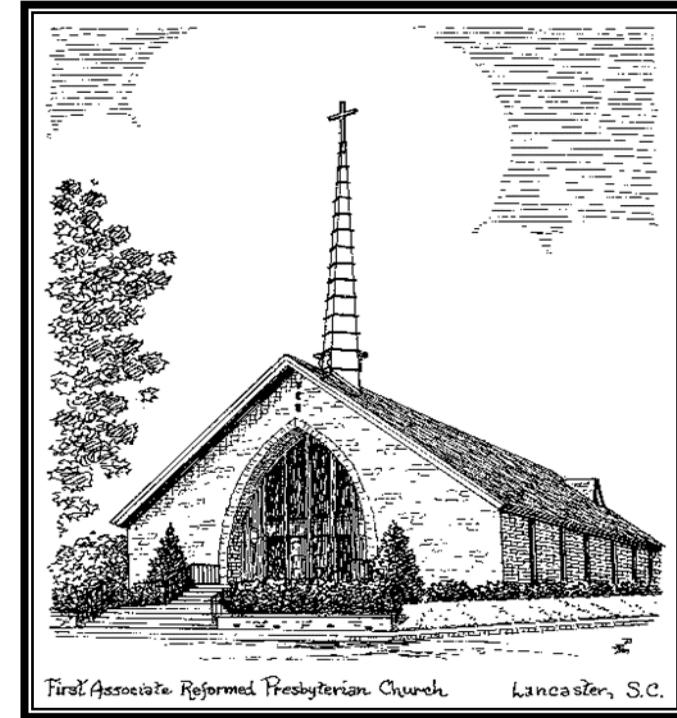


Volunteers

	August 13	August 20
Nursery	Stacey Pegram	Erin Tindal
Toddlers	Kelly Sims	Natalie Carmichael
Greeters (F)	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever
(S)	Mike & Susan Cauthen	Richard Shields/ Marilyn Duve
	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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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Jordan Bernard

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 99:3-5

³Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He! ⁴The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #8

“He Knows My Name”

Tommy Walker

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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

August 6, 2017	
Attendance	92
General Fund	\$4,928
Total GF contributions This Month	\$4,928
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$40

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.

Are you praying for your Ten List?

Packets are available in the church office.

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, August 13

9:15 Officer Meeting
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 Farewell Luncheon
12:15 Choir Practice
5:30 Youth Group

Monday, August 14

7:00 Trail Life leaders meeting

Tuesday, August 15

11:30 Lunch Bunch

COMMUNION

SUNDAY

We will serve communion during next Sunday’s Worship service.

Pastor's Corner

August 13, 2017

The past two and a half years here at First ARP have truly been a blessing. I thank God for the opportunity that you all have given me to grow as I have been here. I have learned so many things that will help me in the years to come. It is a bittersweet thing to say goodbye, but the Lord is calling me to the congregation at York ARP. The good thing is that although I may be leaving, the friendships and memories that I have made will remain.

I will be honest. Growing up at Tirzah, that was all I knew. When I got to First ARP, it was a huge difference. I was very nervous learning how to drive the bus and picking the kids up from the different neighborhoods. However, the outreach that First ARP does reminds me that we have to step outside of our comfort zones in ministry. It has been awesome to see evangelism put into action here, reaching out into the community and ministering to these kids. There is a lot of momentum here with our outreach and our youth. I have been privileged to see the youth group grow, not only numerically, but in their faith. First ARP has an amazing group of youth that you all should be proud of. I pray that you continue to pour into them and help them as they grow in Christ.

To those that have helped with the youth in my time here, I cannot say thank you enough. I could not have done it without you. Whether it was youth group, Wednesday nights, Friday mornings, VBS, youth events, etc., the help and support has been tremendous. I would love to take some of you with me, but that's not the way it works. However, I encourage all of you to keep up the Lord's work. He has given each of you gifts with the youth that are making an impact. Continue to help lead these kids and help them grow closer to Jesus.

I don't have enough space in the bulletin to tell the whole congregation how much you mean to me. This internship has been one of the best blessings God has given me to equip me for my future ministry. Thank you all for everything. I will miss you all dearly, and I will continue to pray that God would use First ARP for His glory and His kingdom.

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.

*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

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

Red Trinity Hymnal #110

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

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 #33B

“The Lord By His Word Has Created”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“How Great the Love”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 980

Philippians 2:1-4

Sermon

Mr. Jordan Bernard

“A Humble Church”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #720

“Happy the Home When God Is There”

Thursday, August 17th, 2017-Ephesians 2:14-16

In Israel, there was a division between Jews and Gentiles. This division caused animosity among the two groups. However, Paul explains that Jesus has brought peace between the two groups. He has taken both Jew and Gentile and joined them in one body, the church. The hostility has ceased, and they now work side by side, not as Jew or Gentile, but as Christians. The wonderful thing about the church is that Christians come in all different shapes and sizes. We all have different backgrounds and circumstances, but we all share faith in Christ. All divisions are put to the side when one is a part of the church. Both the man raised in the church and the man who has been to prison can be a part of the church with the same footing. Paul reminds us to not look at our differences, but to our common faith in Christ. Do you look at the outside of a person, or do you look at the heart which has professed faith in Christ?

Friday, August 18th, 2017-Ephesians 2:17-18

The connection that all Christians share is the Holy Spirit. Whether one is far off or near, we are all connected to God through His Spirit by the work of Christ. No matter where we are, the Spirit is with us, giving us a direct line to God. What a wonderful thing to have unlimited access to our Lord and Savior. Where we were once cut off, now that connection is restored. Our prayers do not go unanswered for we have access to God. He hears and answers our prayers. He provides us strength and comfort in times of trouble. He provides us courage when we face temptation. He gives us hope when everything seems hopeless. All of this is made possible through the Holy Spirit working in us, reminding us that we have been given peace in Christ. Do you make use of the access you have with God? Do you find comfort and encouragement in knowing that the Spirit of God is alive in you?

Saturday, August 19th, 2017-Ephesians 2:19-22

Paul uses a great illustration to show how all believers, Jew and Gentile, are connected in the church. All Christians are part of a holy temple for the Lord. The Bible is the foundation of the church. It is the basis for everything we do. It is our guide to know God and how to live the Christian life. Christ is the cornerstone, without whom the temple will fall. It is upon Him that everything is built, and without Jesus, there is no church. This is what the church looks like. It is built on Christ and the Bible, and made up of fellow believers who work together to bring glory to God. Is Christ your cornerstone? Is your life built upon Scripture? You can’t build a house with one brick, you need many. Do you see the Christian life as something you do by yourself, or do you find joy in working with others who are building up the Lord?

Devotions

Monday, August 14th, 2017-Ephesians 2:10

The ability of a Christian to live a Christ-like life does not come from himself. Paul explains that it is in Christ that we have been made able to do good works. It is not us, but Christ in us that enables us to live a righteous life. We have to understand that we are not good people. Yes, we may do good deeds, but we also sin and break God's law. We need to be changed by Christ, and once we are changed, we must walk in Christ's ways. We aren't perfect and never will be on this side of Heaven, but the Holy Spirit continues to work in us each day to help us put off our sin and live for Jesus. Have you been changed by Jesus? Are you relying on Him to change your heart and walk with Him?

Tuesday, August 15th, 2017-Ephesians 2:11-12

Here, Paul talks about the Ephesian's previous state. They were uncircumcised Gentiles, which meant they were not a part of the people of God. They did not know the promise of God's covenants, and they were without hope. They were separated from God, and this reminds us that we were once just like the Ephesians. Because of our sin, we are cut off from God, and we have no hope. We need Jesus, and reflecting on where we were before Christ makes us love Him even more. Do you understand how helpless you are without Christ? Do you hold fast to Him as your only hope?

Wednesday, August 16th, 2017-Ephesians 2:13

Paul fast-forwards to the present in which the Ephesians are now in Christ. Jesus has taken them from a state outside the people of God and brought them in. This was not just an invitation handed out inviting them in. This change of status was bought for them through Jesus' own blood. Because of Jesus, we too have now have been brought into the fold. We have been given membership into the people of God. We were cut off because of our sin, but we have been restored through the grace of Christ. We, who were without hope, now have assurance in Christ who has redeemed us by His blood. Have you trusted in Jesus, so that you have become a part of God's people?

***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

1 Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 2:1-4

Title: "A Humble Church"

Prayer Emphasis

Our Church

Session

Deacons

Women's Ministry

Youth

Families

Fathers

Mothers

Children

Christ would be the center of each of our families

The Lost

God would lead us to them

They would hear the Gospel

They would trust in Christ

They would become part of the church

Our Sanctification

We would put off our sin

We would put on Christ

We wouldn't follow Christ legalistically

We would have a love for Jesus and His Law

Sister Churches

Centennial ARP- Columbia, SC- Rev. David Setzer

Chester ARP- Chester, SC- Rev. Clint Davis

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 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

Tom Holland- Healed Knee

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 today after the Worship service 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.

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

ANNUAL RETREAT The Congregational Retreat at Bonclarken will be Friday, September 29-Sunday, October 1. Registration forms are available on the side entry table. Faith Apartments will be assigned as forms are received and all registration forms are due by **Sunday, September 10** and can be turned in at the table or to the church office. See Buddy Lever with any questions.



LIFE LINE EVENT Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their afford-

able, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on 9/28/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word CIRCLE to 797979.

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



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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.