Methodist Church to provide food, materials, etc. for the 120 high school and college students who participated in the **Salkehatchie Summer Service** in Newberry County. Thank you to everyone who assisted in this ministry. We look forward to doing it again next July!



The *Associate Reformed Presbyterian* is dedicated to the presentation of the concerns of the ARP Church, its special programs and emphases, and its relationship to the concerns of the larger Church in the world. It is intended to be both an ARP periodical in which the work of the congregations, boards, agencies, auxiliaries, institutions and committees will be presented in relationship to the overall denominational mission to the service of Christ and a forum in which any issues of concern to Christian people may be addressed. An electronic version can be found at www.arpmagazine.org.

FINANCIAL DATA as of July 21, 2019

Budget Receipts \$ 85,703.76

Budget Needs \$ 99,780.59

Backpack Program for School Year



Can you believe it? Another school year is ready to start and so will our backpack program. This will be our 4th year to participate in this worthwhile ministry. This year we will again sponsor 10 children and need your help. **Our Backpack Fund was depleted last year and we are in need of monetary donations or supplies.**

Suggested food items needed are individual size bags and cans of the following: Grits, Cereal, Milk, Pop Tarts, Cereal Bars, Beanee Weanees, Spam, Spaghetti, Ravioli, Lasagna, Chicken and Dumplings, Mac and Cheese, Tuna or Chicken Kits, Ramen Noodles, Soup, Chips, Peanut Butter Crackers, Cookies, Trail Mix, Fruit Chewies, Rice Krispies Treat, Applesauce, Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups, Juice and 8 oz Bottled Water.

The items can be placed in the Backpack room next to the nursery at any time in the next few weeks. We plan to begin the program around the last week of August.

Volunteers are needed to help pack the bags from November through May. A sign up sheet is on the board in the Backpack room.

Your help with this ministry will be greatly appreciated!!!

Male and Female He Created Them

In the past 70 or so years in our nation, it seems as though every generation has had to wrestle with some sort of sexual revolution. In the early days, the issue dealt with women's liberation and equality. Later on the movement became more offensive as the mores of society were being toppled by openly promiscuous practices and behaviors. This swelling tide of sexual redefinition has reached a crest so that the fundamental identity of man and woman is being questioned or just ignored. Just in the past 10 years, the LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, and asexual or allied; this is an evolving abbreviation) movement has made such a push on the mainstream of society that it is impossible and irresponsible for the Church to remain silent on this culture-war and spiritual battle. It has and will in even greater measures have serious ramifications for the Church and our ministry and witness to the world.

In light of this growing concern, a special committee was appointed by the moderator of the 2018 General Synod of the ARP to "study whether or not homosexual orientation is morally neutral." At our past General Synod meeting in June, the special committee submitted their study which led to the General Synod adopting a new "Position Statement on Human Sexuality" along with "A Brief Explanation of the Statement" (access it at <http://arpchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Human-Sexuality-Position-Statement-2019.pdf>). This document is not merely a doctrinal treatise about the immorality of homosexuality but a concise and yet thorough treatment of the Bible's teaching (including our Confessional documents) on sexual identity and its implications. It is a valuable document for all Christians who want to be armed for the battle that will become increasingly volatile in the coming days.

Even as Christians who live in the heart of the "Bible Belt," we are bombarded with an ever-growing pressure to accept the new "norm." Moreover, if we resist or even question the radical social, political, and religious implications of these changes, we are quickly labeled as "bigots," "intolerant," or even "haters." This fundamental issue has already taken captive several of the main-line denominations in the US, including the Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, and Episcopal churches. It is common place now among those groups for openly homosexuals to serve as ministers!

Is it simply a matter of time that all churches, including those who affirm the inspiration of Scripture and its final authority in all areas of faith and practice, eventually buckle under the social weight that appears to be ever increasing? May it never be! God forbid that we forfeit the blessings that our forefathers by the grace of the Holy Spirit fought and even died to pass along to future generations rediscovered during the Protestant Reformation. The authoritative teachings of the Holy Scripture must remain our only standard of truth regardless of what our culture or false teachers may purport. As Bible-believing Christians, we must be armed with its eternal truths amidst an ever-changing culture. It is our duty to know and proclaim God's truth lovingly and courageously to a dying world.

It is with that goal in mind that our next series of study on Wednesday nights will be based on the document adopted by our Synod. I want us carefully to glean from the labors of our ARP brothers what the Bible teaches about human sexuality and what our response should be to our culture, neighbors, friends, and even family. Again, these brothers have done a fabulous job in articulating all the major points of biblical doctrine that lead us to a clear understanding about not only *what* we are to believe but also *why* we should believe what we believe. Having this knowledge will equip us in patiently and logically sharing with others the biblical truth concerning human sexuality.

Instead of retreating from our culture as we see it becoming more and more self-destructive, we as those who have been given Christ's life and light should seize this opportunity to allow the Gospel to shine even brighter. For it is only through the truth and hope of the Gospel that all those who are captivated by this destructive lie will find release and renewal. Please pray and join us on Wednesday night as arm ourselves with the Word of God for such a time as this!

Pastor Seth



Our theme Scripture for 2019 is Roman 8:1-2 - "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages and equips the community of ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose.

Our desire is that all women in the ARP Church will: now Jesus Intimately, Love Jesus Faithfully, and Serve Jesus Fruitfully.

*The Morning Circle will meet on **Tuesday, August 6** at 10 AM in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marcia Cole will be leading the Bible study on Romans. In preparation for the study, please read Romans 9:1-33, God's Promises to Israel. A sandwich and salad luncheon will follow the meeting; each member is asked to bring either sandwiches or a salad. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer for further information.*



WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

Tuesdays from 7 - 9 pm

Home of Catherine Faulkenberry/Marci Cole

If you are interested in the study, please contact either

Marci Cole, tybeemarci@yahoo.com, **603-781-0460** OR

Kristy Jennings, andrenkristy@hotmail.com, **803-271-5298**

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



Ice Cream Social

Annual *Jubilee Birthday Ice Cream Social* will be held on Sunday, **August 25** at **5 PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

This event is held yearly to honor our two Birthday Ladies, Rebecca Carson, missionary to Germany, and Sheila Osborne, Short-term Mission Coordinator and Liaison to Women's Ministries. We want to honor these servants of the Lord by faithfully praying for them as well as helping to raise the support they need as they uniquely represent the women of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. A basket for **donations** will be available.

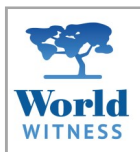
This year we will be having Ice Cream Sundaes and Banana Splits. We need Brownies, a Pound Cake, Sugar Cookies, and toppings. If you would like to provide any of these, please contact Julia before Thursday, **August 22**.

Come join us for a fun time!!!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

All singles and widows are invited to share in this monthly gathering of delightful fellowship and delicious food following the worship service at the Pastor's home.



MISSIONS FOCUS

Featured Field – Spain



An update from the Brickeys who recently moved from Asturias to Madrid.

- In our first six months in Madrid, Justin plans to connect with ministries as well as continue his support for the elders at the church in Asturias. Pray for him as he walks through Bible/book studies with the elder who is preparing to become pastor of the church in Asturias, and as Justin gets plugged into ministry in Madrid.

- Gillian is directing a camp for the teenage youth whose parents are on the field with World Witness. The camp is August 17-23 in France. Justin is serving

as camp chaplain, and we have a wonderful group of counselors and speaker lined up to minister to our youth.

- Gillian just submitted her application for teaching certification for secondary English through ACSI, an international Christian education organization, in preparation to teach at Evangelical Christian Academy outside of Madrid. She is preparing to teach 7th and 8th grade English and serve as an elementary school assistant.

This is the list of ministry-related activities, but there is love, life, emotion, and people behind each bullet point. It's an emotional time as we make another transition. We welcome prayer and we appreciate your care and support more than words can express. Thank you.

Justin & Gillian Brickey



Justin and Gillian Brickey began missionary service with World Witness as church planters in the northern province of Asturias, Spain, in 2017. In July, they relocated to Madrid, where they will continue in church-planting ministry and serve as coordinators for the Spain team. Their prior ministry experience includes short-term mission work in nine different countries, service in Hispanic ministries in South Carolina, and a position in a church-strengthening ministry in Lima, Peru.

Justin received his MDiv from Erskine Theological Seminary, and Gillian has a BA in English, with an emphasis in secondary education from the University of South Carolina. Their heart is to see people come to Christ and gather for worship in strong national churches. They have four sons: Alex, Nathan, Silas, and Zeph. You can contribute to their support at www.worldwitness.org/give/missionary-support/.



On August 20, 11:30 AM, the Lunch Bunch will eat at Grille on Main. Everyone is invited to come!!!



Manna House Food Pantry

Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule to receive donations.

“... the Lord Jesus Himself said, ‘there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’ Acts 20:35

Every Friday morning, 6:45 AM, a group of men gather at Doug Wicker’s home, 1414 Chapman Dr., for an encouraging time enjoying food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study of God’s Word (the Gospel of John). You’ll be blessed. Please join us!

**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**
FRIDAY MORNINGS

ARP Church of Newberry

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for August

4 - Communion
11 - Doris Singer
18 - Jean Williamson
25 - Merri Avery

Nursery for August

4 - Allison & Abigail Yi
11 - Merri Avery & Caleb Jennings
18 - Kristy & Michael Jennings
25 - Catherine Faulkenberry & Benjamin Jennings

Ushers for August

4 - George Farris, Jean Williamson, Gene Wicker, Michael Jennings
11 - Cecil McRacken, Andre Jennings, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi
18 - George Farris, Jean Williamson, Doug Wicker, Caleb Jennings
25 - Marc Faulkenberry, Doug Wicker, Herb Seigler, Benjamin Jennings

