

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

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November 2018

Prayer List

David Bunn - military;
Betty Bland, Pat
Harmon, 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

FINANCIAL DATA as of

October 21, 2018

Budget Receipts \$134,569.43

Budget Needs \$139,439.58

Update from the Session

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

1. Reviewed and received the September Financial Report.
2. Approved the September stated session minutes.
3. Discussed the shepherding concerns of the congregation.
4. Sessional Committee Reports:
 - Missions: Alex Stewart will share about his ministry on 11/7 with a covered dish dinner. The Release Time Bible class will begin on 10/19 at First Baptist Church.
5. George Farris gave a report about the fall Second Presbytery Meeting. The Presbytery Assessment was raised by \$2.
6. Alice Ramirez's Christmas recital and the Congregational Christmas Fellowship will be held on 12/5, 6:30 pm.
7. The following slate of officers were approved: Deacons - Keith Avery, George Farris, Herb Seigler; Elder - Marc Faulkenberry.

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)



Monday, November 19, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church. Pastor Yi will preach, and Mr. Huger Caughman will direct a combined choir from the various congregations.



It's time to order Poinsettias. The cost will be \$10.75. An insert will be in the vestibules beginning Sunday, November 4. The last day to order will be Sunday, November 18. Place your order in the offering plate or give it to Shirley Mohler. Make checks payable to Women's Ministries.

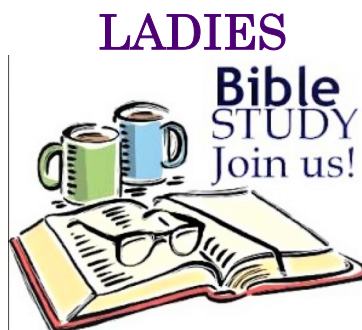


Our theme Scripture for 2018 is Genesis 17:7: "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you." (NIV)

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, November 6 at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marcie Cole will be leading the Bible study on the life of Abraham. After the meeting the group will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. 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 ***Humility*** by Andrew Murray

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

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

Kristy Jennings, andrenkristy@hotmail.com, 803-271-5298

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



The annual meeting of Second Presbytery Women's Ministries will be held on Saturday, November 10 at the Greenwood ARP Church. Guest speaker will be Sarah Duvall. Luncheon and a short business meeting will follow the speaker. If you are interested in attending, please notify Edith Bedenbaugh or Julia Rikard by Wednesday, October 31. Transportation will be coordinated once we determine the number attending.

Saturday, December 8

Women's Ministries

Christmas Fellowship Brunch at the Church

more details to follow. . .



Manna House Food Pantry

2 lb bags of Corn Meal

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

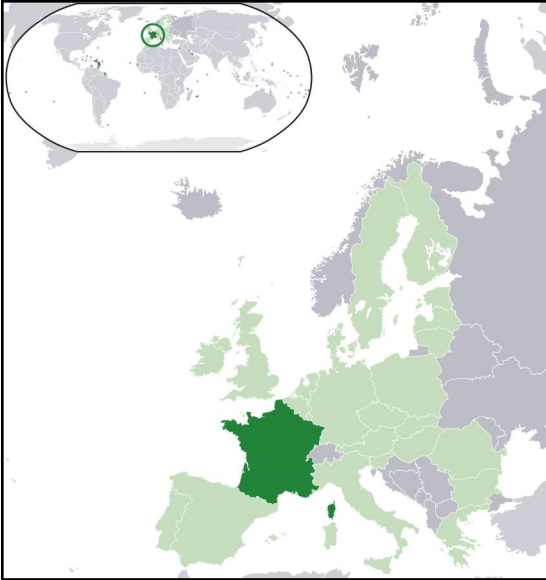
Our Church will be providing volunteers the week of November 27 - December 1 from 1-2 pm. If you would like to volunteer please see Julia.

"...the Lord Jesus Himself said, 'there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.'" Acts 20:35



MISSIONS FOCUS

Featured Field – France



According to the World Fact Book, France maintains a culture of secularism and has not collected information on religious affiliation since 1872. Today, the country is a mix of religions with few evangelical Christians. In recent years, there has been a continued decline in religious acceptance with atheism growing and open hostility toward organized religion.

Praises

- For those God is sending to France
- The hearts and lives being reached with the Gospel message
- Evidence of God at work in the relationships being formed throughout the country

Prayers

- For the missionaries in France
- For additional workers to help spread the Gospel

Paul and Missy Robelot



Paul and Missy Robelot are World Witness missionary candidates, serving with Bridge Europe/France, where they encourage and help equip the French Church in outreach to refugees and Muslim neighbors. Since 1987, they have served in church planting in Belgium and France, where evangelicals are around 1%, and Muslims outnumber evangelicals 10 to 1. Paul and Missy met and married in 1982, while attending Columbia International University. Missy is a registered nurse

with a BSN degree from East Carolina University and has a Master of Christian Education from CIU. She also previously served as Congregational Nurse at First Presbyterian, Columbia, helping coordinate care teams. Paul has a BA degree in Psychology from Clemson University and both a MDiv and a Master of Counseling degree from CIU. To learn more about their ministry, email them at robelot@aol.com.

Biblical Stewardship

For many churches in the United States, this is a time of year known as “stewardship season.” This designation is derived from the fact that many congregations collect contribution pledges from their members and prepare the upcoming year’s budget based on their estimated income. Even though we do not employ this particular practice, the notion of biblical stewardship is still worthy of our consideration. When we examine this subject, there are in general three primary categories in which our lives can be stewarded: time, talents, and treasure.

Stewardship by definition acknowledges that we are not the owners but merely managers. Every person owes his very existence to God. Life is a gift that the omnipotent Lord provides and sustains (doctrine of providence). All that we have comes to us from God, our Creator. More than life itself, God imparts various gifts that enrich life for all. For Christians, the Redeemer’s kindness is magnified in that we are grace with spiritual gifts to build up and advance the Kingdom of God.

Having a biblical understanding of stewardship is key to growing in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we yield more and more of our lives to the lordship of Christ, biblical stewardship informs and prioritizes how we make decisions and live to the glory of God. When we considered the price with which we have been bought by God, the blood of Christ, it is a joy to offer our bodies, our whole lives, as living sacrifices to the Lord. The stewardship of our time, talents, and treasure becomes a megaphone for extolling the infinite worth of our Redeemer God.

How then should we steward our lives in terms of time, talents, and treasure? To start, time may be the most valuable since none of us are guaranteed just how much of it we will have! It may be safe to assume based on your current age and health that you will live a certain number of years, but no assumption is absolute. We can and should plan accordingly, but we must never demand of God even a single day more. Our times are in His hands, and our days are numbered according to the Master’s eternal decrees.

Therefore, as we consider the brevity of life, the proverb, “Only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last,” should challenge us to make the most of every minute for the glory of God. Every person is given the exact same amount of time each day. We may not know how many days we will have, even the next, but what we do with the minutes we have today will either make an impact for eternity or not. As stewards of God, how we manage and utilize our time reflects on what we value and cherish. Do we invest our time in building and nurturing relationships that will have an eternal impact or on earthly matters that will be destroyed in a matter of days or months, ultimately at the Lord’s return? Do we prioritize our time with those activities that promote the Kingdom of God or our own personal pleasures and comfort? Do we even acknowledge that God is the Lord of all time by honoring one day in seven, the Lord’s Day, or do we do with it as we please and only set it apart to Him as a matter of convenience? Investing our time for Kingdom purposes will yield a return in glory that far exceeds any pleasures here on earth.

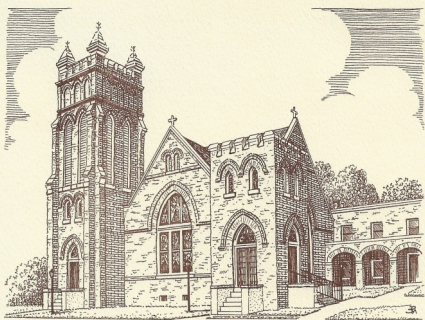
As Christians we are doubly blessed in that not only has the Lord gifted us with natural talents and abilities but with spiritual gifts through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. All these talents are given to glorify God and build up the body of Christ. Regard-

less of how old or young you may be, if you still strength in your body, then you are responsible for stewarding your talents in a Christ-honoring way. The 80-20 rule is a sobering indictment on the lack of biblical stewardship in many congregations. According to repeated research, 80 percent of the work in most congregations is accomplished by 20 percent of the members. By God's grace this is not the case with us, but I wonder if everyone is utilizing all their gifts and talents according to the Holy Spirit at maximum capacity? How much different would the life and ministry of our church appear if everyone's talents were being applied? What fruit could be born through ministries that have not yet been started? Indeed, the opportunities are limitless and only bound by the Lord's will. Pray for the Lord to open your eyes to see how all your gifts might be utilized to enhance our congregation and the Lord's purposes.

Of all the topics that Jesus taught, money was only second to the Kingdom of God. Our treasure, that is earthly wealth, is a deeply private and personal matter. However, as Christians it is a visible mark of biblical stewardship. It reveals to all what we truly value and worship! This is an unavoidable truth because Jesus declared (*Matt 6:21*), "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." In other words, how we spend our money, reflects on what we love. No matter how much we say we love the Lord and want to serve Him, if we are not willing to support financially His Kingdom, then our words are empty and false. As the old saying goes, "You put your money where your mouth is."

It's been noted that the last thing to be sanctified in a person's life is his bank account. Even Christians have a difficult time giving to the Lord's work over against acquiring more personal possessions. Despite the fact that the accumulation of material treasure works according to the law of diminishing return (the more you spend the less it satisfies), we seemed to be running on this treadmill along with the world. In contrast, the more we deepen our love for Christ and His Kingdom purposes the less enticing and rewarding the worldly treasures will be to us. No doubt there is a real cost to following Christ and investing our money in His work, a sacrifice that means foregoing certain earthly pleasures, but the joy that the Lord promises in return far outweighs the temporal loss. Only by deepening our love for Christ will the allurements of this world fade. By God's grace may we overcome the temporal pleasures of earthly treasure with the eternal, unsurpassed delight of knowing Christ in all His fullness.

By His grace,
Pastor Seth



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We recently reprinted the Church note cards. They are packaged 12 cards/envelopes to a box at a cost of \$5.00. If you are interested in purchasing a pack or two, they are located in the office. If paying by check, please make them payable to **Women's Ministries**.

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for November

4 - Communion
11 - Shirley Mohler
18 - Julia Rikard
25 - Catherine Faulkenberry

Nursery for November

4 - Rachel Faulkenberry & Noah Yi
11 - Merri Avery & Trust Winters
18 - Joanna Bedenbaugh
25 - Leslie Koon & Reagan Bannister

Ushers for October

4 - Andre Jennings, Lee Winters, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi
11 - Marc Faulkenberry, Keith Avery, Lee Ringer, Caleb Jennings
18 - George Farris, Jean Williamson, Herb Seigler, David Jennings
25 - Doug Wicker, Cecil McRacken, Gene Wicker, Lee Winters