

# 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 August 24, 2016 stated meeting:

The July financial report and August diaconate minutes were reviewed and received as information.

The July Session minutes were approved.

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

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

Sessional Committee reports.

**CE:** The work on the History Room has begun.

**Missions:** The church is sponsoring the LIFEBRIDGE Walk fundraiser, Oct. 22, with a \$250 gift. Bottled water will be collected from the congregation and a station set up for the Walk. Rev. Mark Witte, WW missionary to Spain, will be the presenter on Sept. 21. Elder Gene Wicker will investigate the Book Bag Program as a possible local ministry opportunity.

The Gideons were approved to make a presentation before the call to worship in the near future.

The next session meeting will be September 14<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—Peanut Butter and Jelly

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

Thank you to those who volunteered at Manna House during August. They were able to prepare food for 28 people. We were blessed to have two of our youngest volunteers work stocking our shelves and preparing the bags.

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



## Food Pantry Donations Needed

## 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

## FINANCIAL DATA - 2016

Budget Receipts	\$ 100,145.75
Budget Needs	\$ 80,813.90

**Flowers for September**

4 - Communion Flowers

11 - Doris Singley

18 - Glenda Lominick

25 - Sharon Ringer

**Nursery for September**

4 - Frances Brown & Elizabeth Yi

11 - Catherine Faulkenberry & Wren Winters

18 - Carolyn and Josh Fulmer

25 - Joanna Bedenbaugh & Joseph Yi

**Ushers for September**

4 – Keith Avery, Marc Faulkenberry, Joseph Yi

11 - Lee Winters, George Farris, Joseph Yi

18 - Marc Faulkenberry, Doug Wicker, Joseph Yi

25 - Don Ringer, Gene Wicker, Joseph Yi

**Nursery Door Bell**

In our ongoing effort to improve security, the doors to the Nursery will be locked during the worship service. If you need to access the nursery during this time, a door bell is available to notify a nursery attendant. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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



Beginning in October, 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 young people and the adults who will be supervising them. Please prayerfully consider ways that the youth may be able to care for you. Maybe you need light bulbs changed, batteries replaced in smoke detectors, 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.

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

This month our featured youth is Gracie Faulkenberry, 14 years old. Here are some things to know about her:

**What grade are you in?** *I'm in 9th grade.*

**Where do you go to school?** *I am homeschooled.*

**What are some of your hobbies?** *I like to read and watch movies.*

**What extracurricular activities are you involved in?** *I am involved in the NCFCA Christian debate society.*

**What are your plans after high school?** *I would like to join the Coast Guard and eventually go to Law School.*

**Do you have a favorite book or movie?** *I like the Hunger Game series of books and movies.*

**Do you have a favorite Bible verse?** *Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

## What a Fellowship! What a Joy Divine!

Over the past fifteen months as I have had the pleasure of ministering amongst you all, I have experienced the warm and jovial interactions that you have with one another. The genuine concern and congeniality that you all share amongst one another are invaluable qualities that are essential to any healthy congregation. One of the most valuable first impressions that a congregation makes on a visitor is their friendliness and hospitality towards newcomers and one another. Moreover, I have also noticed in the church calendar several opportunities for regular fellowship: Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Women's Circles, Sunday School, Choir Practice, and others.

Having described these gatherings as fellowship opportunities, it may be helpful for us to expound on the meaning of **fellowship**. According to *Webster's Dictionary* (9<sup>th</sup> New Collegiate Edition) fellowship is defined as "companionship, company; community of interest, activity, felling or experience; a company of equals or friends." Furthermore, in the church we often label fellowship as gatherings that involve the serving of food or socializing with others. Now these elements are included in the biblical definition of fellowship but in terms of this word's essential meaning it misses the center.

The word fellowship is found 9 times in the New Testament (ESV). The word is derived from the verb "to partner with" or "to share." Consequently, when the word is used with reference to the Church, it denotes a oneness or partnership that inseparably unites Christians with Christ, the Holy Spirit, and one another. In fact, Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to emphasize the mutual dependence and connection that Christians have with each other. In practical terms, we see this manifested in the first century Jerusalem church as prosperous members willingly shared their possessions and money with the needy saints. Their compassionate actions were the visible outworking of the spiritual bond that they shared. In other words, where their treasure was, there their hearts were also (**Mt 6:21**). True, biblical fellowship implies the sharing of lives (heart, soul, mind, and body) with one another.

Naturally this type of fellowship is not easily achieved in any setting. For one, it is ultimately a work of the Holy Spirit, so no matter how hard we may try, if it is pursued in the flesh it will produce no lasting fruit. It is as much a spiritual battle as a reprioritizing of our schedules. Secondly, biblical fellowship will also require us to let down our guards gradually and risk exposing ourselves to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ beyond our casual comfort zones. The authenticity that we experience with one another should equal if not surpass our natural familial relationships. For in fact, we, the Church, are indeed the household of God. This is a process that is constantly changing as the Lord graciously adds to our number. Nevertheless, it must be a vital characteristic of any congregation who wants to grow.

One of the best opportunities for us to practice and develop fellowship as a congregation is the Wednesday Prayer Meeting. It is one of the few regular gatherings when the whole congregation is together (except the worship service). We assemble as God's family. As we come together for Bible Study (usually a topical lesson), congregational prayer, and friendly conversations, the bonds of fellowship are strengthened. Here we are afforded the privilege of deepening our love and care for one another. So let me encourage you to make this time a priority in your weekly schedule. Consider the eternal investments that you are making by committing your time and your heart to this fellowship (**Philm 4-7**). Only God knows the immeasurable good that will yield from having shared our lives with one another!

By His grace,  
Pastor Seth



## LIFEBRIDGE

Our church is partnering with **LIFEBRIDGE** (formerly the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Lake Murray), a local Christ-centered ministry located just a block down from our church, to bring greater awareness to and support from our community. Pastor Seth will begin his service on their board in September.

We are currently participating in the **Baby, Bottles & Beyond** campaign (see flyer below). You can pick up your bottles in the Main St. narthex.

LIFEBRIDGE is also hosting a fundraising walk on Saturday, October 22 (see next page for details). There are many opportunities to participate in the WALK.

Our church is also setting up a **water station** at the WALK. 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.



**Baby, Bottles & Beyond** LIFEBRIDGESOUTHCAROLINA.ORG

Meet precious baby *Zoe*  
She represents a life saved through the life affirming education & advisory support services offered in your community through LIFEBRIDGE.

Join us today by:

1. Taking a Bottle Home
2. Filling the Bottle with Cash or Check
3. Returning the Bottle

*Contact & Dates of Baby, Bottles & Beyond:*

Bottles will be collected on Sunday, September 28, in the Main Street narthex.

# The LIFEBRIDGE WALK 2016



Join us for this fabulously fun fundraiser. Gaining perspective and raising awareness as we walk out the Game of **LIFE** on the streets of Newberry.

## Saturday OCTOBER 22nd

**Start Here**



GALLMAN PARK - NEWBERRY

**9:00** a.m. WALK STARTS

**8:15** a.m. Check In Begins

### 1. GATHER YOUR WALKERS



**Friends**



**Family**



**Group**

### 2. CHOOSE YOUR TRACK



**Track 1** - 1 Mile - 1 LIFEPOINT STATION



**Track 2** - 2 Miles - 3 LIFEPOINT STATIONS



**Track 3** - 3 Miles - 4 LIFEPOINT STATIONS



**Track Walk Help**— Volunteer to help with the Walk. Help at a LIFEPOINT STATION or preparing for the Walk.



**Track 4** - 1 Mile - Paved Trail at Park



**Track 5** - Walk Where You Live



**Track 6** - Virtual Sponsor Race

**GAMECOCKS**

**VS**

**CLEMSON TIGERS**

Which team has the Greatest fans? We'll have to see.

### 3. REGISTER TODAY - Registration Closes OCTOBER 7TH

## LIFEBRIDGE

1510 Main St.-Newberry, SC 29108

**803-276-4172 - LIFEBRIDGESOUTHCAROLINA.ORG**

**FINISH**



Pack a Picnic Lunch and join us after the Walk at GALLMAN PARK.



**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, September 6** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. The Bible study will be from Joshua 10-12. Light refreshments will be served by Harriet Boazman and Julia Rikard. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Dr. 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 [mtn.winters@yahoo.com](mailto:mtn.winters@yahoo.com) 803-940-1596 OR

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

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



All ladies of the church are invited to a Morning Brunch Saturday, September 10, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Catharine Jones from LIFEBRIDGE will be our special guest. Please come and join the ladies of the church as we enjoy a time of fellowship!



## ARP Church of Newberry

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We're on the web

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

ARP WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2016  
1:00 PM  
THE CHAPEL, BONCLARKEN