Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

Betty Bland 1114 Glenn Street Newberry, SC 29108

Prayer List

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



FINANCIAL DATA as of May 19, 2019

Budget Receipts \$58,954.76

Budget Needs \$ 68,814.20

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the elders at the May 22 stated meeting:

- 1. Jason, Tracie, and Elizabeth McCoy were interviewed and received into membership.
- 2. The April 25 Diaconate minutes were reviewed.
- 3. The April Financial Report was received as information.
- 4. The April Session minutes were approved.
- 5. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
- 6. The request of the Dutch Fork Chapter of SC Genealogical Society to use the fellowship hall for a lunch on July 17 was approved.
- 7. The next stated Session meeting will be held on June 19.

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

New Members

Please welcome **Jason**, **Tracie**, and **Elizabeth McCoy** to our Church family. They will be presented to the congregation on June 9.

462 Amicks Ferry Road Chapin, SC 29036 June 2019



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)



FIFTH SUNDAY FELOWSHIP MEAL

On Sunday, **June 30**, following the worship service, we will share a covered-dish meal in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert to complement this meal.

Forsake Not the Assembly

Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer, which means for many vacation and travel. In fact, AAA projects that nearly 43 million Americans will be on the road for this long holiday weekend. Our family will likewise make our annual trip (dating back to 1994) to Ocean Isle Beach this summer. I'm sure many of you have plans to travel this summer to enjoy some needed rest and refreshment.

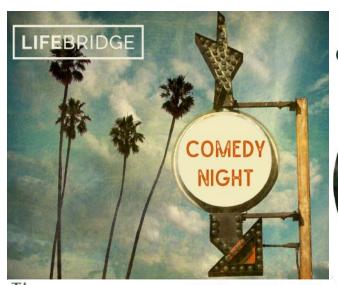
As you make plans to be away, let me encourage you with the words of the author of *Hebrews* who instructs us (*Heb 10:25*) to not neglect "to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." As inconvenient and even exceptional as it may seem to some to attend worship during vacation, it ought to be a staple of our faith and love for God.

Let me give you some biblical reasons why corporate worship on the Lord's Day is our duty and delight regardless of location. First and foremost, worshipping the Lord is the believer's highest expression of public devotion to God. Worship, as we present our heart, mind, and body as living sacrifices to the Lord in the assembly of God's people, epitomizes the climax of our existence and redemption. Worship was the reason for the Exodus (*Ex. 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3*). The primary purpose for Israel's deliverance was not to relieve their sufferings but that they might worship/serve the Lord (the theme of *Leviticus*). We were created by God to worship Him. Through salvation we are recreated in Christ to pursue this end in Spirit and in truth. It is how we come to experience our everlasting joy (*WSC* Q&A 1). Therefore, it is not by accident that the first four of the Ten Commandments directly or indirectly apply to worship. God sets the parameter in these commandments for the *who*, *how*, and *when* of worship. Regardless of what your particular understanding of the Fourth Commandment may be (how specifically to set apart the Lord's Day), I think we can all agree that corporate worship is the core of how this day is to be sanctified. Lord's Day worship is the heart of obeying and honoring the Fourth Commandment.

Secondly, worshipping on the Lord's Day with another congregation while away powerfully testifies to the *catholicity* of the Church of Jesus Christ. We regularly affirm in the *Apostles' Creed* that Christ's Church exists all throughout the world. Surely, if that is the case, we can with some wise planning and effort find a congregation near where we are to worship on the Lord's Day. As you search for such a church, you may likely find many differences in their worship, but if you can find one that proclaims the Word of God faithfully and exalts the Triune God centrally, you will be blessed and God will be honored. It may not be exactly what you're accustomed to but for that occasional Lord's Day it's a higher priority that you worship Him than be familiar or comfortable with all the details of the service. For our family, worshipping with another congregation while on vacation helps us appreciate the fullness of the body of Christ and the blessing of having a church family that we worship with on a weekly basis. Likewise, there have been several occasions when we have had visitors worshipping with us while in Newberry for the weekend or even driving past Newberry! Those are indeed rare but when it occurs, I am thankful to the Lord for bringing those brothers and sisters in Christ to be among us in corporate worship. We will be reunited with them in heavenly worship one day.

Thirdly, as we studied in *Luke* 2, what we do and prioritize as parents have an indelible impression on our children's hearts. When we commit to corporate worship on the Lord's Day, regardless of where or what the extraordinary circumstances may be, we are saying with our lives that nothing takes precedence over the Lord and His worship. Even if we are on vacation, our faith and devotion to the Lord do not vacate. Conversely, whether we intend it or not, when we forsake corporate worship for something else, we are inevitably valuing the other activity more. Our actions reveal our hearts. If worship does not trump every other activity (except those of necessity and mercy) on the Lord's Day, then we are communicating to our children (the world, in fact) that something else does. Do we teach our children that there are exceptions to adultery, murder, stealing, or lying? Why then do we make exceptions for worshipping the Lord? Are we like the Israelites doing our own pleasures on His holy day (*Isa* 58:13) and missing out on the greatest delight?

Search your heart and seek the Lord and His truths. He always wants the best for us. May we ever grow to find our deepest and eternal joys in Him!



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Salkehatchie Summer Service is a servant ministry in South Carolina involving high school and college age youth, adult community leaders, and persons of different cultures in upgrading housing, motivating community cooperative efforts by helping persons to help themselves, and providing all participants with opportunities for personal growth and service. This year, in our project known as a "Journey of a Thousand Bottles," we will assist this community based mission by collecting 1000 bottles of water for more than 100 volunteers. From June 1 - July 10, interested participates are requested to drop off bottle water to the Grier Building or contribute a monetary contribution. Please write "water" and the amount on your offering envelope.



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

The Morning Circle will meet on **Tuesday, June 4** 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 6:1-7:25, The Triumph of Grace. Light refreshments will be served by Carolyn Fulmer and Carol McRacken. 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 of *Romans*If you are interested in attending 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 behalf of the deacons, we would like to thank Mr. Billy Gallman of Gallman Welding and our Clyde Brown for their effort, craftsmanship, and generosity in repairing and painting the church's bench by the portico. It looks so nice!



SUNDAY, JUNE 9

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.

June is birthday time for us at our local nursing facilities, JF Hawkins/Springfield and White Oak Manor. Women's Ministries will be hosting a party with birthday cake, ice cream, and drinks. Each resident celebrating June as their birthday month will receive a gift bag. JF Hawkins/Springfield will be held on Tuesday, June 4 at 3 PM and White Oak will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 3 PM. Happy time for a lot of folks!!!!





MISSIONS FOCUS

Featured Field – Bridge Europe



Given the ever increasing immigration of Muslims into Europe due to persecution and other issues of immigration, World Witness has identified Europe as a strategic area to reach Muslims and will be focusing its resources on this objective. The vision of Bridge Europe is "To see Muslims in Europe come to faith in Christ and be established in healthy, Gospel-centered churches."

The Bridge Europe team is finishing up phase one of language learning and preparing for phase two which is moving to the central area of ministry, Strasbourg, France. This city has one the largest concentrations of Muslims in Europe, with a focus on

Turkish Muslims. New team members include Paul and Missy Robelot (to be stationed in Paris) as well as Rob and Claudia Holmes (to be stationed in Nantes, France this summer). Jeff and Suzanne Allers have changed fields and are now approved members of the Bridge Europe team. They will be moving to the Black Forest area of Germany to work alongside the Thomas family.

Rob and Claudia Holmes



Rob and Claudia Holmes served as World Witness cooperative missionaries to Chad with Wycliffe Bible Translators from 2011-2017. In total, they have served over 19 years on the field in Kenya and Chad, through Wycliffe. In 2019, the Holmes joined World Witness fulltime and became part of the Bridge Europe Team in Nantes, France. Rob is a 1992 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a major in Foreign Languages and has earned a Master's in Translation Studies (Linguistics) from Africa Interna-

tional University. Claudia completed her studies at Union Theological Seminary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (her native country) in 1992. The Holmes have five children: Julia, Oliva, Annabel, Helen, and Daniel. You can donate to their ministry at www.worldwitness.org/ give/missionary-support/.



On June 20, 11:30 AM, the Lunch Bunch will eat at Big Boys Country Cooking in Clinton. Everyone is invited to come!!!



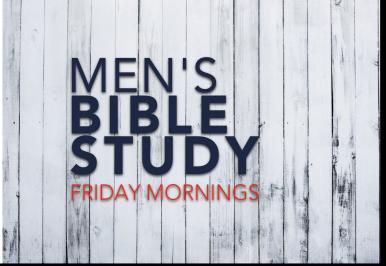
Manna House Food Pantry

Canned Fruit & Soup

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

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' Word (the Gospel of John). You'll be blessed. Please join us!



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> We're on the web NewberryARP.org

Flowers for June

2 - Communion

9 - Dottie Price/Carolyn Fulmer

16 - Lillian Price

23 - Vernetha Renwick 30 - Carol McRacken

Nursery for June

2 - Kristy & Michael Jennings

9 - Catherine Faulkenberry & Benjamin Jennings

16 - Rachel Faulkenberry & David Jennings

23 - Leslie Koon & Elizabeth Yi 30 - Allison & Abigail Yi

Ushers for June

- 2 Marc Faulkenberry, Doug Wicker, Herb Seigler, David Jennings
- 9 George Farris, Jean Williamson, Gene Wicker, Michael Jennings 16 - Cecil McRacken, Andre Jennings, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi
- 23 George Farris, Jean Williamson, Doug Wicker, Caleb Jennings
- 30 Marc Faulkenberry, Andre Jennings, Cecil McRacken, David Jennings