

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

May 2021

Shut In of the Month

Richard & Glenda Lominick



Prayer List

David Bunn (milt.); Mark McGuffee, Vernetha Renwick, Glenda & Richard Lominick, James Hill, Doris Singley, Marci Cole

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 in April:

1. The March Financial Report and Diaconate minutes were received as information.
2. The March Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were shared and discussed. Don and Beverly Ringer's memberships were transferred to Lebanon UMC.
4. Fellowship Committee: A covered dish dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 PM. Two youth members, Elizabeth McCoy and Ethan Herskind, will be honored at the Graduates' Luncheon on May 30, following the worship service.
5. Christian Education: For the summer quarter, all the adults and youth will meet in a single Sunday School class.
6. The May stated meeting is scheduled for the 18th, 6:00 PM.

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

Bible Songs Sunday

On May 30, at 9:45 AM, all the Sunday School classes will meet in the Sanctuary to sing the Bible Songs, read Scripture, and share prayer requests.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, please email, text, or call **Marc Faulkenberry** or **Pastor Seth**, and it will be distributed via email.

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318-680-4375 (cell)



Covered Dish Dinner

On Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 PM, we will gather for a fellowship meal. The Church will provide the meat and drinks. Members are invited to bring a side item to share.

FINANCIAL DATA as of April 25, 2021

Budget Receipts \$ 70,249.97
Budget Needs \$ 56,766.91

An Eternal Weight of Glory

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

(2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

Over the past year, the truth, comfort, and hope of this passage has been impressed upon my heart. With all the challenges and uncertainties that we have witnessed and even endured, it is a blessing to know that God's Word meets us where we are. Moreover, the Scriptures not only meet us in our circumstances, but more importantly it directs our hearts and minds in a direction that leads up closer to Christ. May this passage be a light of revelation for you regardless of the trials that you may face.

Paul is not idealistic nor blind to the harsh realities of life on this side of glory. He uses illustrative language to paint a picture of what we must all face in this life: *outer self is wasting away, momentary affliction, and the things that are seen are transient*. These are the cold hard facts about life for all of us. No matter how healthy, wealthy, or privileged a person may be, the aging process and eventually death are unavoidable. Regardless of how hard our present culture tries to shield the reality of death, we are all born to die barring Jesus' return (Heb 9:27).

As true as suffering and death are for all men in this life, for believers there is not only a reason to live but to live abundantly! Consequently, *we do not lose heart!* The apostle Paul who personally experienced many forms of suffering (2 Cor 11:24-31; 12:7-10) did not lose sight of what the Lord was doing in and through all his trials. In the crucible of suffering, his faith and inner man were *being renewed day by day*. His pains had a sanctifying purpose that drew him closer to the Lord. By faith he could see that the Lord was preparing him for eternity. We too can find comfort in the Lord's renewing work in our lives.

Finally, as we press on as faithful servants and soldiers of the Lord, we can be assured that something far greater than anything we can possess or enjoy in this life awaits us in the life to come, *an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison*. Just as Christ was raised from the dead with a glorious resurrected body, we too can be confident that in Christ we shall share in His coming glory. Indeed, this glory that we will partake in at the resurrection is beyond anything that this present world has to offer. The greatest delights and ecstasies of this life are but scraps compared to the banquet that the Lord is preparing for us. This blessed assurance ought to define who we are and direct how we live.

There is no telling what tomorrow holds out for any one of us. Whatever it may be, as Christians we can by faith consider it as a *light momentary affliction*. May we ever look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb 12:2).



SUNDAY, MAY 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.

SUNDAY MORNING CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 10:25 to 10:50 AM to nurture *koinonia* with one another. Drinks and refreshments will be available. Prayer requests will also be shared. Sunday school teachers are encouraged to start their classes at 9:45 AM and concluded by 10:23 AM so members can participate in the assembly.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Gather with your church family on May 28, 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, for a joyful time of fellowship and outreach. Bring your favorite games and snacks and invite others who may enjoy the fun!



Graduates' Luncheon

We will honor two high school graduates, Elizabeth McCoy (daughter of Jason and Tracie) and Ethan Herskind (Youth participant), on Sunday, May 30 following the service during our fellowship lunch. The meat and drinks will be provided by the church. Members are welcome to bring a side dish or a dessert.



Our theme Scripture for 2021: "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 (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, May 4** at 10 AM in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. The Bible Study will be on the Parables of Jesus. Marcia Cole will be leading the study. In preparation for the study please read Matthew 20:1-16 (The Laborers in the Vineyard) and Matthew 13:44-46 (The Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Price). Light refreshments will be served.*

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

Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm

Fellowship Hall

We are currently studying *Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible, and What He Wants to Do with You* by John McArthur

If you are interested in participating, please contact either

Marci Cole, [REDACTED] OR

Allison Yi, [REDACTED]

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



Living Hope Foundation Food Pantry

There is a box in the Main Street vestibule to receive non-perishable food donations. Living Hope Foundation focuses on the needs of our community in the areas of hunger, counseling, youth education, mentoring, health awareness, computer, and literacy skills. Their mission is “to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout our community ~ through our time, finances, product and lives. To be good stewards of all that God has given us, and to serve our fellow man faithfully using Christ as our example.”

Partnering with Our Missionaries

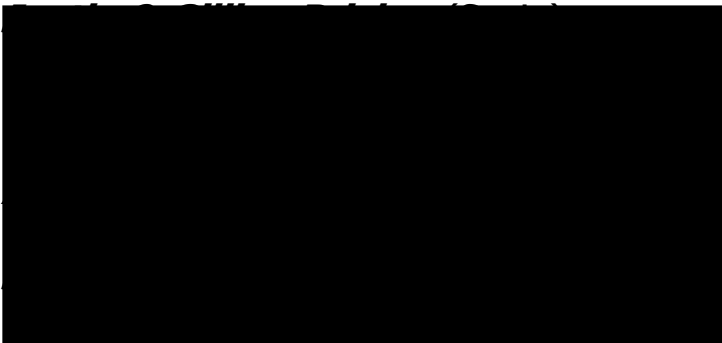


The apostle Paul thanked God for the Philippians because of their partnership (the Greek word is *koinōnía* which is often translated fellowship) with him in the gospel (Phil 1:4-5). The church at Philippi was so committed to Paul’s missionary efforts that they not only sent him monetary support (4:15) but also one of their own, Epaphroditus, to assist Paul while he was under house arrest (2:25, 30).

What an example the Philippian congregation is to all of us in genuinely partnering with our missionaries in fulfilling the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20).

As you can imagine, 2020 was a challenging year for all of our missionaries. Many of them were (some still are) under severe lockdowns and limited in how they could minister personally. Furthermore, due to the economic challenges that many of their supporters faced, several of our missionaries fell behind in their support. If you are led by the Holy Spirit to partner with one or more of our WW missionaries (see below) who are in need of greater financial support (one time or regularly), you can give online at <https://worldwitness.org/missionaries>. Thank you!

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On Friday mornings, 6:45 AM, a group of men gather at Doug Wicker’s home, [redacted], for an encouraging time of food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study of God’s Word (currently *Jeremiah*). Email Doug to be added to the weekly reminder.



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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for May

2 - TBA

9 - Kristy Jennings

16 - Merri Avery

23 - Jean Williamson

30 - Mary Hanna

Ushers for May

2 - Jason McCoy, Marc Faulkenberry

9 - Keith Avery, Andre Jennings

16 - Cecil McRacken, Herb Seigler

23 - Chip Porth, Michael Jennings

30 - Jason McCoy, Marc Faulkenberry