

# Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

November 2019

## Shut In of the Month

Pat Harmon  
2316 Brookside  
Drive  
Newberry, SC 29108

## Prayer List

**David Bunn - military; Betty Bland, Pat Harmon, Tony Fulmer, 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 October stated meeting:

1. The September Financial Report was received as information.
2. The September Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
4. The Winters family's membership was transferred to the Renovation Church, Simpsonville.
5. Doug W. gave a brief report of the fall Second Presbytery meeting held at the Thomson Presbyterian Church.
6. Alice Ramirez's request to hold her studio's Christmas recital in the Fellowship Hall on Dec. 11 in conjunction with the Congregational Christmas Fellowship was approved.
7. This year's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Dec. 8 following the worship service.
8. The November stated meeting is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM.

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)



**On October 25, we had the privilege of feeding 39 hungry players and coaches from the Newberry High School Varsity Football team. Pastor Seth shared a devotional from *Hebrews 12:1-2* and the team enjoyed a hearty meal of spaghetti, garlic toast, salad, and chocolate chip cookies. Thank you to all who assisted with this outreach to our community.**



The Gideons  
International

Another way you can support the ministry of the Gideons is with a "GideonCard." There is a card rack in the Fellowship Hall from which you can use for various occasions or many more options can be found on [www.sendtheword.org](http://www.sendtheword.org).

## FINANCIAL DATA as of October 27, 2019

Budget Receipts \$126,897.17  
Budget Needs \$147,950.53



*November will be socks for men and women and December will be toiletries. There are containers in the hall outside the Ladies Parlor to collect these items. Let's help the homeless by collecting LOTS of these items! If you do not like to shop and want to make a monetary*

*donation, please do so; someone will be glad to do the shopping for items needed.*

*Thanks to all who brought hats and gloves in October!*

*Let's fill our boxes with the much needed items! This month is SOCKS. Contact Julia for further information.*

**Do you have any good, clean, used coats (men's, women's or children's) that you would like to donate? They will be taken to a homeless shelter where they will be greatly appreciated. Just drop them off on the table in the hallway outside the Ladies Parlor.**



We completed our second year of Good News Club at Newberry Elementary School on October 16. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry with your funds and prayers! Please continue to pray for these students that the Word will take root in their hearts!



## *A Minister of a Congregation in the ARP Church*

The final question in our *Form of Government* asked of a potential member is, “In loving obedience, do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of this church, promising to seek the peace, purity, and prosperity of this congregation as long as you are a member of it?” There are two words in this question that may require a bit of explanation, especially for those who are not from the ARP or another Presbyterian denomination, namely, *church* and *congregation*. Often these words are used interchangeably but that is not the case in this question. As I have explained to many whom I’ve interview for membership, these words have distinct meanings within our ecclesiology and polity, system of church government.

The word *congregation* refers to the local assembly of Christians in a particular fellowship, i.e. all the members of the Newberry ARP Church or any other ARP church. On the other hand, *church* refers to the ARP denomination. It includes the members of every ARP congregation and the ministers of each presbytery (a minister is a member of a presbytery not a congregation). This is not just a matter of splitting hairs or semantics but it strikes a chord at what we believe about the church, namely, it is connectional.

Presbyterians believe that the Bible teaches that there is a vital connection between local congregations. Each congregation is a member of the body, the church. This organic unity amongst congregations in the ARP Church serves a theological and ministerial purpose. The Westminster Standards (Confession, Larger and Shorter Catechisms) summarize what we believe to be the foundational doctrines of the Scriptures. Ministers and officers (ruling elders and deacons) in the church are required to affirm these doctrines as their own. Likewise, when presbyteries and Synods ratify a decision, it has ramifications on every congregation. The Presbytery serve the congregations just as Synod serves the Presbyteries.

As an ARP minister, not only does my membership reside in a presbytery (our is Second Presbytery), but I also have responsibilities related to the various committees and boards of presbytery and Synod on which I might serve (this is true of ruling elders as well). Currently, I serve on the Church Extension Committee of Second Presbytery and the Inter-Church Relations Committee of Synod. Furthermore, because I serve as the chairman of the Church Ex. Comm., I also have a seat on the Outreach North America Board of Synod.

In the coming weeks, I will be away for two of these committees serving the ARP Church. In my absence, I would ask you to pray for the work that might be accomplished for they will invariably have some effect on this congregation. In so doing, may the Lord grant you to cherish the grandeur of His Kingdom at work through the ARP Church.

Pastor Seth

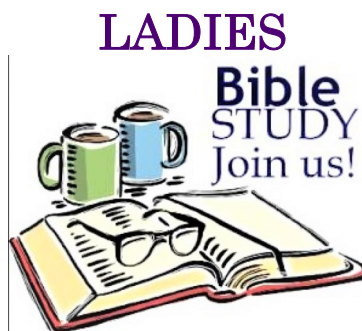


Our theme Scripture for 2019 is Roman 8:1-2 - "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

*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 5** at 10 AM in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Marcia Cole will be leading the Bible study on Romans. In preparation for the study please read Romans 14:1- 15:13, *The Extension of God's Righteousness through Mission*. After the meeting, the group will be having lunch at a local restaurant. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer 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](mailto:tybeemarci@yahoo.com), **603-781-0460** OR  
 Kristy Jennings, [andrenkristy@hotmail.com](mailto:andrenkristy@hotmail.com), **803-271-5298**

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!**





*We will be decorating our Sanctuary with poinsettias during the month of December. If you would like to place one in memory or honor of someone, the cost will be \$11.00 per poinsettia. An insert will be in the vestibules beginning November 3. The last day to order will be November 25. Place your order in the offering plate or give it to Shirley Mohler. Make checks payable to Women's Ministries.*



*The Women's Ministries Christmas Social will be held on Sunday, December 8, 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited. Please make plans to come and enjoy some really great fellowship!!!! More details to follow in the December newsletter.*



DECEMBER 15

*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.*



## MISSIONS FOCUS

### Featured Field – PAK7



**PAK7** is a media ministry by and for Pakistani Christians supported by Christians from around the world.

**VISION:** To see: **1)** God more fully glorified and enjoyed **2)** His church built up in the knowledge of God, the appreciation of the gospel and the fulness of the Holy Spirit and **3)** Pakistan transformed by God's love.

**MISSION:** To provide the Pakistani Church an opportunity to witness to Jesus Christ and the gospel through inspirational, informational, and educational media services.

**What does PAK7 mean?** The word "pak" means "holy, pure, and clean" in Persian and Urdu. Seven is both the number of territories in Pakistan and the number of completion or perfection in the Bible.

**History:** In 2009, 50 Pakistani church leaders and media ministry workers gathered in Lahore for a media ministry consultation hosted by RZIM (Ravi Zachary International Ministries). These leaders made a recommendation that the church and the various agencies and workers needed to have some way to work together collegially.

About the same time World Witness began prayerfully to search for a way to continue its work in Pakistan at a time when most of its American missionaries had returned from the field. In 2013, WW authorized board member Gordon Bell to conduct feasibility studies to determine the viability of a "John 17" type of media ministry (various branches of Christ's Church put aside secondary differences in order to carry out her commission in the manner envisioned by Jesus in John 14-17) following the successful model of SAT-7.

Accordingly, in 2014 Bell held a follow-up Media Ministry Consultation in Lahore at which he posed the question of whether adapting this "John 17" model for Pakistan might meet this need to have a way by which the various media ministries and workers could work together. The response was enthusiastically and unanimously affirmative. At a second Consultation in Lahore in 2016, the Pakistani leaders began the process of developing the coalition by agreeing on a Statement of Values and the terms of Partnership. A Working Group composed of Pakistani and global church leaders began to meet monthly between 2017-2018 via a secure video link to do the necessary collaborative groundwork to establish the coalition.

In early 2018, PAK7 US was incorporated, and in August, Andrew Hart was called to be the founding CEO of PAK7. In October, Charter Meetings were held in Lahore and London to establish PAK7 International, and the first PAK7 International Council was announced. The Council held its initial meeting, and many delegates signed the London and Lahore Declaration, committing themselves to making the Christian message known in Pakistan.

### Ken and Jerri Lotze



Ken and Jerri began service with World Witness in 1981, serving among the Muslim Vai tribe of Liberia from 1983-1991 and in Pakistan from 1993-1999. From 2009-2019, WW sponsored the Lotzes in the ARPConnect ministry. Based in Charlotte, NC, Ken assisted the ARPConnect team, focusing on mobilizing the church to effective discipleship among Muslims living in North America. In 2019, Ken was appointed by WW as Vice President for Partner Relations (USA) for PAK7. Ken grew up in Pakistan, graduated from California State University, and has seminary degrees from Fuller School of World Mission in California and Erskine Seminary, with further graduate studies in Economic Development from Eastern University in Pennsylvania. Jerri graduated from California State University, has a Masters in Education from Wingate University, and has taught at Los Angeles Baptist High School, the International School of Karachi, Charlotte Christian School, and Back Creek Christian Academy. You can personally contribute to his support at [www.worldwitness.org/give/missionary-support/](http://www.worldwitness.org/give/missionary-support/).



*On Thursday, November 21, 11:30 AM, the Lunch Bunch will eat at Grille on Main.*

*Everyone is invited to come!!!*



## Manna House Food Pantry

### Canned Soup

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

**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

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We're on the web  
[NewberryARP.org](http://NewberryARP.org)

## Flowers for November

3 - Communion

10 - Kathy Wicker

17 - TBA

24 - Julia Rikard

## Nursery for November

3 - Tracy McCoy & Caleb Jennings

10 - Andre Jennings & Elizabeth Yi

17 - Merri Avery & Benjamin Jennings

24 - Noah Yi & Abigail Yi

## Ushers for November

3 - Cecil McRacken, Jean Williamson, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi

10 - George Farris, Andre Jennings, Doug Wicker, Caleb Jennings

17 - Marc Faulkenberry, Doug Wicker, Herb Seigler, Benjamin Jennings

24 - George Farris, Andre Jennings, Gene Wicker, Michael Jennings



