

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

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29649

Prayer List

David Bunn - military; Betty Bland, Pat Harmon, Richard & Glenda 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 September 22, 2019

Budget Receipts \$ 107,307.64
Budget Needs \$ 130,746.98

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

October 2019

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at the September stated meeting:

1. The August Financial Report was received as information.
2. The August Diaconate and Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
4. Missions Comm.: Approved the support of Miracle Hill Ministries for the annual Christmas Giving Tree. Approved the support of the Josh Thomas Family (World Witness missionaries) in the amount of \$2000 from the missions fund.
5. Doug Wicker was appointed as the delegate and Lee Ringer as the alternate for the Oct. 8 Second Presbyterian meeting.
6. Our church will host a dinner for the Newberry HS football team on Oct. 25. in the Fellowship Hall.
7. The October stated meeting is scheduled for the 16th, 8:00 PM.

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

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The deadline for submitting all church officer nominations is Sunday, **October 6**. Please insert the signed form in one of the three boxes located in the Main St. vestibule, Church Office, or the Fellowship Hall



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)



Our church will host a spaghetti dinner for the Newberry High School Football Team on Oct. 25, 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to assist in this community outreach service.



Can you believe that Christmas is just a few short weeks away? For the second year we will support Mission Hill Ministries at Christmas time. We will do it a little differently this year. Beginning in October we will start collecting our items to be given in mid December. October is the

month we will collect men's/women's gloves and hats; November will be socks for men and women, and December will be toiletries. A container will be placed 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.

So let's get started: MEN'S/ WOMEN'S GLOVES AND HATS are needed for October.

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.



Becoming Mature in Christ

Being a parent of six children has reminded me the unique of each individual. Despite the fact that they all share Allison's and my DNA and were raised in the same household, they each developed in various ways and degrees. Furthermore, the process by which they have matured has differed with each child. Both their personalities and personal choices have affected their personal development.

This development process is not only true with personal growth but with our spiritual growth as well. As Christians who have been born again, *from above*, God's intention for us is progressive spiritual maturity. It is His will that we grow into greater and greater conformity to His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Just as we mature physically, mentally, and psychologically throughout our lives, we should likewise mature spiritually. Just as a lack of growth in any of those areas would indicate some abnormality, so too a lack of growth in our spiritual condition would indicate some form of spiritual malady.

Unfortunately, while it may be obvious and disconcerting when a person fails to develop in body, mind, and emotions, it is less noticeable and alarming when a person does not mature in faith. As a result, a person may not developed in any substantial degree of spirituality over his lifetime. Unfortunately, there is not an automatic relationship between spiritual and physical or mental or psychological growth. No matter how many years a person may have been a Christian, that passage of time is no guarantee that he has matured in Christ. Maturity in Christ is a spiritual process and grace.

The Bible teaches that spiritual growth is not ultimately something we can engineer. No matter how active or busy we might be doing the "things of God," God alone brings forth spiritual fruit in our lives (1 Cor 3:6-7). This does not mean that we are completely passive in our discipleship, but it is only by the gracious work of the Holy Spirit that we can experience growth in Christ. By faith we receive the supernatural grace of the Holy Spirit to put to death the old self and enliven the new self in the likeness of Christ.

So how conscious are you of your spiritual maturity? How much maturation can you see in your life that is clearly a work of the Lord? Have you come to the place in you spiritual maturity where you have become stagnant or not even concern about continuing to grow? We are bombarded everyday by the clamoring of our culture not to bother ourselves with such eternal matters but to pursue the fleeting pleasures of this world. And when it often appears that we take two steps backwards for every one step forward in our spiritual maturity, we can easily get discouraged in persevering. However, if our faith is genuine and the Holy Spirit truly dwells within us, we will by the grace of God *press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus* (Phil 3:14).

For that purpose, we will study Sinclair Ferguson's book, *Maturity: Growing Up and Going On in the Christian Life*, starting October 2 for our Wednesday Evening Bible Study. As we renew our devotion to Christ and our commitment to follow Him more closely and fervently, may we bring glory to our great God who has covenanted with us to form Christ in us.

Pastor Seth

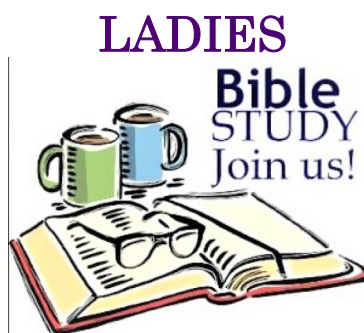


Our theme Scripture for 2019 is Roman 8:1-2 - "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

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, October 1** 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 12:1-13:14, "Living in the Light of the Gospel." Lunch will be served after the meeting by the Hostesses, Dr. Mary Baker, Mary Sease Hanna, and Faye Hill. 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
Marcia Cole, tybeemarci@yahoo.com, **603-781-0460** OR
Kristy Jennings, andrenkristy@hotmail.com, **803-271-5298**

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



Annual Women's Ministries meeting to be held on Saturday, October 12 at Bonclarken.

Second Presbytery Women's Ministries meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19 at the Due West Church. Registration between 9-10 am; Meeting will begin at 10 am. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00. Please see Julia if interested in attending.



15th annual Newberry Fall Festival!

Saturday, Oct. 12th from 11- 4

Free activities: Hay Rides, Bounce Houses for the kids, Face Painting, Fishing at the Boys Farm Pond.

Enjoy live music and much more!!



Delicious BBQ plates that include Pork BBQ, Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread and Drink for only \$8.00 a plate. Dine-in & Drive-Thru!

Contact 803-276-5910



OCTOBER 13

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 – GERMANY



Challenges for Prayer

The EKD is a federation of 23 Lutheran, Reformed and United Protestant regional/national churches, but it suffers deep divisions on many levels. The more evangelical/conservative groups and congregations are concentrated in Württemberg, Siegerland and south Saxony. Steadily declining attendance – and therefore income – translates into not only low morale for congregations, but also increasingly empty and crumbling physical structures. Many of the Lutheran clergy do not even believe in life after death; it is often difficult for born-again ministers in the EKD to openly minister in their own churches! Since 2001, the need for evangelization is recognized, and new church-development concepts enjoy popularity; without a return to genuine faith in the Bible, however, new concepts and programs will never replace the need for renewal.

People Groups	87
Unreached People Groups	27 (31.0%)
Population	83,265,000
Population Annual Growth Rate	-0.1%
Population in Unreached	3,398,000 (4.1%)
Pioneer Workers Needed *	80
Primary Religion	Christianity
Percent Christian Adherent	65.4%
Percent Evangelical	2.0%
Evangelical Annual Growth Rate	0.9%
Country Progress Level	4 ●
Urbanization	77%
Continent	Europe
Region	Europe, Western
10/40 Window	No
Country Code	GM
Official Language(s)	German, Standard
Literacy Rate	99%
Estimated Illiterate Population	833,000

Learn more about reaching the unreached at:
joshuaproject.net
operationworld.org

Rebekah Carson



Rebekah Carson joined World Witness in 2004 and began working with a church-planting team at the Family Center in former East Berlin, Germany. In 2012, she moved to Altglienicke, in the south-east of Berlin to work with a new church-planting team. She is involved in building relationships with young people and working with national Christians in outreach and discipleship. In 2000, Rebekah earned her B.A. in history and Christian education from Erskine College. Prior to her commitment to World Witness, she served as Director of Christian Education at First Lancaster ARP Church. Since 2006, she has been directing a summer English Camp for unchurched children. She is one of the missionaries who is supported by the Jubilee Birthday Ice Cream Social. You can personally contribute to her support at www.worldwitness.org/give/missionary-support/.



On Thursday, October 24, 11:30 AM, the Lunch Bunch will eat at A Taste of Home in Laurens. Everyone is invited to come!!!



Manna House Food Pantry

Canned Fruit

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

Flowers for October

6 - Communion
13 - Faye Hill
20 - Julia Rikard
27 - Carol McRacken

Nursery for October

6 - Kelci Avery & Benjamin Jennings
13 - Allison Yi & Elizabeth McCoy
20 - Kristy Jennings & Abigail Yi
27 - Catherine Faulkenberry & Michael Jennings

Ushers for October

6 - Cecil McRacken, Andre Jennings, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi
13 - George Farris, Jean Williamson, Doug Wicker, Caleb Jennings
20 - Marc Faulkenberry, Doug Wicker, Herb Seigler, Benjamin Jennings
27 - George Farris, Andre Jennings, Gene Wicker, Michael Jennings

