

# Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

## Shut In of the Month

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## Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at its September 14, 2016 stated meeting:

The August financial report was reviewed and received as information.

The August Session minutes were approved.

Reports and prayers were offered for the shepherding needs of the congregation.

It was approved to move the choral anthem after the congregational Scripture Reading. Furthermore, the congregation will stand for the singing of the Bible Song to allow the choir to return to their seats with minimal distraction.

It was approved to return the portrait of Elizabeth Shealy that was given to the church several years ago to her family.

Sessional Committee reports.

**Missions:** The Backpack Program was approved and that funds be collected through the regular offering to support this ministry.

More church policies were reviewed with several being amended and/or removed. Details are included in the minutes.

The next session meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an Elder.

Doug Wicker, Clerk of the Session

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## Manna House—Soup and Canned Fruit

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

Our church is scheduled to work again November 28-December 2. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Julia for more information.

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

## Prayer Request

David Bunn - military; Betty Bland, Nelle Cromer, Pat Harmon, Mark McGuffee, Edna Ringer, Brady Ruff, Rob Senn, Ruby Summer, AJ Young

## Worship Schedule

Sunday  
9:45 am -  
Sunday School  
10:55 am -  
Morning Worship

Wednesday  
6:30 pm -  
Bible Study/Prayer  
6:30 pm -  
Youth Group



## Food Pantry Donations Needed

## FINANCIAL DATA - 2016

Budget Receipts	\$ 128,333.95
Budget Needs	\$ 116,422.88

**Flowers for October**

2 - Communion Flowers

9 - Carol McRacken

16 - Faye Hill

23 - Lisa Senn

30 - Vernetha Renwick

**Nursery for October**

2 - Kristy Jennings & Abigail Yi

9 - Allison Yi & Gracie Faulkenberry

16 - Shannon Winters

23 - Frances Brown & Noah Yi

30 - Joanna Bedenbaugh & Joseph Yi

**Ushers for October**

2 – Mike Birochak, Andre Jennings, Josh Fulmer, David Jennings

9 - Keith Avery, Marc Faulkenberry, Josh Fulmer, David Jennings

16 - Lee Winters, George Farris, Josh Fulmer, David Jennings

23 - Cecil McRacken, Doug Wicker, Josh Fulmer, David Jennings

30 - Don Ringer, Gene Wicker, Josh Fulmer, David Jennings



Once a month, the youth will be doing small service projects for the church, community, and church family (widows and elderly). This ministry outreach will be a gift from both the youth and the adults who will supervise them. Please prayerfully consider ways that the youth may be able to care for you. Maybe you need light bulbs changed, smoke detector batteries replaced, leaves raked, furniture dusted, windows cleaned, trash discarded, etc. Or maybe you know someone in need that would be blessed by this service.

Let's partner with our youth and give them an opportunity to know you and be Christ's hands. If interested please contact Allison Yi.

**Prayer Chain**

If you have a special prayer request please call or e-mail Lisa Senn and she will send it out via e-mail to all members. Lisa can be reached at 276-3253 or e-mail [lisasenn1309@gmail.com](mailto:lisasenn1309@gmail.com). It is indeed a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.







Our Library is open! Please stop and check it out.

There are some interesting books on our shelves for all ages from children up to senior adults.

One of our newest books by Richard L. Pratt, Jr. is *Pray With Your Eyes Open: Looking at God, Ourselves and Our Prayers*. In this book Pratt offers the reader ways to deal with inadequate prayer lives. He offers biblical direction on how to pray more effectively. Key issues such as honest confession of our needs, form and freedom in prayer, and questions such as why pray when God will do whatever He pleases anyway are explored. Simply worded and based on the Psalms.

#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**

We are looking for a person to become our official “Librarian” and if you are interested please contact George Farris for more information.

### **Newberry ARP Youth of the Month**

This month our featured youth is Caleb Jennings, 12 years old. Here are some things to know about him:

**What grade are you in?** 7th grade

**Where do you go to school?** South Carolina Connections Academy

**What are some of your hobbies?** Photography, soccer

**What extracurricular activities are you involved in?** Playing the piano

**What are your plans after high school?** Study Engineering at Georgia Tech

**Do you have a favorite book or movie?** Star Wars

**Do you have a favorite Bible verse?** 1 John 4:7-8 - Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.





## BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

We were recently made aware there is a need for more participants in the Backpack Food program in our schools. The Backpack program is simply a way to provide food for the weekend for children that otherwise would receive little or no food until Monday when they return to school.

We will be partnering with Newberry Elementary School to provide food for five children to take home with them each Friday during the 2016-2017 school year. The child-friendly food is sent home in backpacks that look just like the other kids'. They will contain 2 breakfast items, 2 lunch items, 2 dinner items, and snack. They are distributed on Friday by the guidance counselor at the school and then returned and refilled for the next Friday.

Our five children will be 7, 9 and 10 year old boys, 4 and 5 year old girls.

Would you like to help? There are a number of ways you may be able to help.

**Donate food.** Child-friendly food such as Hormel & Bumble Bee 4 oz salad kits (ham, tuna, chicken), Beanee Weenies, individual cans of Spaghetti, Lasagna, Vienna Sausage, Mac and Cheese, Ramen Noodles, Soup, Cereal (single serve boxes of any brand), Grits/Oatmeal (single serve packages), Pop Tarts, individual size of raisins, pretzels, Goldfish, Teddy Grahams, granola bars, Gummi snacks, Cheez It, Peanut Butter crackers (6 to a package), 4 oz cups of applesauce, diced peaches, oranges and fruit in gel cups, pudding cups, Juice boxes, Milk (Hershey, Lil Milk 8 oz. aseptic packaging) usually packed 3/pkg, and cookies individually wrapped. The canned goods must be pop-top type. These items can be placed in the Main Street vestibule in our Backpack box.

**Donate Money for Food.** Any donations can be made to help fund the program at any time. You may put your check or money into your church envelope and mark it Backpack Ministry and place it in the offering plate. All money will go through our church treasury.

**Deliver filled backpacks to the school.** Pick up bags and deliver to Newberry Elementary School by Thursday noon. See Gene Wicker if you are interested in this particular option.

**Donate time to fill backpacks.** We need volunteers to make sure the backpacks are filled and ready. We would like to have monthly volunteers. We already have a group that will be filling them in October. A signup sheet has been prepared and will be on the board in the room next to the nursery (previously was the Covenant SS class room). This room will be our Backpack Room where the food will be stored and packed. The volunteers filling the bags will be responsible for making certain enough food is available to fill the bags.

If any questions please contact a member of the missions committee (Gene Wicker, Mary Baker, Cecil McRacken, Shannon Winters, or Julia Rikard)

If you are unable to help with this ministry, we ask that you pray for its success but most especially for the children of our community who are in need.



## Standing on the Promises

As difficult and challenging as life can be at times, in light of what God has done for us in Christ, we can honestly say that we are doing far better than we deserve. In fact, if we took the time to count all the blessings that we've been given, they would far outnumber the trials in our lives. So what have we really done to receive anything good from God? Has the truth of God's grace and the nature of faith saturated our hearts? No matter how long we've been a Christian, we must constantly resist the temptation of thinking that we deserve anything good from God. This is especially true for us Americans who live in a culture of self-help and industry.

The essence of the Christian life is centered on the simple principle of faith. I say *simple* but not *easy*. Simple because it is plain and clear as to what God has revealed in Scripture, but not easy because it goes against everything we have been taught in society and what we instinctively by nature want to pursue. Even the word and meaning of "faith" have been distorted in our postmodern culture that actually gives some lip service to various expressions of religious devotion. It is becoming increasingly complicated to decipher all the voices competing for our attention and devotion in a segregated and polarizing culture.

Just what are we to believe and how are we to apply our faith? The order in which we address these issues is absolutely essential. Faith must precede and be the foundation for any work that issue forth from our lives. This is not only true with regards to justification but just as critical with the rest of our Christian life. If we ever reverse this order, we are on the verge of works righteousness and despising the grace of God.

The subtlety of this error is what makes it so dangerous and powerful. Who among us has not fallen into the trap of thinking that if we obey God's commands that He is *supposed* to bless us. We may not openly express this idea but it reveals itself when we begin to question and wonder about God's will when we experience trials and hardships despite having been *good*. Our fleshly conclusion is to correlate our works with God's blessings. We perpetuate and exasperate this lie when our primary motivation for obedience is the blessings that we assume will follow. If we continue down this path, it won't be long before we break the First Commandment, idolizing the gifts over the Giver.

So how do we maintain orthodoxy and faithful obedience in the Christian life? We need look no further than the gospel. By faith we receive the promises of God for eternal life based on the perfect obedience of Christ and His atoning death on the cross. By faith we are made new creatures in Christ and given a new heart. We must apply this same principle of faith to our sanctification. It is only by believing in God's goodness and His promises and not in our works that we *become*, not just masquerade, Christ's likeness. Faith in God, not faith in our works or even in our faith, is what God honors. A promise is only as good as the one who makes it. We can either stand on our own abilities to assure that the promise is kept or believe that God is worthy of His promise. May we endeavor to prove that God's Word is sure and true!

By His grace,

Pastor Seth





**Our theme Scripture for 2016 is Joshua 1:9 *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."***

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, October 4** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. The Bible Study will be from Joshua 13-22. Light refreshments will be served by Mary Baker and Mary Parr. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Mary Baker for further information.

### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Prayer and Fellowship Thursday evenings

7-9 pm

Home of Catherine Faulkenberry

The Ladies are currently studying the **Minor Prophets**.

Very informal study time using only the Bible and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to delve deeper into our understanding of God's Word.

Do as little or as much reading or study of the passages as you feel led.

An e-mail will be sent out every Thursday morning to give you up to date details. If interested in receiving the e-mail please contact either

Shannon Winter at [19golfaly@gmail.com](mailto:19golfaly@gmail.com) 803-940-1596 OR

Kristy Jennings [andrenkristy@hotmail.com](mailto:andrenkristy@hotmail.com) 803-271-5298

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

Thanks to all who attended the Jubilee Birthday Ice Cream Social, for those who made churns of ice cream and for the donations given to support our missionaries. We received \$684 and it has been sent to support the Jubilee Birthday ladies, Rebekah Carson and Sheila Osborne.

**ARP WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ANNUAL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 8, 2016**

**1:00 PM**

**THE CHAPEL, BONCLARKEN**



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[NewberryARP.org](http://NewberryARP.org)

## **LIFEBRIDGE WALK**

Our church is setting up a **water station** for the LIFEBRIDGE WALK on Saturday, October 22, 9:00 AM - Noon. We need volunteers to work the water station and donations of bottled water. Please drop off your bottled water in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to assist, please communicate with Pastor Seth.

## **Officer Recommendations**

Recommendations for church officers (elder, deacon, treasurer, trustee, congregational chairman) are being received until Sunday, October 9. Please use the appropriate forms and deposit them in one of the boxes located in the Main St. vestibule, fellowship hall, and church office.