

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

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July 2017

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at the June 21 stated meeting:

- The May financial report was reviewed and received as information.
- The May 17 stated session minutes were approved.
- Reports and prayers were offered for the shepherding needs of the congregation.
- The following changes were made regarding the choir during the worship service: 1) Any Sunday when there are at least 4 choir members who desire to be in the choir loft, they may do so for that entire service. 2) When an anthem is sung, those who desire to sit with the congregation may do so after the Congregational Prayer.
- Letters will be sent to inactive members to initiate the process of renewing their membership status.
- A Youth Choir Camp to reach out to the community will be held on July 23-26.
- The Women's Ministries Jubilee Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 27.
- Aaron Eising was approved to be the pulpit supply for July 9.
- The next stated session meeting will be July 19 at 8:00 pm.



Youth Choir Camp

We are hosting a Youth Choir Camp to reach out to our community on July 23-26, Sunday-Wednesday! This will be an opportunity to share the love of Christ and teach the youth (1st – 12th grade) of our community to use their voices to praise the Lord. Hannah Collins will be leading this outreach. As we finalize the details, there will be many opportunities for you to assist. Please stay tuned for further updates! Please pray that the Lord will use this ministry to glorify His name and reach people in our community for the sake of the Gospel!

Prayer Request

David Bunn - military; Betty Bland, Nelle Cromer, Pat Harmon, Mark McGuffee, Edna Ringer, Ruby Summer

Worship Schedule

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

Wednesday
6:30 pm -
Bible Study/Prayer
6:30 pm -
Youth Group

FINANCIAL DATA - 2017

Budget Receipts	\$ 80,944.15
Budget Needs	\$ 79,341.25

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

Doug Wicker, Clerk of the Session

Manna House — Soup

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

Our church will be volunteering the week of **July 10-14**. We are in need of **volunteers** to help serve one day for one hour. Two of our long time volunteers are no longer able to serve. A special thank you to James and Faye for many years of dedicated service. Please contact Julia if you feel led to help with this worthwhile ministry.

Our **food needs are greater during the summer months** since our children are out of school. Thanks to all who have donated food or made a monetary donation.

"...the Lord Jesus Himself said, 'there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.'" Acts 20:35

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. If you would like to be included on the e-mail list, please let her know. Lisa can be reached at 276-3253 or lisasenn1309@gmail.com. It is indeed a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.



FELLOWSHIP MEAL

On Sunday, July 30, immediately following the worship service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal. Fried chicken will be provided by the church. Members are asked to bring a side dish: salad, vegetable, or dessert.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: MRS. NELL CROMER - 4577 MAYBINTON ROAD, WHITMIRE, SC 29178. PHONE NUMBER 276-7747.

New Addition to the church family: Triumph Roy Winters, son of Lee and Shannon Winters who was born on June 15, 2017.



Our theme Scripture for 2017 is Galatians 5:22-23: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

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 11** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Galatians 5:22-23 will be the Bible Study (**Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self- Control**). Light refreshments will be served by Edith Bedenbaugh and Harriet Boazman. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer for further information.



Sunday, August 27

Annual Jubilee Birthday Ice Cream Social

More details in August newsletter.

My First Synod Experience

By Marc Faulkenberry

Brothers and Sisters,

Well, I have now officially made the holy pilgrimage to Mecca, otherwise known as Bonclarken! Each of the last several summers I was prevented from going to Synod because of my work schedule, but this year I had the honor to represent Newberry ARP Church at the 2017 General Synod.

Having been to previous Presbytery meetings, I was somewhat familiar with the business portions of Synod, but my Synod experience is marked, not by votes and business, but by worship, encouragement, and the preaching of God's Word.

Going into the week, I had heard many stories of arguments and animosities that have taken place in previous years. I had even witnessed this first hand at Presbytery meetings or in my work on the Minister & His Work Committee, but, in God's Grace, there was little to none of this at Synod 2017.

Instead of politics and personal agendas, there was an air of peace and a renewed passion for God's work through His Church. There was a recognition and reaffirmation of what our call has been and should be going forward -- to help further God's kingdom through faithfully upholding His Word and loving each other with the love of Christ.

There were amazing times of worship. We sang both Psalms and Hymns that praised our Lord and King and lifted us up to the very presence of the throne.

We heard words of testimony from churches great and small across the diverse landscape of our denomination. Our hearts were encouraged by the work He is doing through faithful ministers, elders, deacons, and other lay people.

We were also challenged and blessed by some amazing times in God's Word. Our theme for Synod was found in Zechariah 4:10 – *“Do not despise the day of small things...”* As a small denomination, we are often small in our own estimation because the world around us says that we are small and seemingly insignificant. But *“the eyes of the LORD look to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His...”* (2 Chronicles 16:9)

We were reminded in Matthew 13 of our mission to water the seed because there is **good soil** out there that will yield an increase and that the Kingdom of Heaven is a hidden treasure and the pearl of greatest price.

Personally, Synod was a great time of Spiritual renewal. It was also a great time of sharing and fellowship of His abundant grace on His Church and those called to serve in His Church.

Since I have been asked to give a synopsis of what all took place at Synod, I guess I must at least highlight some of the business at hand. Truthfully, there were not a lot of controversial items on the agenda, primarily reports from the committees, agencies, and institutions of the ARP. Here are some highlights:

- The ARP will reciprocate our joint Synod with the **Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America** (2015) in two years as we will join our brothers in Pittsburgh, PA for another **joint Synod (2019)**.
- **Ersvine Theological Seminary** has rebounded over the past two years and now has over 70 enrolled students at the various campuses.

- **Erskine College** is financially improved and committed to serving our denomination as a uniquely Christian school in the Reformed tradition. New president, Robert Gustafson, has energized and brought solid leadership to the school, its mission, and its faculty.
- There are many new and great opportunities God has brought in His own way, and in His own time on the foreign mission field through **World Witness**.
- **ONA** has added new tools and resources for churches to use for revitalization and growth. Ongoing work with refugees and church planting is encouraging.
- **Bonclarken** has established a plan of action to address long-term facilities maintenance and growth with an increase of \$1.5 million in their endowment. They have already raised over \$1 million. Camp Joy, the Family Bible Conference, and other camps and retreats continue expansion.

I am sure I am leaving out much. Please feel free to ask me about anything in particular that may be of interest to you. I will be happy to share.

The bottom line is, God is at work in our denomination. May God continue to find us faithful, not despising the day of small things, that He may one day say to us, *"Well done, thy good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Master."*

In His Service,
Marc Faulkenberry

LIFEBRIDGE

COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, JULY 27 DOORS OPEN
6:00 P.M.

Presenting Christian Comedian

JOHN BRANYAN

ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN AND LAUGHTER

The **RITZ** Theatre
Historic 1511 Main St. – Downtown Newberry, SC

TICKETS **\$25** EACH
SEATING IS LIMITED

TICKET SALES START: JUNE 10TH
LIFEBRIDGESOUTHCAROLINA.org/comedynight
1510 Main St., Newberry **803-276-4173**

Tickets may be purchased from Pastor Seth (checks made out to **LIFEBRIDGE**), calling or going to their office on Main St., or online.

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for July

2 - Communion
9 - Morning Circle
16 - Doris Singley
23 - Vernetha Renwick
30 - Kristy Jennings

Nursery for July

2 - Merri Avery & Rachel Faulkenberry
9 - Joanna Bedenbaugh
16 - Catherine Faulkenberry
23 - Kristy Jennings & Noah Yi
30 - Allison Yi & Michael Jennings

Ushers for July

2 - Gene Wicker, Mike Birochak, Robbie Kopp, David Jennings
9 - Doug Wicker, Lee Winters, Andre Jennings, Caleb Jennings
16 - Mark Faulkenberry, Don Ringer, Keith Avery, Noah Yi
23 - George Farris, Jean Williamson, Aaron Eising, Benjamin Jennings
30 - Lee Ringer, Cecil McRacken, Robbie Kopp, Joseph Yi