

# Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

June 2023

## Shut-In of the Month

Lillian Price

Newberry, SC 29108

## Prayer List

James and Fae Hill,  
Richard Lominick,  
Lillian Price, Vernetha  
Renwick

## Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session in May:

1. The April Diaconate and Financial Report were received as information. The April Session minutes were approved.
2. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
3. Two CDs, \$50,000 for 3 months and \$50,000 for 9 months, will be opened at First Community Bank with the surplus in the operating account.
4. A new study school curriculum, The Biggest Story, for the children's class will be used starting in June.
5. A CWP for a member was approved.
6. The Session's next stated meeting is June 20, 6:00 PM.

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



## **PRAYER CHAIN**

If you have a prayer request, please communicate with **Marc Faulkenberry** or **Pastor Seth** to be distributed via email.

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sethyi1969@gmail.com



**WORLD FOCUS 2023**

Bonclarken, NC

June 8, 1:00 PM - 9:30 PM

June 9, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

www.worldfocus2023.com

## **Ministry Schedule**

### Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:30 am

Cong. Assembly

10:55 am

Worship

### Wednesday

6:10 pm

Family Feast

### Thursday

Noon

Community Bible Study



## **BUDGET Data as of** **May 21, 2023**

Receipt	\$84,056.67
Need	\$74,903.85

## **219<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the General Synod of the ARP Church**

**June 6-8 - Bonclarken, NC**

Please pray, as the highest court of the church gathers, for:

- Moderator Bill McKay, Moderator elect Rob Patrick as they lead the business
- those who will preach during the worship times
- Synod's agencies, boards, and committees and their recommendations
- unfinished business and reports from last Synod

## Discipleship Ministry

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

*Matthews 28:19-20*



Growing in your walk with the Lord was not meant to be on your own. Would you like to participate in a discipleship relationship where you are encouraging and being encouraged in the faith? If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please communicate with Jason McCoy to find out more.

Cell: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]@mail.com

## Congregational Sunday School Schedule

June 4	<i>Galatians 5:16-26</i>	July 16	<i>Hebrews 2:1-9</i>
June 11	<b>General Synod Report</b>	July 23	<i>Hebrews 2:10-18</i>
June 18	<i>Galatians 6:1-10</i>	July 30	<i>Hebrews 3:1-6</i>
June 25	<i>Galatians 6:11-18</i>	Aug. 6	<i>Hebrews 3:7-19</i>
July 2	<i>Hebrews 1:1-4</i>	Aug. 13	<i>Hebrews 4:1-10</i>
July 9	<i>Hebrews 1:5-14</i>	Aug. 20	<i>Hebrews 4:11-16</i>

**Newberry Community**  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
**PODCAST**

Audio recordings of each week's lesson from the Newberry Community Bible Study on the *Gospel of John* by Pastor Seth are available via the following:

1. [newberrycommunitybiblestudy.substack.com](https://newberrycommunitybiblestudy.substack.com)
2. [newberryarp.org/community-bible-study](https://newberryarp.org/community-bible-study)
3. Add the following **RSS feed** to your **podcast App**:  
<https://api.substack.com/feed/podcast/1042002.rss>

*The Definition and Priority of Worship in the Christian Life (Part 1)*  
(The complete article will be published in *The ARP* in the July/Aug edition)

In an era and culture where the ubiquitous meaning of words is blatantly being challenged and distorted, it is necessary for the Church not only to defend the truth but to proclaim it unapologetically. Because Jesus is the Truth and has revealed the Truth to us, by which we are set free and sanctified in it (John 8:32; 17:17), the Church must remain the vanguard of preserving the meaning of words. The definition of words is a matter of first principles that orders all of life, words, thoughts, affections, and deeds. Therefore, it is foundational to our purpose and identity as Christians, and corporately as the Church, that we affirm and operate, not create nor deny, a definition of the word worship.

Worship is a word that can be used in English both as a noun and a verb. We will define it as a noun first but then give greater attention to its verbal meaning since that specifically applies to the Church's identity and purpose. The English word "worship" is derived from the Old English term *weorþscipe* (*worth* + *ship* from *weorth*, "worth, worthy" and *scipe*, "quality, condition") which means honor, esteem, veneration, dignity, worthiness, respect, or acknowledgment of worth (for example, that building is a house of worship.). This meaning logically transfers to its verbal definition. I think for the purpose of this article, the definition of the 1828 Webster's Dictionary is fitting, "to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission." It means to ascribe worth to someone or something. In the broadest religious sense, it can refer to the whole life of devotion to God. In other words, worship is showing, displaying the worth of God.

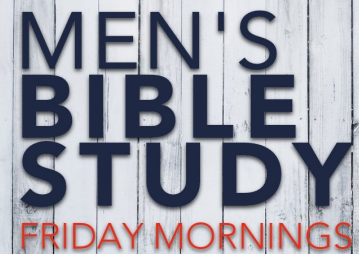
Worship is a fitting term for the universal, biblical command that God be acknowledged as supremely worthy and praised for His unique name and works, for His holy being and deeds (Exd 20:3; Ps 29:2; 96:9). True worship is defined by the priority we place on who God is in our lives and where God is on our list of priorities and affections. We worship what we love. It is a celebration of the worthiness of God by which honor is given to His name above all else. Because God is the Creator of all things visible and invisible, worship is the duty of every human being, whether he has been redeemed or not. The First of the Ten Commandments, along with the other nine commandments of the Moral Law, is the chief duty of all men. Even the Son of God, God incarnate, considered it His duty (and delight) to worship God and God alone (Matt 4:10; Luke 2:49; 4:16-21). Since that is the case, how much more is it necessary that all men should count it their duty to worship God according to His commandments?

Practically speaking, worship can be rightly described as reflecting and magnifying the blessings of God back to Him with and in our lives. Again, this is true not only for the believer who has received Christ's redeeming graces but all men who are the beneficiaries of God's common grace. God is owed worship by all. God's worth is manifestly revealed in nature, leaving men without excuse (Rom 1:18-23). Moreover, fundamentally man by his nature is a worshipper. Having been created in the image of God, it is not a question of if he will worship but what he will worship. Whether as an individual or as a body (which only intensifies and magnifies the expression), worship will naturally flow from man's heart. As John Calvin has insightfully noted, "the human heart is a perpetual idol factory" (Institutes I.11.8). Whether it is the God of the Bible or Satan, principally the only two options, man will worship one or the other. As God's people, recreated in Christ's image, we should be delighting more and more in the majesty and glory of God. Our hearts should incline to worship God more consistently, intelligently, earnestly, and intensely as we grow in grace. As we are being conformed to the image of Christ (Rom 8:29), our lives should be marked by the worship of God in spirit and in truth.

According to the ARP Form of Government (3.1), a congregation is defined as "a company of Christians, with their children, associated together according to the Scriptures for worship and ministry in the name of Christ." (emphasis added) Worship is essential to the definition and purpose of every congregation in the ARP. The primary and fundamental purpose of every congregation is the true and faithful worship of God through the means of grace He has instituted (FOG 3.2). On earth and in this age, the primary expression of God-glorifying worship is the Lord's Day worship (addressed more fully in a future article "Priority of Public Worship"). As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and an expression of the visible church, as the ARP Church, weekly corporate worship must always remain the priority in our lives until the Lord returns to testify publicly of His infinite worth. Nothing, not even the preservation of life, should be a higher priority.

*Pastor Seth*

**On Friday mornings, 6:45 AM, several men gather at Doug Wicker's home for a time of food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study (currently *1 Peter*). Email Doug to be added to the weekly reminder.**



**MEN'S  
BIBLE  
STUDY**  
FRIDAY MORNINGS



*All singles and widows are invited to share in this monthly fellowship meal following the worship service. We will next meet on June 11<sup>th</sup>.*

## SUNDAY MORNING CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday mornings** from **10:30 AM to 10:50 AM** to nurture *koinonia* with one another. Drinks and refreshments are provided.

## Wednesday Night Family Feast

**Sharing a meal, nurturing intergenerational relationships, praising the Lord in song, studying our doctrinal standards, and seeking the Lord in prayer. These are some of the blessings we enjoy on Wednesday nights (6:10 PM). Join your church family and grow in faith and love for one another!**



## Women's Ministry

*2023 Theme Verse: Revelation 21:30-4 - And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them and they will be His people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

*ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages, equips, and connects 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 6, at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. In preparation for our Bible study please read Revelation chapters 10-11, The Chaos of History. Marcia Cole will be leading our study.*

*Are you free on the first Tuesday of the month? The Morning Circle is always open for new members or visitors!!*

*The group will go out to a local restaurant for lunch following the meeting.*



There is a **ministry** in our church that can easily be overlooked but is **critical** to our church's vitality. As the Lord graciously grows our church, the need for **nursery volunteers increases**. Currently, we have **nine** workers who serve during the worship on a rotational schedule. Would you please **prayerfully consider** volunteering, if not on the regular rotation, possibly some other schedule? Anyway you can **serve** will lesson the load on

the regular volunteers. **Many hands make light work!** Please communicate with **Katie Eising**, if you are willing to **serve in any capacity!**

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[NewberryARP.org](http://NewberryARP.org)

## Flowers

4 & 11- Merri Avery  
18 & 25 - TBA

## Nursery

4 - **Katie Eising** (Edith Bedenbaugh )  
11 - **Janet Porth** (Abigail Yi )  
18 - **Tracie McCoy** (Kathy Wicker)  
25 - **Merri Avery** (Katie Eising)

## Ushers

4 - Aaron Eising & Marc Faulkenberry  
11 - Cecil McRacken & Herb Seigler  
18 - Chip Porth & Adam Petty  
25 - Keith Avery & Jason McCoy