

# Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

November 2021

## Shut-In of the Month

Richard Lominick

Newberry, SC 29108

## Prayer List

Mark McGuffee, Vernetha Renwick, Richard Lominick, James Hill, Doris Singley, Dottie Price, Lillian Price

## Ministry Schedule

### Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:25 am

Cong. Assembly  
(2nd & 4th  
Sundays)

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 October:

1. The September Financial Report was received as information. The September stated and called Session minutes were approved.
2. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were shared and discussed.
3. Andrew Steven (Marisol, Barrett, Cora, Avery) was received as a member via reaffirmation of faith. David Bunn's membership was transferred a church in Warrensburg, MO. Sharron Ringer's membership was removed from the roll at her request.
4. Herb Seigler gave a report of the Oct. 12 Presbytery meeting. Rev. Yi was elected as the moderator-elect 2022-23.
5. Collections for the Gideons and LIFEBRIGE (Baby Bottles and Beyond) were approved.
6. Church officers nominations will be received in November.
7. A pulpit supply will be secured for Nov. 14 due to the pastor's attendance at NAPARC that week.
8. The November stated Session meeting is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM.



## 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.

prayers4newberry@gmail.com

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## Officer Nominations

Starting October 31, ballots to nominate church officers will be available in the Main Street vestibule. Please prayerfully consider potential nominees and submit them by November 21. Boxes will be available in the vestibule, Church Office, and the Fellowships Hall.

## FINANCIAL DATA as of

Oct. 24, 2021

Budget Receipts \$168,946.57

Budget Needs \$143,586.89

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



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*Instituted by God*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. - *Romans 13:1* (ESV)

Paul's instructions in Romans 13:1-7 provide the clearest teaching concerning how Christians are to relate to the civil government. This passage is essential to our witness and identity as we live in an age when the civil authorities are becoming more and more anti-Christian. Fortunately, Paul wrote Romans in an era when the civil authority, the Roman Empire, was not any more supportive of Christianity than today. Therefore, the principles that are outlined in this passage are closely applicable to our own day.

Paul begins by establishing the need for all citizens to submit. He is not giving a mere suggestion but a command as an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. Regardless of one's station or position in life, in order for any society to maintain civil order and peace, all people, especially Christians, must obey their authorities. It is for our own and society's good (1 Tim 2:2-3).

The governing *authorities*, to whom submission is due, is expressed in the plural. It is not just to Caesar, the chief authority in the Roman Empire at the time, but to all levels of authorities that Christians had to submit. As it was in those days, we also live in a republic with many layers of jurisdictions and rulers. Even as we travel from state to state across our nation, there are numerous institutions of civil authorities and with them laws and ordinances that correspond to their jurisdictions. Everyday, we live under various authorities as citizens of the United States, of the state of South Carolina, the county of Newberry (or whatever county you reside), and of the town of Newberry (or whatever municipality, if applicable).

Verse 1 continues giving us the ultimate reason and basis for the command to submit. This sentence as simple as it may seem, bears a significant weight in understanding not only the first sentence of verse 1 but the rest of the passage. The key to understanding this sentence is recognizing who is the primary source of government, namely God (*theos* is used twice in this sentence). Again, as obvious as this may appear, there is an underlying and an all-important principle regarding the function and purpose of all authorities as it will be spelled out in the following verses. But before we deal with those verses, it is foundational for us to consider the truth that the sovereign God who has revealed Himself in creation and more specifically in His Son and the Bible is the supreme authority over the cosmos, all the earth, and every civilization whether they acknowledge Him as Sovereign or not! He rules over and allows any and every governing authority to exist. At any moment, as He has demonstrated throughout history (ex. Nebuchadnezzar Dan 4:28ff, Belshazzar Dan 5:30-31, Herod Agrippa Acts 12:23), God is able to remove kings and rulers from their seat of authority. His authority is not bound to the nation of Israel or the Torah. He is the holy, sovereign Lord who is not "served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:25). Regardless of an authority's acknowledgement of, worship of, and submission to God, he is completely dependent upon God for even his very existence.

All authorities exist at God's will and by His institution. It is God who has ordered history and all the affairs of men so that every authority exists for His divine purpose. The verb that Paul uses for *institute* is a divine passive, meaning that God is the one, the subject, who has established it and vested it with authority. For example in Lk 7:8, the faithful centurion communicated to Jesus that, "I too am a man *set* under authority." He recognized that the authority he had as a centurion was assigned to him by a greater authority. This word is also used to describe God's foreordained election in Acts 13:48 where it says, "as many as were *appointed* to eternal life." The significance of this truth is that all rulers are given authority by God for the purpose of **fulfilling His will**. Therefore, all authorities are either submissive to or rebellious against God. He is either acting in conformity to or in contradict to God's will. Therefore, God will hold every ruler accountable for the manner in which he has stewarded the authority that was ordained to him. If not in this life, certainly at the judgement, every ruler will give an account to the Lord of how they served or resisted His purposes.

Pastor Seth

**On Friday mornings, 6:45 AM, a group of men gather at Doug Wicker's home, [REDACTED] Dr., 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.**



*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.*

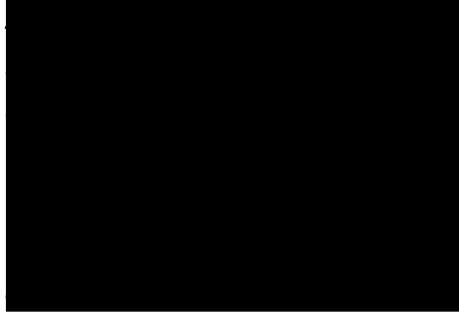
**SUNDAY MORNING CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month from 10:25 to 10:50 AM to nurture *koinonia* with one another. Drinks and refreshments will be provided.



We thank the Lord for the addition of these new members to our congregation!

**Andrew Stevenson (Marisol)**



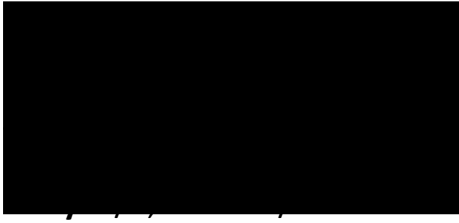
**Margaret Epting**



**Kelly Rose**



**Jim Brown (Debbie)**



## Women's Ministry

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, November 2** at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marcia Cole will be leading our study of the parables, "The Unrighteous Steward" (Luke 16:1-13) and "Straying Sheep" (Matthew 16:12-14). The group will be having lunch at The Palms following the meeting.*

*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.*

### Living Hope Foundation Food Pantry

There is a box in the Main Street vestibule to collect 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."



We praise God for an amazing week of Vacation Bible School this summer where we opened our home for a week to neighbors and shared Christ's love. We enjoyed games, snacks, music, crafts, and Bible stories focused on how Jesus rescues us when we are lonely, worry, do wrong and are powerless.

The week was a blessing for the children and for the adults who helped lead the VBS. At the end, one mother shared that: "Every day the words of God spoke to me." We are thankful we could encourage children in their faith and share God's wonderful works with the next generation.

We also held Bible study for adults and children in our home and focused on building relationships in the neighborhood. All summer, [REDACTED] continued discipleship meetings. We give God praise for these ministries. Please pray that He will lead us to more families who can join our Bible study and form part of our core group for church planting.



## Great Commission Wall

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." - Matthew 28:18-20



Please enjoy all the **free** material that is available on the Great Commission Wall in the hallway outside the Church Office.

# ARP Church of Newberry

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

## Flower for November

7 - TBA

14 - Dottie Price & Carolyn Fulmer

21 - Kathy Seigler

28 - Kathy Wicker

## Nursery for November

7 - Merri Avery

14 - Tracie McCoy

21 - Kristy Jennings

28 - Elizabeth Yi

## Ushers for November

7 - Cecil McRacken, Herb Seigler

14 - Chip Porth, Michael Jennings

21 - Caleb Jennings, Marc Faulkenberry

28 - Keith Avery, Andre Jennings