

Volunteers

	August 6	August 13
Nursery	Shannon Mohr	Stacey Pegram
Toddlers	Holly Rivers	Kelly Sims
Greeters (F)	Philip & Stacey Pegram	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn
(S)	Joe & Debby Hegler	Mike & Susan Cauthen
	August	September
Elders	Butch Ghent	Richard Crawford
	David Pokopac	Ed Ogburn
Captain	Debby Hegler	Lathan Rivers
Co Captain	Debbie Dickson	Sam Prete
Ushers	Richard Shields	Johnny Jones
	Ben Rivers	Will Jones

Staff and Officers

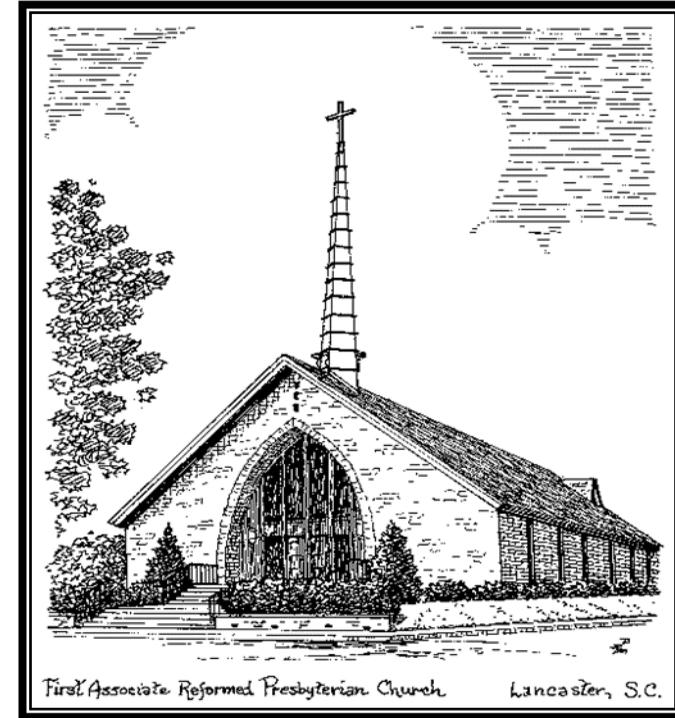
Staff	Elders	Deacons
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	Butch Ghent (2017)	Sam Prete (2017)
Intern/Youth- Mr. Jordan Bernard	David Pokopac (2017)	Lathan Rivers (2017)
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	Ed Ogburn (2018)	Debbie Dickson (2018)
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	Richard Crawford (2018)	Keith Jaillette (2018)
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	Frank Brackett (2019)	Debby Hegler (2019)
	Buddy Lever (2019)	Dave Mohr (2019)

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

August 6, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Jordan Bernard

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98:4-6

4Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
5Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! 6With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #21

“Sanctuary”

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***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**congregation stands*

Financials

AUTOMATIC DRAFT Are you ready to take a step of faith? Sign up for a monthly draft of your giving. It is a serious commitment to set up your tithe to come out every month, but we are called to give from our first fruits. This is a tool to help you be faithful and regular in your giving to Christ and His church. For more information see Sam Huey.

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July 30, 2017	
Attendance	80
General Fund	\$4,604
Total GF contributions This Month	\$19,414
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$20
Congregational Care Fund	\$160
Memorial Fund	\$200

General Fund	July	YTD
Contributions	\$26,852	\$170,445
Expenditures	\$23,426	\$168,928
Difference	\$3,426	\$1,517
Missions Support		
Contributions	\$436	\$3,588
Expenditures	\$2,728	\$11,815
Congregational Care Fund		
Contributions	\$220	\$2,644
Expenditures	\$0	\$30
Memorial Fund		
Contributions	\$0	\$475
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Month end balance	\$2,400	

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, August 6

9:15	Officer Meeting	12:15	Choir Practice
9:30	Coffee Fellowship	12:30	Session Lunch
10:00	Sunday School	5:30	Alison- Erskine Circle
11:00	Morning Worship	5:30	Youth Group

Pastor's Corner

August 6, 2017

This past week, Amanda and I had the opportunity to get away to the mountains for a few days. I am not much of a beach person because of all the hustle and bustle. It is nice to head to the mountains to relax and unwind. Another reason I love the mountains is because you see the beauty of God's creation. Driving through the mountain roads and seeing the breathtaking views remind me just how mighty our God is. He made everything we see, and He made it all out of nothing. He continues to uphold everything in His providence, and He works all things according to His purposes.

Take some time to sit back and think of just how great God is. Often when we pray, we find ourselves thanking God for what He has done, confessing our sins, and asking Him to intervene in earthly matters. We tend to not focus on how great God is in Himself. He is all-powerful and all-knowing. He is a righteous and holy God. He is loving and kind, while being full of justice and righteous anger. These are just a few things we can name, and God deserves our praise for who He is, not only what He has done.

Another thing I think about God's creation is that the Creator of all things knows us personally. He fashioned each one of us in our mother's womb, and He continues to guide us each and every day. As Christians, we have a relationship with our Heavenly Creator, and it is not just being acquaintances. Through Christ, we have been adopted into God's family. We are sons and daughters of the One who created all things. How amazing is that! We may only look at salvation as escaping our deserved punishment, but it is so much more. We are His children, who are given an inheritance greater than all the riches on this earth. We are blessed beyond all measure by our Heavenly Father. He loved us enough to send Christ to pay our penalty so that we can be welcomed into His family.

The next time that you have a moment to stop and think, look at the world around you. Look at the works of God's hands. See just how great a God we serve. Then, remember that you have a personal relationship with Him. The Creator in Heaven is your eternal Father, and you are His child.

Jordan Bernard
Youth Director/Pastoral Intern

*Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic** church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles Creed

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.

Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

Red Trinity Hymnal #693

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Gentle Spirit, Dwell With Me"

Chancel Choir

**universal

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #104E

“Forevermore May the Lord’s Glory Stand”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

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Philippians 1:27-30

Sermon

Mr. Jordan Bernard

“Heavenly Citizens in a Fallen World”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #251

“Beneath the Cross Of Jesus”

Thursday, August 10th, 2017-Ephesians2:5

Lazarus was not the only person Jesus brought back to life. When one trusts in Jesus as his Savior, Christ brings him out of the spiritual death he once walked in to newness of life. Being dead in our sin, we could not make the choice to trust in Christ, for we would be unable to choose Him. The Holy Spirit works in us to show the evil of our sin and bears us along to faith in Christ. We now are enabled to live for Jesus because He has restored us. We no longer walk as the world does, but we walk with the one who has given us life. We have been united with Jesus through His death and resurrection, having been brought from death to life ourselves. We have been made into a new creation through Jesus, no longer dead to our sin, but alive in Christ.

Friday, August 11th, 2017-Ephesians 2:6-7

We have been given a new spiritual life through Jesus. Paul points to the future when we will experience the riches of His grace. We often look forward to Heaven, where there will be no more weeping or sadness, only the joy of being with our Lord for all eternity. Being raised in Christ, this life will last for an eternity. This assurance of things to come gives us hope when we face struggles in our lives. Whatever we may be going through, we have the hope that we have been saved and will be with Jesus forever, experiencing the immeasurable riches of God’s grace. Do you feel hopeless right now? Does it seem like the world is bearing down on you? Remember that this life will not last forever, but the next life will be one of gladness and joy that will never end.

Saturday, August 12th, 2017-Ephesians 2:8-9

Paul reminds us why we have been saved. Many think that being a good person will get them into Heaven. However, Paul explains that salvation is not a result of good works. Salvation is a gift that has been freely offered. Remember that God did not have to save us, but He is full of grace and mercy. He sent Jesus to save us, and those that call upon the name of Christ will be saved. This reminds us that although we may do good things, we are still sinners in need of a Savior. All the good things that we do don't earn our way to Heaven. The only way to be saved is through faith in Christ. We cannot boast in our good works, for we have all still sinned. However, we can boast in our Lord, that He is the one who saved us. Have you thought that you could earn your way into Heaven? Seeing that you cannot, have you put your faith in Christ, who purchased your salvation by His blood?

Devotions

Monday, August 7th, 2017-Ephesians 1:21-23

Paul show us that Christ has been exalted as the head of all things. He rules over the world, all the creatures, and believers and unbelievers alike. There is nothing is outside of Christ's control. Because of this, the name of Jesus Christ is above all names. It is above the nations, above the president, and above every person of power in this world. All must answer to the Lord Jesus Christ, both those that trust in Him and those that don't. Paul shows that those who do trust in Him for their salvation and recognize Him as Lord will share in His rule. Where He is the head, the Christians are the body. We have been enabled to share because we have a gracious Lord who is willing to share in His reign with us. Have you recognized Christ as your Lord? Have you acknowledged Him as greater than the sins in your life?

Tuesday, August 8th, 2017-Ephesians 2:1-3

Paul explains the dire situation the Ephesians were once in. They were dead in their trespasses and sins, without realizing they were dead. Dr. Mark Ross refers to this as being a "spiritual zombie." They were still walking around, but were spiritually dead on the inside. They lived for the world and its pleasures, and deserved punishment because of this. We have all broken God's Law, and face His wrath. Things may seem to be going great in your life, but without Jesus you are in a lot of trouble. We need a Savior to rescue us from our sins. Do you see the problem with sin in your life? Have you trusted in Christ as your Lord and Savior? Have you looked to Him as the only one who can save you from your sins?

Wednesday, August 9th, 2017-Ephesians 2:4

Paul uses the word "but" here with huge emphasis. We were dead in our trespasses and sins. We deserved wrath, BUT God, who is rich in mercy, loved us so much that He did something about our fallen state. This shows us a large part of God's character. We deserved to be punished for our sins, but God chose to save us. He was not obligated to do this, but He did so because He loved us that much. We do not deserve salvation. God doesn't owe us anything, but in spite of all the evil we have done, God cared for us and sent Jesus to save us. Have you come to know the great love God has for you? Have you embraced that love by believing in Jesus?

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

Song supplement #1

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father
And the grace of Christ the risen Son
And the fellowship of God the spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of Kings

"Benediction"

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

Philippians 2:14-16

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 1:27-30

Title: "Heavenly Citizens in a Fallen World"

Prayer Emphasis

Trust in Christ

For our salvation

Overcoming the sin in our lives

For peace in troubling circumstances

For physical and spiritual needs

The Church

Peace

Prosperity

Purity

Our Church

Sunday School

Worship

Women's Circles

Wednesday Night Programs

Friday Morning Youth Breakfast and Sunday Youth Group

The Lost

See their need for Christ

Come to Faith

Become part of the Church

We would seek them out

Sister Churches

Blacksburg ARP- Blacksburg, SC- Rev. Jim Klukow

Calhoun Presbyterian- Calhoun, LA- Rev. Blake Law

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Benny Brazell- Back
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Chic Whitlock
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 Gene Hunter
 George Mason
 Harold Allen- Lungs and Heart
 I. W. Caskey
 Mary Brown Parks-Morningside
 Mary Ella Jordan
 Nancy Ogburn- Back Issues
 Sally Lloyd
 Sheryl Huey
 Tom Holland- Knee
 Tom Strickland

Church Planters

Ben Carver- Shem Creek
 Ian Wise-Pageland
 Matt Awtrey-Exploratory Work in Irmo
 Rob Turner- Arsenal Hill

Missionaries

Mark & Natalie Witte-Spain
 Phil & Sarah Baer-Wycliffe
 Rebekah Carson-Germany

Pregnancy

Shannon & Jeff Schrage
 Shay & William Belk

Military

Alex Coale- Japan
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey
 Anne Nims
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's
 Parents
 Chasity Aycoth- Sheryl Huey's Niece
 Darryl Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's Brother
 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom
 Doris Hudson-Lorri Crawford's Mother
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church
 Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's
 Jane Aiken- Complications of MS
 JoAn and Ernest Pardue- Benny Brazell's Sister
 and Brother-In-Law
 JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother
 John Boykin- Scruggs' Friend
 John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's
 Nephew
 Judy Morrison- Aaron Morrison's Step Mom
 Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom
 Mark Caskey- Dell Ghent's Brother
 Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother
 Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend
 Nancy Ladd - Esther Shields' Sister
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law
 Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law

Praise

Lynn Whitesell- Improved Health

Young Worshipers

During the worship service your youngest children should draw pictures of what they hear and see in the appropriate boxes, while older children ought to take written notes.

<p><u>Hymns and Music</u></p>	<p><u>Scripture and Sermon</u></p>
<p><u>Prayers</u></p>	<p><u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u></p>

Announcements



VISITORS Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. If you are a returning visitor, please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. Offering envelopes are also available for your convenience.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON We will have a covered dish luncheon after the Worship service Sunday, August 13 to say goodbye to our pastoral intern Jordan Bernard. He will become the supply pastor at York ARP. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. The church will provide fried chicken and tea.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES Please contact the church office if you, family, or friends are on the prayer list. We love to announce improvements and answered prayer.



2017 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS
September 22-24, 2017 Senior High Retreat - Bonclarken
October 7, 2017 Catawba Children's Retreat- Neely's Creek Church, Rock Hill, SC, 9:00 a.m.
October 10, 2017 Catawba Presbytery- Neely's Creek Church, Rock Hill, SC, 10:00 a.m.
October 24, 2017 Catawba Elders' Association- Centennial Church, Columbia, SC, 7:00 p.m.
November 3-5, 2017 Catawba Middle School Retreat- Bonclarken



SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP Please join us in the Fellowship Hall Sundays at 9:30AM for coffee and fellowship. Sunday School starts at 10:00AM.

SAVE THE DATE The Congregational Retreat at Bonclarken will be Friday, September 29- Sunday, October 1. Registration forms will be available at the fall Kickoff Dinner Wednesday, August 23.



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CEF TRAINING The new school year starts soon, and the Good News Club is making plans to share the gospel at Brooklyn Springs elementary this fall. 16-18 volunteers are needed in order to continue this ministry, so please prayerfully consider giving one afternoon a week for six weeks to reach children for Jesus. There is a volunteer training workshop Saturday, August 19. Details and contact information are available on the bulletin board across from the church office. Contact Pauline Threatt from Shiloh ARP at 803.285.2266 if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.

HOPE IN LANCASTER HOPE is currently seeking donations of healthy, non-perishable foods such as the following:

- *Spaghetti Sauce
- *Canned Potatoes
- *Grits
- *Cereal
- *Instant Potatoes
- *Canned Tomatoes
- *Juice
- *Jiffy Mix

HOPE also has a Fresh and Healthy food initiative to provide healthier food options for their clients. Additional pantry needs include:

- *Peanut Butter
- *Canned Salmon
- *Jelly
- *Canned Fruit
- *Canned Beef Stew
- *Dry Pasta



CATECHISM FOR KIDS August 30 is our first night of classes for Wednesday Family Night. Children in Kindergarten to 5th grade will study the 107 questions of the Westminster Shorter Catechism through memorization, repetition, and play. In order to have enough printed materials available, please contact the church office at 285.1578 or onahill@comporium.net to register your child. This is a great opportunity to give your children a strong foundation in the Christian faith that they will be able to build on for eternity.