

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

January 2020

Shut In of the Month

Betty Bland
1114 Glenn Street
Newberry, SC 29108

Prayer List

David Bunn (military); **Betty Bland, Pat Harmon, Tony Fulmer, Lee Ringer, Richard Lominick, Eliza Parr, Jerry Davenport, Mark McGuffee.**

Ministry Schedule

Sunday
9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am
Worship

Wednesday

6:15 pm
Youth

6:30 pm
Bible Study/
Prayer

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at the December stated meeting:

1. The November Diaconate minutes and Financial Report were received as information.
2. The November Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
4. The Nursing Scholarship (\$1200) for the Christian Hospital Sahiwal, Pakistan was approved from the Missions Committee.
5. Officer Installation will be conducted in January 12, 2020 during the worship service.
6. A joint officers meeting to discuss the coming year will be held in late January.
7. The Souper Bowl of Caring including a fellowship meal will be celebrated on February 2, 2020.
8. The January stated meeting is scheduled for the 22nd, 8:00 PM.

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

Officer Installation Service

Our newly elected elder and deacons will be ordained and installed during the worship service on January 12, 2020.



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)

2019 MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Death: *Mary Lou Lominick*

Marriages *David & Rachel Faulkenberry Jennings*

New Members: *Jason, Tracie, & Elizabeth McCoy; Kacee Fyke*

Transfers: *Mike & Linda Birochak, Lee & Shannon Winters*

FINANCIAL DATA as of December 22, 2019

Budget Receipts \$155,926.32
Budget Needs \$175,476.21

Who Am I?

One of the primary themes in Luke's gospel is the *identity* of Jesus. Various individuals have asked the question, "Who is this man?" Fortunately, Luke throughout his gospel clearly reveals that Jesus is none other than the Son of God, the Christ. His life of perfect obedience, substitutionary death on the cross, victorious resurrection, and glorious ascension all testify to His identity. Furthermore, because Jesus had no doubts about His identity, His life and actions were consistent with the Father's will. As Luke points out, there is an unmistakable correlation between identity and function, purpose and action.

But how would you answer that same question, "Who are you?" More than likely, depending on who asked that question and what the context was will affect how you answer that question. We all wear many hats, and depending on which hat we are wearing at the time the question is asked will determine the particular details of our answer.

So then more specifically, how would you answer that question if it was asked of you at church? I'm sure there would be a variety of answers from person to person, but one way in which you could all answer that question consistently and accurately would be to base your answer on the questions taken from our *Form of Government (FoG)* concerning communicant membership. These questions identify the core beliefs and convictions that define who you are as a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (not just to the local congregation in Newberry but of the whole denomination!).

As a way of encouragement (like looking into a mirror), let me remind you all what these questions (FoG 4.5, A.) are so that you can be more confident in your identity as a church member of the ARP.

- (1) Do you confess that you are a sinner in the sight of God; that you deserve His punishment; that you are unable to save yourself; and that you are without hope of salvation except for God's love and mercy?*
- (2) Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners; and do you receive and trust in Him alone for your salvation?*
- (3) Do you accept the Bible, comprised of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God; and that it is the only perfect rule of faith and how to live [practice]?*
- (4) Do you promise to trust in the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit so that you can live all of life as a Christian, following the example set by Jesus Christ?*
- (5) Do you promise to exercise faithful stewardship of God's resources entrusted to you for the furtherance of God's Kingdom and purposes?*
- (6) Do you accept that the doctrines and principles of the Standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church are founded upon the Scriptures?*
- (7) In loving obedience, do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of this church, promising to seek the peace, purity, and prosperity of this congregation as long as you are a member of it?*

These questions are not meant to be exhaustive nor comprehensive. Rather, they establish the common convictions upon which certain Christians can identify and work together to build the Church of Jesus Christ on the earth. They provide the foundation upon which a local congregation can strive together to glorify God as a worshipping community in this world.

Over the next several months, I would like for us to review and reflect upon these questions to better equip and unite us for the task that awaits us in the coming, namely, **growing together in maturity and number**. It is the prayer and aim of your session to discuss and plan how we might be more proactive as a congregation in being a more healthy and vibrant congregation. That will require some measure of internal fortification but also a greater measure of outreach into our community. What all this will look like and how it will move forward are a matter of much prayer, so please pray for your session. In the meantime, it would behoove us all to know *who* we are as church members so that our *identity* will guide our *actions* to the praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



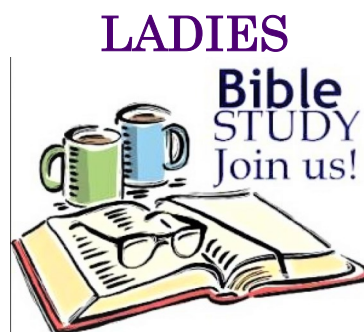
Our theme Scripture for 2020: "And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3 (ESV)

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, January 7** at 10 AM in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marci Cole will be leading the 2020 Bible study on Daniel. In preparation for the study, please read Daniel 1. After the meeting, we will be packing backpacks before enjoying a soup and sandwich lunch.*

Are you free on the first Tuesday of the month? The Morning Circle is always open for new members or visitors, contact Julia Rikard for further information.



Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

Mondays 7 - 9 pm

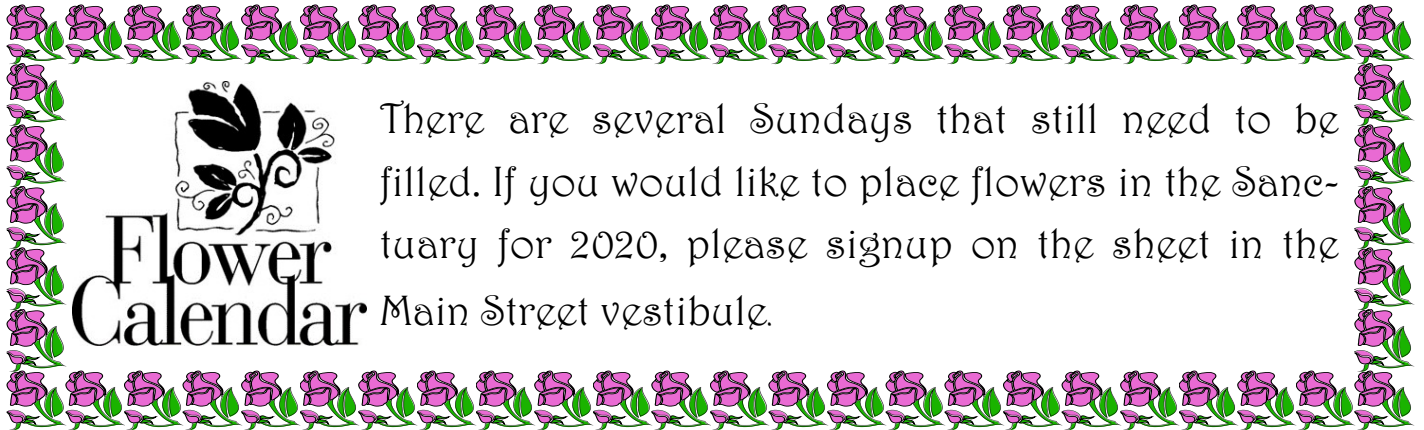
Home of **Catherine Faulkenberry**

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!!!!



On Thursday, January 21, 11:30 AM, the Lunch Bunch will eat at The Grille on Main. Everyone is invited to come!!!



Flower Calendar

There are several Sundays that still need to be filled. If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for 2020, please sign up on the sheet in the Main Street vestibule.



JANUARY 12

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.

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY MORNINGS



MISSIONS FOCUS

Featured Missionaries – Jeff and Lisa King



Jeff and Lisa King were appointed as missionaries with World Witness in 2010. After completing language school in 2013, they moved to Quilpué, Chile, and worked in partnership with Youth for Christ (YFC). While there, they helped reopen a youth center in a low-income community. Children and youth came to the center for weekly English classes, soccer games, and a Bible Club. In August 2015, the Kings transitioned from Chile to Spain. Jeff teaches English at Evangelical

Christian Academy (ECA), a Christian international school outside Madrid. ECA is an English speaking school and Jeff is providing his students support so they can be successful. He works with both missionary kids as well as students who come from unbelieving homes. He is also the elementary chaplain leading all the elementary students in a chapel service twice a month. The Kings have three children: Nathan, Juliana, and Lucas. You can personally contribute to his support at www.worldwitness.org/give/missionary-support/.

On **Sunday, February 2**, we will participate in the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. All food items (non-perishable items contributed) and monetary gifts will be donated to our local food pantry, Manna House. Following the worship service, a variety of soups and sandwiches will be served in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring a dessert or a side item (salad, chips, etc.) to share.



Guy Roofing has completed repairing the flat roof portion of all our buildings. The cost of the project totaled nearly \$26,000. If you would like to contribute to this repair (over and beyond your tithe), please indicate your contribution as “Roof Repair.” Thank you.



Manna House Food Pantry Peanut Butter and 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

Thank You



Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Giving Tree! On December 17 the items were delivered to the Mission Hill Homeless Shelter. We were able to provide 14 hats, 80 pair of gloves, 68 pair of socks, 8 blankets/throws, and a number of toiletries.

One of the residents of the shelter helped to unload the car. It was a rainy, cold day, and he was outside without a hat or gloves. The first bag he unloaded had hats, and he exclaimed, “I hope I get one of these hats and some gloves.” Our donations will make a difference!

Thank you to all who provided flowers during 2019, those who decorated our windows at Christmas, the Chrismon tree, placed the wreaths on the doors, and provided the Advent wreath.



Dear Church Family,
Another year of service and friendship has passed, and again it has been my privilege and joy to minister alongside you all as your pastor! Thank you again for the generous Christmas gift. It greatly helps Allison and me in expressing our love to our children. But most of all, we are grateful for all your love and support to our family. It is a blessing to be your pastor.

Pastor Seth

Dear ARP-Members,

I want to thank you all so much for supporting my students and the musicians of your congregation who performed at the Christmas Recital, for sharing your Fellowship Hall, time, and dishes! It was again a wonderful and fulfilling evening! Thank you also for your generous Christmas gift!

Best wishes to all, have a wonderful start in 2020!

Alice

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NewberryARP.org

Flowers for January

5 - Communion

12 - Mary Baker

19 - TBA

26 - Julia Rikard

Nursery for January

5 - Tracie McCoy & Michael Jennings

12 - Merri Avery & Elizabeth McCoy

19 - Andre Jennings & Abigail Yi

26 - Noah Yi & Elizabeth Yi

Ushers for January

5 - George Farris, Andre Jennings, Doug Wicker, Caleb Jennings
12 - Marc Faulkenberry, Jason McCoy, Herb Seigler, Benjamin Jennings
19 - George Farris, Andre Jennings, Gene Wicker, Michael Jennings
26 - Cecil McRacken, Jean Williamson, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi