

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

March 2020

Shut In of the Month

Pat Harmon
2316 Brookside
Drive
Newberry, SC 29108

Prayer List

David Bunn (military);
Betty Bland, Pat Harmon,
Tony Fulmer, Lee Ringer,
Elinor Hoffman, Glenda &
Richard Lominick, Eliza
Parr, Mark McGuffee.

Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship

Wednesday

6:15 pm

Youth

6:30 pm

Bible Study/
Prayer

Update from the Session

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

1. The February Diaconate minutes and January Financial Report were received as information.
2. The January Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
4. Missions Committee: Approved the gift of \$250 towards the LIFEBRIDGE Community Baby Shower.
5. Herb Seigler was appointed as the delegate for the Presbytery meeting on March 10.
6. The following requests for the Fellowship Hall were approved: Manna House in September, Newberry Newcomers on May 20.
7. Paul Patrick was approved as the pulpit supply for April 5.
8. The March stated meeting is scheduled for the 18th.

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



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)



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGIN

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8, SO
REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.**

Congregational Breakfast and Sunday School

March 29, 9:30 AM

Everyone will all gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast and a joint Sunday School class reading the Scriptures and singing the Bible Songs as a Church family. It will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our bonds with one another!



FINANCIAL DATA as of February 23, 2020

Budget Receipts \$ 25,169.35
Budget Needs \$ 29,780.73

The ABCs

In the January newsletter, I wrote an article, *Who Am I?*, that addressed the issue of our identity as church members. Here, I would like to develop that topic by expounding on the first three questions from our *Form of Government* (4.5, A.) regarding church membership. As we will see, these questions are the foundation of our Christian faith.

The first question states: *(1) Do you confess that you are a sinner in the sight of God; that you deserve His punishment; that you are unable to save yourself; and that you are without hope of salvation except for God's love and mercy?* As church members we are, first and foremost, sinners saved by grace. Before we affirm our heritage as Reformed Presbyterian, we are fundamentally a gathering of sinners who confess that apart from the grace and mercy of God in Christ, we are doomed for eternal damnation. As all of humanity since the time of Adam, we are born in sin and guilt. Moreover, because of our inherent sin nature, we do not have the power nor the desire to seek after God or do anything worthy of His favor. We are completely at the mercy of God to initiate a relationship with us. It is only when we come to embrace this biblical truth that the Gospel is good news for our souls. This affirmation logically leads to the next question.

The second question follows up by providing God's solution to our helpless state: *(2) Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners; and do you receive and trust in Him alone for your salvation?* The Gospel that the Triune God has accomplished is the remedy to our condition in Question 1. This question clarifies our need to trust wholly in the person and work of Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Scriptures. Not only is Jesus the incarnate Son of God who was born conceived by the Holy Spirit, prophesied by Old Testament prophets, He is the only person in history to live a sinless life obeying all the commandments of God. However, in fulfillment of God's redemptive plan, Jesus died as our substitute, receiving on the cross the full wrath of God for the elect. As a result of His accomplishment as the Last Adam, eternal life is gifted to all who trust in Him. Thus salvation is by faith alone, in Christ alone, by grace alone.

Question three picks up with the issue of how we are as believers to live the Christian life. It establishes the Bible as the supreme authority by asking: *(3) Do you accept the Bible, comprised of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God; and that it is the only perfect rule of faith and how to live [practice]?* Everything essential we need to know about God and ourselves is revealed in the 66 books of the Holy Scriptures. God the Holy Spirit has preserved for us an infallible and inerrant record for us to know the truth that pertains to life and salvation. We can with the upmost confidence trust that God's revelation to us in the Bible establishes what we must believe as TRUTH and how we are to live. God has not left us in the dark to wonder or come up with our own musing what are the essential truths for living and thriving in His universe. Because God is both the almighty, wise Creator and the gracious, loving Redeemer, we must not look to any other source of authority or knowledge that does not conform to the teachings of Scripture. What we affirm in Questions 1 and 2 are, in fact, revealed in the Bible. Thus we are a people of "the Book" and will always submit to the Bible as the very Word of God.

These three questions do not necessarily distinguish us, ARPs, from other evangelical, Bible-believing Christians. Instead, they unite us with the universal church that Jesus Christ and His apostles establish. Nevertheless, if we veer off at any point with regard to these questions, we are in clear danger of no longer being Christian! May we strive to uphold these truths as God's people for the glory of Christ's Church.

Pastor Seth



Our theme Scripture for 2020: “And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” Daniel 12:3 (ESV)

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, March 3** at 10 AM in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marci Cole will be leading the Bible study on Daniel. In preparation for the study please read Daniel 3, God Saves the Three Friends from the Furnace. Light refreshments will be served by Carolyn Fulmer and Carol McRacken.*

Are you free on the first Tuesday of the month? The Morning Circle is always open for new members or visitors, contact Julia Rikard for further information.



Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

Mondays 7 - 9 pm

Home of **Catherine Faulkenberry**

If you are interested in 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 Tuesday, Marche 24, 11:30 AM, the Lunch Bunch will eat at The Palms. Everyone is welcome!!!



Manna House Food Pantry
Canned Soup & Fruit

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule to receive donations.

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



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.

MARCH 8

Every Friday morning, 6:45 AM, a group of men gather at Doug Wicker’s home, 1414 Chapman Dr., for an encouraging time for food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study of God’ Word (currently the Gospel of John). You’ll be blessed. Please join us!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY MORNINGS



MISSIONS FOCUS

Featured Missionaries – Mark and Natalie Witte



Mark and Natalie Witte joined the World Witness team in 2010 as missionaries to Toledo, Spain, where they have planted a growing church. Mark earned a M.A.T.S. and a Th.M. in Historical Theology from Erskine Theological Seminary. Mark was ordained to the Gospel ministry by Catawba Presbytery in 2013. Natalie earned a B.A. in Linguistics at the Ukrainian National Linguistic University. The Wittes have two children: Vanessa and Alex. You can contribute to their support directly at www.worldwitness.org/missionaries

Prayer Requests

- For our **family**, that we would continue to grow in our faith.
- For our **kids**, Vanessa and Alex, for their studies and their classmates and friends.
- For **Iglesia Cristiana Presbiteriana Toledo** and for the families which attend.
- For the **needs** of the Toledo Church Plant. Local tithes and offerings currently cover 50% of the monthly operating costs. Pray that the Lord would continue to provide for the church.
- Praise God** for all of the churches and individuals who are holding the ropes to our ministry in Toledo!



Youth Service Projects

On the first Saturday morning of each month, the Youth have been gathering to work on various service projects. If you have a need or an idea for an upcoming service project, please share your ideas with Allison Yi or a deacon.



*Saturday, March 21, 2020
Newberry Women's Ministries*

*meet
&
Greet*

*We will be hosting a **meet & Greet** of all the women from Second Presbytery's Southeast Cluster. The churches participating will be Cannon's Creek (Prosperity), Johnston, Providence (Clinton), and Ora.*

Brunch will be served. All are invited to join us at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Hopefully you will come and enjoy fellowshiping with ladies from ARP churches in our area.

If you would like to help with the preparations and food, please contact Julia.

*Thank
You*

Dear Church Family,

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the support, the well wishes, the texts, the visits, the meals, and especially the prayers you gave to me and my family during my recent hospitalization.

It is comforting and encouraging to know that my church family cares for us. Our family arrived here seven years ago as strangers to you, but y'all have accepted us and embraced us as one of your own. As we have worshipped and worked together, we have become family.

I truly appreciate your care and concern and know that your prayers sustained us during my illness. As the Apostle Paul put it,

"I thank my God in every remembrance of you." – Philippians 1:3

I am grateful to my church family and look forward to serving with you for as many years as the Lord gives me breath. May God continue to bless us as we remain faithful to Him and to one another!

Your Brother in Christ,

Marc Faulkenberry

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for March

- 1 - Communion
- 8 - TBA
- 15- Frances Brown
- 22 - TBA
- 29 - Jean Williamson

Nursery for March

- 1 - Merri Avery & Elizabeth McCoy
- 8 - Tracy McCoy & Michael Jennings
- 15 - Kristy Jennings & Caleb Jennings
- 22 - Andre Jennings & Elizabeth Yi
- 29 - Noah Yi & Abigail Yi

Ushers for March

- 1 - Keith Avery, Clyde Brown, George Farris, Cecil McRacken
- 8 - Aaron Eising, Marc Faulkenberry, Benjamin Jennings, Caleb Jennings
- 15 - George Farris, Andre Jennings, Michael Jennings, Don Ringer
- 22 - Jason McCoy, Lee Ringer, Doug Wicker, Gene Wicker
- 29 - Andre Jennings, Herb Seigler, Jean Williamson, Noah Yi

