

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

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March 2018

Update from the Session

1. The January Diaconate minutes and the January financial report were reviewed and received as information.
2. The January 17, 2018 stated Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
4. Sessional Committees:
Missions: financial commitments were approved - Free Medical Clinic \$50/mo, LIFEBRIDGE \$100/mo, Thomas family (WW missionaries) \$2000/yr. LIFE-BRIDGE Community Baby Shower \$100.
6. Herb and Kathy Seigler were received into membership pending reception of letter of transfer from First Columbia.
7. Doug Wicker was elected as the delegate and George Farris as the alternate for the March Presbytery meeting.
8. The next stated Session meeting is March 21, 8:00 pm.



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)

Prayer List

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

Ministry Schedule

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

Wednesday
6:30 pm
Bible Study/Prayer
6:15 pm
Youth Group

FINANCIAL DATA - 2018

Budget Receipts	\$ 23,245.00
Budget Needs	\$ 23,239.93



"...but be transformed by the re-
newing of your mind." - Romans
12:2

Check out the great selections of books available in the Church Library (across from the Backpack Room). There are books on various topics to strengthen your faith and walk with the Lord!

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



Our theme Scripture for 2018 is Genesis 17:7: "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you." (NIV)

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, March 6**, at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marcie Cole will be leading the study on the life of Abraham. After the meeting the circle will clean the kitchen and take out will be ordered. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer for further information.*



Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

Tuesday 7-9 pm

Home of Catherine Faulkenberry/Marci Cole

Currently studying the book ***Knowing God*** by J. I. Packer.

If you are interested in attending the study, please contact either

Shannon Winter at 19golfaly@gmail.com, **803-940-1596** OR

Kristy Jennings and renkristy@hotmail.com, **803-271-5298**

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!

Manna House Food Pantry

Instant Potatoes and Cereal



The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

Our Souper Bowl of Caring received \$245 and 104 pounds of food.

We will be serving Manna House the week of April 16-20.

If you are interested in volunteering at Manna House, please see Julia Rikard for information.

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



BACKPACK PROGRAM

Any donations (food or monetary) can be made to help fund the program at any time. You may put your check or money into your church envelope and mark it Backpack Ministry and place it in the offering plate. All money goes through our church treasury.

Please continue to pray for the children in our community who are in need.

*Thank
you*

Dear Newberry ARP Church,

I would like to thank you and your congregation for your continued support of DSS, our foster children, and our community at large. Your gifts and support help our children and families have a blessed Christmas.



Thanks for all you do, Ken McBride, DSS Director

MISSIONS FOCUS

Christian Hospital Sahiwal Nurse Scholarship



As of June 2016, some 114 student nurses are enrolled in the **School of Nursing at Christian Hospital Sahiwal** (CHS) in Pakistan. Entry into the program is based on merit and extensive testing. Upon completion of the 4-year accredited Registered Nursing program and a mandatory 1-year internship, each student graduates as a highly skilled, empowered professional.

In addition to the first-rate education, all students benefit from the spiritual ministry and training at CHS, leaving fully equipped to serve as Christ's ambassadors and leaders in the medical field, working in Pakistan, the Middle East, and around the world. Today, 25 of the 36 staff nurses at CHS are graduates of the CHS Nursing School.

Nursing students mostly come from the impoverished, minority Christian community and would have no opportunity to receive a first-rate education and career, without the help of the Nursing Scholarship Program.

Nurse Scholarships will help:

- Provide high-level academic training
- Provide spiritual teaching/training for students
- Produce skilled nurses
- Support hospital administration
- Change one life; change a village

Scholarships:

- \$1,000 (1-year)
- \$500 (6-month)

A 2015 nursing graduate was named the #2 student in the nation!

Contact Shelia Osborne at sheliao@worldwitness.org for more information.

LIFEBRIDGE

Community Baby Shower

Saturday, March 17th-11:00 a.m.

Piedmont Technical College—1922 Wilson Rd. in Newberry

Talk, call, or email
Allison Yi, if you'd
like to help!

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Need to Know
By: Feb. 16



Need to Know
By: Feb. 16



Need to Know
By: March 2nd

803-276-4173 Monday – Thursday 10-4

www.LIFEBRIDGESOUTHCAROLINA.ORG/community-baby-shower (Button on bottom of the page)

Volunteering Before The Shower

1. You Sponsor Mommy & Baby - This includes purchasing gifts on Shower Shopping List Estimate \$100 and \$25 Donation towards event underwriting (venue & paper goods). You can do this as an individual or as a group. you can sponsor more than one Mommy & Baby. **Goal: 50 Sponsors** **Shop: March 3-10th**

2. Talk to your church, women's group, small group etc. about upcoming things at your church that you can share with you're the Expectant Mommies when you follow up with them. This could include Mom's groups, play groups, bible studies, Easter Special Events, etc.

3. Donations-Help solicit funds for underwriting-If you like to help with the fundraising, Catherine would be grateful for your help. **March 2**

4. Help Gather Door Prizes-Remember we will have lots for the Mommies and Baby so think about Dad, Family, Etc. (Gift Cards work well. If they are wrapped, please let us know what it is so we can ensure it goes to an appropriate person.) **Goal: 20 by March 10**

5. Join us for the Shower Work Day: Set up and tag Car Seats & Portable Beds—Other decoration & pre-set up needs. Centerpiece Decorating Day—If you are a Sponsor, you have a Centerpiece Basket to decorate with some of the items you purchased.

Goal: All 50 Sponsors have a volunteer to assemble their Centerpiece
*****PLUS 10-20 Additional Volunteers**

March 10 – 2 Locations for different projects –LIFEBRIDGE and Newberry ARP Church We will follow up with exact times and locations for each work group. (Expecting 4-5 Hours depending on # of Volunteers)

6. Food: Solicit Donation from Store, Shop and Distribute food to preparers.
(We have packets to take to the Store Manager)

Newberry Walmart
Newberry Food Lion
Newberry Harvey's
Prosperity BI-LO
Chapin Publix
Chapin Food Lion

Goal: 2-4 Volunteers
Talk to Store Manager: **February 9-14th**
Follow Up with Store & LB: **By March 2nd**
Shop & Distribute Food—**March 14th**

Growing in Faith and Fellowship

The ancient proverb “familiarity breeds contempt” is an inherent weakness in fallen humanity. Jesus personally experienced this phenomenon in a dramatic way. After overcoming the devil’s temptations in the wilderness, Jesus brought His ministry to Nazareth of Galilee where He was brought up (*Luke 4:16-30*). Unfortunately, because they “knew” Him as Joseph’s son, they rejected His preaching and drove Him out of town. Jesus summarized the Nazarene’s unbelief with the words, “no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.” Their familiarity of Jesus since his childhood was a stumbling block in receiving and believing His message, even to the point of limiting the miracles that He performed (*Matt. 15:58*). What a pity and shame for those Nazarenes to have missed out on such a wonderful opportunity and blessing.

An expression of this error that can develop in many Christians is with our faith. For so many of us, faith is such a familiar, indeed a basic, concept to the Christian life that it has not received the proper “honor” or attention that it deserves. We use the word so loosely in our conversations and read it so frequently in the Bible and in other Christian literature that we don’t apprehend its full meaning and impact. To some degree it is such an elementary aspect of the Christian life that we have mistakenly graduated to weightier matters.

However, faith can never be de-emphasized in the Christian life at any stage. It is the one reality that encompasses every aspect of our new life in Christ. Too often, faith is viewed as the door through which we begin as Christians but not actually the very foundation upon which the house is supported. There is such an enormous amount of emphasis placed on initially believing the gospel to receive eternal life that after conversion the role of faith in the believer’s daily life begins to lose its prominence. It becomes “by-gone faith” and the pursuit for visible righteousness takes center stage as we struggle to produce fruit. In so doing, faith is eclipsed by personal will-power and self-discipline.

A very enlightening and helpful commentary on this subject is found in our *Westminster Confession of Faith* in the chapter Of Saving Faith (Ch. XIV, Sect. 2): “By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word,

for the authority of God himself speaking therein; and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and *embracing the promises of God for this life*, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, *sanctification*, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.” What is particularly insightful in this paragraph is the present and on-going reality of faith in the believer (noted by the added italics). As necessary as faith is for justification (the start of the Christian life), it is just as necessary for the daily living of the Christian life.

How much faith have you **exercised** in your life recently? Not just for specific prayers to be answered or trusting God to work out a certain situation, but for every thought, word, and deed that flows from your heart. Faith is not only the key to a life with God in heaven, but it is the foundation for living the supernatural Spirit-filled life now.

Over the next several weeks, we will be studying *1 John*. Despite any explicit internal evidence, its authorship has been attributed to John (one of the Apostles) since the early days of the church. Its vocabulary and themes resemble much of the *Gospel of John*. More importantly, it has all the attributes of a document that was written by the “disciple whom Jesus loved.” Throughout this epistle, one of John’s central message is fellowship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. For John, faith was not static or just an intellectual assent to certain doctrines, but it was a vital, living relationship with God. His faith enabled him to enjoy knowing and growing in his loving relationship with God. Faith was as vital to him as breathing because he cherished his eternal life in Christ above all else. In this sermon series, I pray that we will all embrace eternal life as Jesus defined it (*John 17:3*): ***this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*** May we know God deeper and richer more and more each day as He has been revealed to us in His Son.

By His grace,
Pastor Seth

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for March

4 - Communion
11 - Frances Brown
18 - Jean Williamson
25 - The Farris Family

Nursery for March

4 - Rachel Faulkenberry & David Jennings
11 - Joseph Yi & Junah Winters
18 - Merri Avery & Michael Jennings
25 - Joanna Bedenbaugh

Ushers for February

4 - Doug Wicker, Mike Birochak, Jean Williamson, David Jennings
11 - Mark Faulkenberry, Keith Avery, Lee Winters, Benjamin Jennings
18 - George Farris, Don Ringer, Aaron Eising, Joseph Yi
25 - Lee Ringer, Cecil McRacken, Andre Jennings, Noah Yi