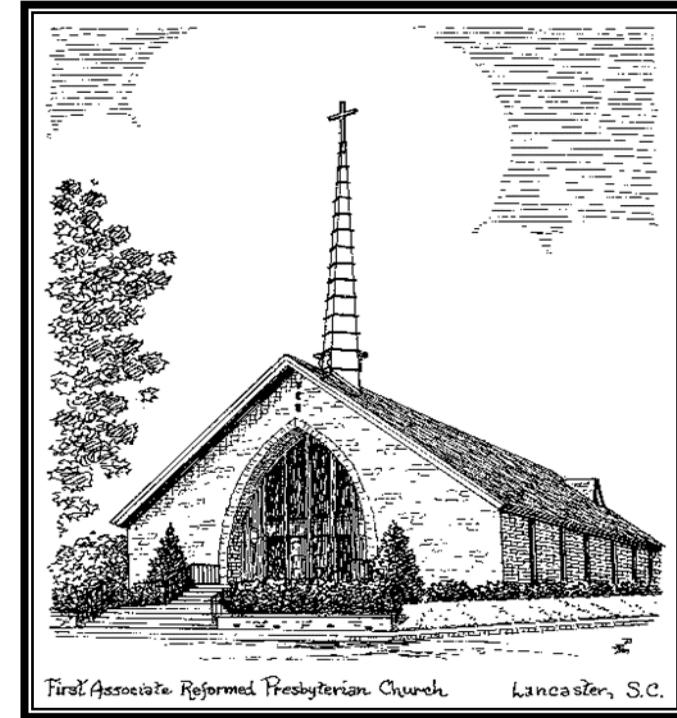


Volunteers

	September 17	September 24
Nursery	Holly Rivers	Kimberly Hefner
Toddlers	Shannon Mohr	Erin Tindal
Greeters (F)	Butch & Dell Ghent	Phil & Sarah Baer
(S)	Phillip & Stacey Pegram	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn
	September	October
Elders	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever
Captain	Lathan Rivers	Keith Jaillette
Co Captain	Sam Prete	David Mohr
Ushers	Johnny Jones Will Jones	Benny Brazell Sal Estrada

Staff and Officers

Staff	Elders	Deacons
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	Butch Ghent (2017)	Sam Prete (2017)
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	David Pokopac (2017)	Lathan Rivers (2017)
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	Ed Ogburn (2018)	Debbie Dickson (2018)
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	Richard Crawford (2018)	Keith Jaillette (2018)
	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

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:20-22

Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #4

“10,000 Reasons”

*Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman
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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

September 10, 2017	
Attendance	94
General Fund	\$4,461
Total GF contributions This Month	\$8,483
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Congregational Care Fund	\$20
Hurricane Harvey	\$375

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, September 17

9:15 Officer Meeting
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
5:30 Parenting Class
5:30 Youth Group
7:00 Session

Monday, September 18

6:30 Trail Life
Tuesday, September 19
11:30 Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, September 20

5:55 Supper
6:30 Classes
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday, September 22

7:00 Youth Breakfast
SR. HIGH RETREAT

Pastor's Corner

September 17, 2017

You are an example. Former NBA star Charles Barkley once said. "I am not a role model. Policeman and Firemen....these are role models". He is right and wrong. He was wanting to broaden the scope of who we called examples or role models for young people. However, every person is a role model.

The Church is no exception. However, this is often forgotten. We forget that we are to be an encouragement to those around us in the church and that we are setting an example to the next generation of children and youth. The world is watching us to see if we are serious about our faith.

How are you as a role model at First ARP Church? The first place we need to look is to our attendance. Are you active in the life of the church? What does this say about your faith? If we are serious about Jesus and His church, then we will be as active as possible in the life of the church. Where are you using your spiritual gifts? You have a role to play in the church. We need more to set an example of looking for ways to bless the church and the community. Being regular in attendance and active in some part of the ministry is an encouragement to your brothers and sisters in the church.

Little eyes are watching to see if you take church seriously! It was heart breaking to hear a pastor's son who was wandering from the faith tell His father, "Your people don't love Jesus either. Why do so few come to worship, Wednesday nights, or try and live a distinctly Christian life?" Children and new Christians are looking at you. We often learn by example more than by command. Are we setting an example for our covenant children and those new to the faith?

What would the World say about First ARP Church? What would they say about you? They need to see that we are serious about what we believe. Our lives should challenge them. We should be showing them the power of the Gospel and how it has changed our lives. Are you serious about Jesus? Does your life show it? Ask your spouse or your close friend in the church the follow question, "Does my life reflect a serious effort to be a faithful Christian?"

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Pastor

*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

"Showers Of Blessing"

Red Trinity Hymnal #130

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Surely the Lord Is In This Place"

Chancel Choir

***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 #37C

“Steps a Man Takes”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“I Am the Vine”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 981

Philippians 2:19- 30

Sermon

Dr. Kyle Sims

“Examples Of Service and Leadership”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #591

“Jesus Calls Us”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

Thursday, September 21, 2017 - Colossians 2:8

Where do you put your mind? There needs to be a part of your mind that is always aware that this world is not your home and you are not going to be here forever. Neither the individual nor the church will be in this world, as it is, forever. Because of our hope in Jesus, Paul says “if then you have been raised with Christ” we are to look to the things above. Christ is in heaven now. He is our surety of victory and salvation. We need to set our minds on the things that are above. This means that we have a vision of heaven and final victory in all we do. It does not mean that we ignore the world in which we live and where God has put us to be His witnesses and His people. If you read these devotions, please send me an email or text, or just let me know that you do.

Friday, September 22, 2017 - Colossians 2:9

Grace is not a cloud-like substance that floats around. It is not an impersonal power or force in our world. Grace is found in Jesus Christ. For us to have grace to be saved we must have Jesus and be in Jesus. Union with Christ is a key part of how we are saved. Our lives are hidden with Christ and in Him we are connected by the Spirit of God. It is because of our connection to Christ that we are able to have His work credited to us and our sins taken away. It is by the real connection we have to the Son of God that our lives are transformed and we are held with God and His people forever.

Saturday, September 23, 2017 - Colossians 2:10-15

When Christ wins we will win too! We cannot overstate the importance of the connection we have in Christ. Paul states here that Christ is life for us. Often people will be asked, “What is your life? What is at the center of it?” They will answer with a spouse, family member, job, hobby, or the like, but the real center or real life for a Christian is to be Christ. He is our life here and now and Christ will be our victory there and then. When He appears in complete victory and judgement, this will be our victory too!

Devotions

Monday, September 18, 2017 - Colossians 1:24-29

There are some in our world today who want us to go back to the Jewish dietary laws found in the Old Testament. There was also an issue of how to address meat offered as a sacrifice to idols and then sold. These issues found in the Old Testament were shadows of things to come. Christ fulfilled the shadows and overcame the idols. We find our fullness and sufficiency in Christ alone and not in the things of this world: in eating and drinking or in outward observations. The Lord has set one holy day for His church and that is the Lord's Day. He has declared all food good to eat. Do not go back to the old shadows when you have Christ, the light.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 - Colossians 2:1-5

There are going to be people who try to lead us away from Christ. They are going to insist that we deny ourselves, leading us to look to ourselves in asceticism. Christ tells us to deny ourselves, but not in the way these false teachers will. They are arrogant in their visions and puffed up with pride at their own spirituality, but the growth that is from God is found in Jesus. He is the head, and the body grows in Christ. Do not be tempted to leave Christ or deviate from Him. We must hold fast to Christ if we want to grow strong in God.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 - Colossians 2:6-7

Paul acknowledges that there is a real appearance of spirituality in the teaching of some men. They call us to stand up and do something for Jesus' sake, but they call us to deny ourselves in extreme ways. These ways were so extreme that Paul calls it severity to the body. Paul says these human means and ideas are of no value to stopping sin. They are self-made religion. The rules we follow as Christians are not made up by men, but rather commanded by God. At their root is love: love for God and love for man. God takes pleasure when we turn from our sinful ways to obey His commands. He does not take pleasure in our starving or denying ourselves in ways He has not told us to do.

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

Deuteronomy 13:4

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 2:19- 30

Title: “Examples Of Service and Leadership”

Prayer Emphasis

Your Example

Attendance at Church

Using your gifts within Church Ministry

Giving of your money, time, and energy

Life lived before children, young Christians, and the world

The Nations of the World

Solution to wars and threats (Syria, N. Korea, Sudan)

Gospel to be preached

Conversion of sinners

The United States

Rule of Law would be a hallmark of our nation

Unity among diversity within our nation

Leadership & Statesmanship

Lancaster

Fire Departments

City Council

Ministry

Trail Life open house Sept. 18

Youth

Wednesday Nights

Needs

Physical

Emotional

Mental

Spiritual

Sister Churches

Faith ARP- Sumter, SC- Rev. Scott Moore

Faith Fellowship ARP- Cypress, TX- Rev. Robert Ferguson

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Benny Brazell
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Chic Whitlock
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 Gene Hunter
 George Mason
 Harold Allen
 I. W. Caskey
 John Willis- Lymphoma
 Katey Powell
 Mary Brown Parks-Morningside
 Mary Ella Jordan
 Nancy Ogburn
 Sally Lloyd
 Sheryl Huey
 Tom Strickland

Church Planters

Ben Carver- Shem Creek ARP- Mt. Pleasant
 Ian Wise-Pageland RPCNA
 Matt Awtrey-Kings' Church- Irmo
 Rob Turner- Arsenal Hill- Columbia

Missionaries

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

Military

Alex Coale- Japan
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

Pregnancy

Shannon & Jeff Schrage
 Shay & William Belk
 Janet & Matt Hall

Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's
 Parents
 Darryl Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's Broth-
 er
 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
 JoAn and Ernest Pardue- Benny Brazell's Sister
 and Brother-In-Law
 JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother
 John Boykin- Friend of the Scruggs'
 John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's
 Nephew
 Judy Morrison- Aaron Morrison's Step Mom
 Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom
 Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother
 Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend
 Phil Ghent- Butch Ghent's Brother
 Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea Hen-
 ley's Parents
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law
 Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law

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.

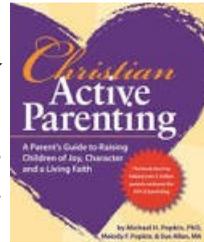
<p><u>Hymns and Music</u></p>	<p><u>Scripture and Sermon</u></p>
<p><u>Prayers</u></p>	<p><u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u></p>

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.

PARENTING CLASS First ARP Church and Christian Services will host Christian Active Parenting, a 10 week curriculum based study designed to help parents use biblical principles to guide their children. This 1 hour class starts TODAY at 5:30PM. The cost is free. Childcare is available on request for all ages. Contact the church office to register yourself and your child.



CEF BANQUET This year's banquets will be held at the Gateway Center in Richburg. Sept 26 at 6:30PM. This catered meal is free, but donations are accepted. The speaker Dr. Noel Fuller DMD PA, author of "Miracles Can Be Yours Too". Sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office by **Sept. 20**. Contact Betty Allen with any questions.



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



DROP IN BABY SHOWER You are invited to celebrate with Janet and Matt Hall as they look forward to welcoming their new baby boy. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 12-1PM following the Worship service Sunday, September 24.



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Our Wednesday night program has begun again. Dinner is from 5:55- 6:20PM and classes for all ages are from 6:30- 7:30PM. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board. Please sign up by Tuesday each week.

SPECIAL OFFERING Over the next few weeks we are taking up an offering for Hurricane Harvey flood victims. If you would like to contribute to our Synod's Good Samaritan Fund which will benefit this purpose, please mark your checks or offering envelopes with "Hurricane Harvey" before placing them in the collection plate.



CATAWBA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE All women of the church and their friends are invited to this year's annual conference Saturday, October 21 at Clover ARP from 9-2PM. The theme is "Serve the Lord With Gladness". Details and a signup sheet are available on the bulletin board across from the church office. The cost is \$8. Checks are to be made payable to Clover ARPWM and can be turned in to the church office. Checks and registrations are due by **Monday, October 2**.



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