

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

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Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at its June 22, 2016 stated meeting:

1. The May Diaconate minutes and the May financial report were reviewed and received as information.

2. The May Session minutes were approved.

3. Reports and prayers were offered for the shepherding needs of the congregation. The Raymond family have joined a Baptist church in Savannah, TN, and will be removed from the roll.

4. The procedure for locking and monitoring the doors of the church during the worship service was approved. See article for explanations.

5. Committee chairmen gave their reports.

6. Pastor Yi was given approval to serve on the LIFE BRIDGE Board (3 year term) pending final approval by their Board.

7. The next session meeting will be July 27th at 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an Elder.

Doug Wicker, Clerk of the Session

Church Safety

In an effort to increase security and limit our exposure to undesirable threats, the Session has decided to lock certain doors during the worship service. All entry into the sanctuary (including the two doors of the sanctuary annex – nursery, library, choir room, etc.) will be locked at 11:00 AM. Only the vestibule door on Main St. will remain unlocked. The vestibule doors on the corner of Calhoun and Main St. will be locked around 11:15 AM (between the Gloria Patri and the Affirmation of Faith of the service). The double glass doors to the Grier Building will remain unlocked to access the bathrooms, if necessary. A doorbell will be installed to alert the nursery attendants if someone needs to access the nursery. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation for any inconvenience this may cause.

Prayer Request

David Bunn - military; Betty Bland, Nelle Cromer, Pat Harmon, Mark McGuffee, Edna Ringer, Brady Ruff, Rob Senn, Ruby Summer, AJ Young

Worship Schedule

Sunday's
9:45 am -
Sunday School
10:55 am -
Morning Worship

Wednesday's
6:30 pm -
Prayer meeting
6:30 pm -
Youth Group

FINANCIAL DATA - 2016

Budget Receipts	\$ 85,000.98
Budget Needs	\$ 76,594.00

Flowers for July

3 - Communion Flowers

10 - Julia Rikard

17 - Morning Circle

24 - Mary Baker

31 - Kristy Jennings

Nursery for July

3 - Shannon Winters

10 - Frances Brown & Joseph Yi

17 - Shannon Winters & Abigail Yi

24 - Carolyn Fulmer & Josh Fulmer

31— Joanna Bedenbaugh & Gracie Faulkenberry

Ushers for July

3 – Lee Winters, George Farris, Josh Fulmer, Benjamin Jennings

10 - Cecil McRacken, Doug Wicker, Josh Fulmer, Benjamin Jennings

17 - Don Ringer, Gene Wicker, Josh Fulmer, Benjamin Jennings

24 - Mike Birochak, Andre Jennings, Josh Fulmer, Benjamin Jennings

31 - Keith Avery, Marc Faulkenberry, Josh Fulmer, Benjamin Jennings



Prayer Chain

If you have a special prayer request please call or e-mail Lisa Senn and she will send it out via e-mail to all members. Lisa can be reached at 276-3253 or e-mail lisasenn@earthlink.net. It is indeed a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.



Dear ARP Church members,
We wanted to say Thank You for your involvement with the Community Baby Shower on May 21st. It was a wonderful event and a very special day. The ladies were surprised and blessed to see how their community was there to encourage and help them.

We started out with a time to meet and greet, show them around our Center and meet other Mom-mies to be. Then we went on to a wonderful lunch and Baby Shower Cake. Then we had a couple fun games and presentation on being a SUPER MOM. As we finished, each Mother was given a large bag of baby items that included diapers, wipes, bibs, pacifiers with sweet handmade clips, toiletries, and outfits. They also received a Mommy Bag with goodies and some of the ladies won door prizes such as convertible high chairs.

Great connections were made and the women were encouraged and blessed. We are looking forward to doing this again next year. Thank you again for helping us make this day a wonderful experience.

Thank you for the lovely table, gifts, and food. It was wonderful. Such a Blessing.

Many Blessing,
The LIFEBRIDGE Staff

Dear Family Church Members,
Richard and I are so happy to be back where we belong—at Sabbath School and Worship services. Your cards, calls, visits, “goodies”, and most importantly your prayers, have meant more than I could possibly express. I know it was only because of the prayers of so many that I was able to keep my foot. Your many acts of kindness during the last six months have truly been a blessing to me and my family!

In Christian love and gratitude,
Glenda Lominick



Check out the Library's new look. A comfy chair, lamp, and table await you. Why not get a book and enjoy the peaceful surroundings or just stop by and look at all that the Library offers.



Are you in need of a gift? Why not consider giving a church cookbook. We have LOTS of them and they are full of wonderful recipes. See Julia if interested in purchasing one or several. The money from the cookbooks goes toward the work of Women's Ministries.

Tomato season is here! Don't those fresh tomatoes taste delicious!!!! Here's a recipe to try using fresh tomatoes.

BACON, TOMATOES, AND RICE CASSEROLE

8 slices bacon, diced	3 large tomatoes, peeled and cut in
½ cup chopped onion	⅛ inch pieces
⅔ cup green pepper	3 cups cooked rice
1 clove garlic, minced	1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper	

Cook bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towel. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons drippings. Add onions, chopped green pepper, and garlic. Cook until tender. Add tomatoes, rice, broken bacon pieces, and seasoning. Pour in baking dish; cook in oven at 350° for about 20 minutes. Great and easy. Submitted by the late Mrs. George (Helen Renwick) Halfacre.

Family Bible Conference July 26-28 Bonclarken



**Family Bible
CONFERENCE**

The annual Family Bible Conference is quickly approaching. Dr. Stephen Meyers, pastor of Pressly Memorial ARP Church in Statesville, NC will be the Bible teacher on the book of Galatians each evening. Women's Ministries will be studying Galatians in 2017. Dr. Rosaria Butterfield will speak to the entire conference attendees each morning. She cuts to the heart of issues and points to the solution, which includes a challenge to the church to be all God intended it to be

and for each person to find true freedom that is in Jesus Christ. The Seminar program is centered around the theme of "Walking in Step with the Spirit" with excellent speakers lined up. If you are unable to attend the entire week then drive up for a day's session. For more information the website is www.arpcem.ord/fbc/html



We really missed you at our Brunch on Saturday, June 4. The ladies were served wonderful food, had lovely arrangements on the tables, and an absolutely great program and fellowship, and some were blessed enough to receive a gift (ask one of the ladies how they were so blessed). Many of the ladies shared their fondest memory of their time together as a church family and enjoyed getting to know each other. If you missed it you'll get another chance to fellowship in the fall. Look for more details later.

Congratulations are extended to Jonathan and Maria Bedenbaugh Morgan on their marriage on Saturday, June 25. The couple will be residing in Greenville. Jonathan is employed with Upstate Event Services and Maria will be pursuing a teaching position. Please be in prayer for this young couple as they begin their new life together.



Manna House—PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

School is out for the summer and during the time the children are not in school we have more families that are in need of food. When you shop think about putting an extra can of food in your buggy to donate to help feed others.

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



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**



Our theme Scripture for 2015-2016 is Joshua 1:9 *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

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, July 5** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. The group is asked to continue reading Joshua. The devotional for July will be on Blessings. Light refreshments will be served by Faye Hill and Doris Singley. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Dr. Mary Baker for further information.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Prayer and Fellowship Thursday evenings
7-9 pm

Church Conference Room (for the summer months)

The Ladies are currently studying the **Minor Prophets**.

Very informal study time using only the Bible and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to delve deeper into our understanding of God's Word.

Do as little or as much reading or study of the passages as you feel led.

An e-mail will be sent out every Thursday morning to give you up to date details. If interested in receiving the e-mail please contact either

Shannon Winter at mtn.winters@yahoo.com 803-940-1596 OR

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

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!

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We're on the web

NewberryARP.org

I recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history that those nations only blest whose God is the Lord.

Abraham Lincoln

Newberry ARP Youth of the Month

Each month our newsletter will feature a brief bio of one of our youth. For the month of July, our featured youth is **Joseph Yi**, age 17.

Q: What grade are you in?

A: I am a rising junior.

Q: Where do you go to school?

A: I am homeschooled and will be taking several dual enrollment classes at Piedmont Technical College next year.

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: Basketball, tennis, fantasy football, watching sports, and playing the violin.

Q: What extracurricular activities are you involved in?

A: I play on the basketball and tennis teams at Newberry High School.

Q: What are your plans after high school?

A: I plan to attend college.

Q: Do you have a favorite book or movie?

A: The Lord of the Rings.

Q: Do you have a favorite Bible verse?

A: 1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.



Growing in Grace

I remember, as many of you can as well, how much a newborn changes his first year of life? In a matter of weeks and months he is learning and acquiring so many new skills and insights. It's not long before that helpless and still child is crawling around and pulling himself up on the furniture. Next thing you know, he is standing and taking his first steps!

As parents we'd like to think that we play a great part in our child's development, but beyond the nurture and protection that we provided, it's primarily a work of God's wisdom and power. I don't mean to minimize our role as loving parents in their advancement, but in the big picture what we do pales in comparison to God's marvelous providences. He takes our loving nurture and yields results far beyond our contribution.

In many ways, the dynamics of parenting resemble the process of sanctification that all Christians must undergo if we want to grow in grace. There are elements that we as individuals and as a community of faith must pursue in order to see the fruits of righteousness that the Holy Spirit produces in our lives. Exactly how and when the sovereign Spirit develops these transformations in our lives is a mystery to us, but there's no doubt that without our faithful participation, little if any fruit will yield.

As sinners saved by grace we're always in danger of veering to one extreme or the other. In this case, it is either in the ditch of spiritual passivity or human manipulation. We make the mistake of formulating sanctification into a contrived equation that we can exercise or just waiting on the Spirit to do His supernatural work with no personal effort. Only by God's grace, and often times through hardships, do we learn to pace a steady course and avoid either pitfalls.

Without a doubt, the ways of the Spirit are a mystery to us and are His doings alone. So what part do we have in growing in grace? Throughout Christian history, the phrase "spiritual disciplines" has been used to describe the practices and habits that *can* strengthen our relationship with God. They are not to be thought of as automatic solutions, but as with the nutrition, rest, and protection that parents provide their infants, God in His grace has chosen to use these means for our spiritual growth.

In his book, *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster lists twelve such disciplines that God has made available to us to deepen our relationship with Him. They include: *meditation, prayer, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, submission, service, confession, worship, guidance, and celebration*. How many of these disciplines are you practicing in your life? Have you even considered some of them as being spiritually beneficial to you? When was the last time you practiced some of them? The answers to these questions will likely have something to do with your current spiritual maturity.

Even though God is ultimately the One who works in us, *both to will and to work for his good pleasure* (Phil 2:13), we cannot become too complacent in our faith. We too, like loving parents, must do our part in drawing nearer to God that He might draw near to us (Jam 4:8). So during our Wednesday Prayer Meeting, we will be exploring each of these spiritual disciplines. I pray that as you participate you will gain some helpful insights to growing in grace. Let's do all that we can to stimulate one another to love and good deeds (Heb 10:24).

By His grace,
Pastor Seth