

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

Pat Harmon
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Prayer List

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

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December 2018

Update from the Session

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

1. Reviewed and received the October Financial Report.
2. Approved the October stated session minutes.
3. Discussed the shepherding concerns of the congregation.
4. Sessional Committee Reports:
 - Missions: The Giving Tree will be used to support the Miracle Hill Ministries.
5. The 2019 Budget proposed by the Diaconate will be presented to the congregation.

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)



Annual Business Meeting

The congregation is called to meet on December 2 immediately following the worship service to: adopt the 2019 Budget, elect church officers, and conduct any other business.



The **Church Mail Boxes** will be available in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, December 2. There is a box for each family. Please check your mail box between the 2nd and the 30th.

Ministry Schedule

Sunday
9:45 am
Sunday School

10:55 am
Worship

Wednesday
6:15 pm
Youth

6:30 pm
Bible Study/
Prayer

FINANCIAL DATA as of November 18, 2018

Budget Receipts	\$144,593.83
Budget Needs	\$152,719.54



For those wishing to place flowers in the Sanctuary in 2019, please sign up on the schedule in the Main Street vestibule.

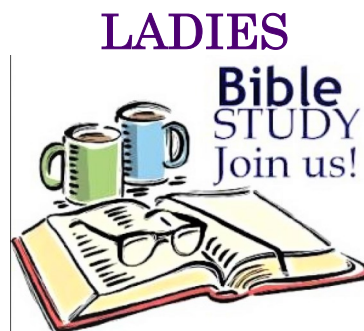


Our theme Scripture for 2018 is Genesis 17:7: "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you." (NIV)

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: Know Jesus Intimately, Love Jesus Faithfully, and Serve Jesus Fruitfully.

*The Morning Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 27** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Marcie Cole will be leading the Bible study on the life of Abraham. All members are reminded to bring a snack to share during fellowship time. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer for further information.*



Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

Tuesdays from 7 - 9 pm

Home of Catherine Faulkenberry/Marci Cole

Currently studying the book ***Humility*** by Andrew Murray

If you are interested in attending the study, please contact either

Shannon Winter at 19golfaly@gmail.com, **803-940-1596** OR

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



Christmas! What a wonderful time of the year and a special time for giving. This year we will be replacing our Angel Tree with the Giving Tree. The tree is located in the breezeway outside the office.

This year our gifts will be going toward the homeless ministry. Our gifts will be given to the Miracle Hill Ministries in the Upstate. The mission of Miracle Hill is to reach homeless children and adults, provide them food and shelter with compassion, have them hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, and move toward healthy relationships and stability.

If you would like to help with this project simply remove a tag from the Giving Tree, shop for the item designated, and return the item to the Giving Tree box in the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, December 16**. Do not wrap your gifts. If you would like to participate and are unable to shop, please contact Julia and arrangements will be made to purchase an item from our tree.

All ladies are invited to the annual Women's Ministries Christmas Social. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 8 at 10 am. Please bring your favorite finger food and come enjoy fellowship with old and new friends.



Manna House Food Pantry

Macaroni & Cheese, Dried Beans, Rice

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

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



MISSIONS FOCUS

2-2-20 Initiative

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20

The World Witness 2-2-20 Prayer Initiative is your chance to be part of a new era of missions. Every ARP congregation can experience the joy and sense of purpose found in seeing a missionary called to service from within its ranks.

When an entire congregation daily engages in prayer for God to call a new generation of missionaries, the **INESCAPABLE OUTCOME** is a thriving congregation involved in next-door and worldwide missions.

Will you be part of this bold embrace of the Great Commission and participate in reaching thousands with the Gospel?

Your Role

PRAY

Pray God would reveal over the next 2 years, 2 individuals, from within your church, whom He is calling to missionary service. This Prayer Initiative, launched at Synod, June 2018 and ending at Synod, June 2020, is meant to raise awareness and passion for reaching the unreached with the Gospel.

IDENTIFY

Currently, there are 274 ARP churches. If each one participates in the 2-2-20 Initiative, the end result could be 2% of the denomination engaged in missions, or perhaps 548 individuals interested in missionary service by 2020.

Once you identify these individuals, commit them to regular prayer. Then, either you, or someone you appoint as the missions mentor, will walk alongside the potential missionary.

Next Steps

EQUIP

World Witness will collaborate with you and/or your missions mentor to equip these individuals by offering a training opportunity. The training will include a suggested schedule of activities that outlines specific strategies to support, encourage and equip those identified as prospective missionaries.

For example, if a child's name is submitted, World Witness can provide information regarding age-appropriate missions-emphasis resources, missionary history curriculums, etc. For teens or young adults, we can provide opportunities in short-term missions, visits with missionaries, vision trips. We can assist in helping you to decide the best avenues of equipping. A bonus for all age groups would be having a World Witness missionary visit your church.

SEND

At the appropriate point in time and age, World Witness will work with you and your church to guide the prospective missionary to the next level. What a joy to be a *sending church*!

Prayer Points

- **Boldness** in encouraging young people to seek God's will for their lives
- The Lord to raise up **missionaries** from your congregation
- **Courage** to ask – "Lord, are you calling me?"
- **Strength, protection, anointing** for present WW missionaries
- New **passion**

The Incarnation in Matthew

As we enter another season of Advent, we will take a break from our study of *Ephesians* to focus on the incarnation of Christ. In the coming weeks we will give our attention to the Gospel of *Matthew*. This Evangelist is committed to showing that Jesus is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament. He writes to demonstrate that Christianity is the true fulfillment of the Old Covenant. As believers who look back on the work of Christ, it will help us to deepen our devotion to and wonder of God as we examine the early chapters of Matthew.

God's promise to Abraham was to bless him and all the nations of the earth through his seed (*Gen 22:18*). This promise was ultimately fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ. He was the promised seed who revealed the scope and breadth of God's grand redeeming plan. God's salvation was too glorious to be limited to just Israel. His intention all along was to restore humanity, all the peoples of the earth, to enjoy fellowship with Him once more.

Matthew writes as a Jew who has come to realize that Jesus the Christ is not just the King of Israel but the King of all the earth. He does so not in opposition to the Old Testament but in concert with it. In fact, he quotes the Old Testament 61 times (almost as much as the other three gospels combines) to punctuate this point!

Matthew opens his gospel with a genealogy, but it is not just another ordinary genealogy. He is selective in the names that he includes in the list. His purpose is uniquely tied to his overarching theme of showing how Jesus is both a descendent of Abraham and David. He is the heir of the everlasting kingdom that brings blessing to all the peoples of the earth.

Jesus is not only a descendent of both Abraham and David, but he is the Son of God. In order for God's redemptive purposes to be fulfilled, no ordinary man, a son of Adam, not even a seed of Abraham, was sufficient. None other than the very Son of God, the second Adam, born of a virgin could accomplish this salvation. Jesus, fully divine and fully man, was alone qualified to save His people from their sins. Salvation for "His people" was not limited to the Jews but all the nations of the earth according to God's abundant promises.

The reality of this grand salvation is testified at His birth with the visitation of the wise men from the east. These foreigners were led by a star, a guiding light, to seek the Christ. As they were drawn to the Savior, they worshipped Him with gifts fitting for a King. This child who received homage from worshippers from the east would be the ob-

ject of worship of believers from all the earth.

But before Christ could be worshiped by all the nations, He would need to enter into the sufferings and tribulations of His people. So just as Israel experienced a great deliverance from Egypt via the Exodus, Jesus was also called out of Egypt. His whole life (even the little we know of his childhood) was designed to prepare Him to fulfill our salvation. He was born to die, but not just an ordinary death. Likewise, His life was always in step with His Father's will so that He might be the spotless Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Thanks be to God for keeping and fulfilling all His promises through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

By His grace,
Pastor Seth

Advent Preaching Schedule

Dec. 2 - The Identity of Jesus Christ, *Matt. 1:1–17*

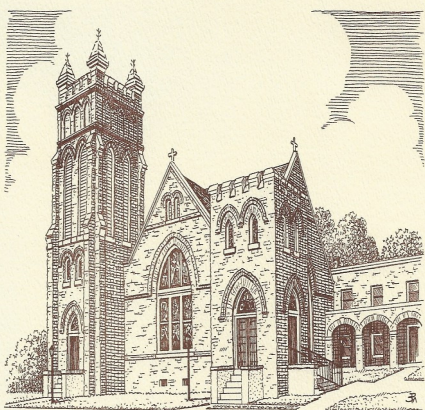
Dec. 9 - The Origin of Jesus, Our Immanuel, *Matt. 1:18–25*

Dec. 16 - The Adoration of Jesus, *Matt. 2:1–12*

Dec. 23 - The Protection of Jesus, *Matt. 2:13–23*

Christmas Eve - The Fulfillment of Scripture, *Matt. 5:17-20*

The congregational Christmas Fellowship is Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite holiday finger food and join your church family in decorating the family Christmas tree. The gathering will also include Alice Ramirez's Studio Christmas Recital.



Newberry Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Newberry, SC

We recently reprinted the Church note cards. They are packaged 12 cards/envelopes to a box at a cost of \$5.00. If you are interested in purchasing a pack or two, they are located in the office. If paying by check, please make them payable to Women's Ministries. THESE CARDS WOULD MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for December

2 - Pat Harmon

9 - Shirley Mohler

16, 23, 30 - Poinsettias

Nursery for December

2 - Shannon & Trust Winters

9 - Catherine Faulkenberry & Benjamin Jennings

16 - Merri Avery & Wren Winters

23 - Joanna Bedenbaugh

30 - Rachel & Gracie Faulkenberry

Ushers for December

2 - Andre Jennings, Lee Winters, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi

9 - Marc Faulkenberry, Keith Avery, Lee Ringer, Caleb Jennings

16 - George Farris, Jean Williamson, Herb Seigler, David Jennings

23 - Doug Wicker, Cecil McRacken, Gene Wicker, Lee Winters

30 - Andre Jennings, Lee Winters, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi