



First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor:

Our Missions Committee has done a great job putting together our annual Missions Conference for this year and I wanted to let you know what has been planned. The theme will be “Missions Starts at Home” and will focus on how we are all called to play a role in missions – starting in our own communities and then expanding all the way out to the nations of the world.

The events that are planned are:

Wednesday, February 15

Wednesday Night Study on Missions

Friday, February 17

Movie Night (“Courageous”) in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 18

Missions Dinner with presentations by Connie Bennett and the Limons

Sunday, February 19

Sunday School Presentations with Q&A Jesse Wesselink (International Students Inc.)

Doug Arms (InterVarsity – Elon)

Sean Radke (Mission to the World – Japan)

Worship Service with Doug Arms Preaching

We hope that you will be able to be a part of our missions conference this year and our prayer is that God would enlarge all of our hearts for the peoples of the world and give us a renewed vision for what role we can play in the Great Commission he has given to us, his church.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

Ben Wright, our Youth Ministry Leader, is attending the Crieff Youth Pastor Conference at Bonclarken. He will return on Thursday, February 2.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

How to get someone in the church to move? Print a new directory! Seventy copies of our new directory were available for pick-up this past Sunday. There are about 20 left and additional copies will be made available soon. Those of you who have picked up your copies, correct the address of Dr. Phil and Frankie Beaman who are in the process of moving during February. New address: 5008 Windsor Ct., Elon, NC 27244; Mailing address: PO Box 1588, Elon, NC 27244.

MANY THANKS

Margaret Owens has graciously volunteered to be the Meals on Wheels coordinator for our church. Anyone who would like to participate in this ministry should call her at 269-3055.

**ATTENTION DING-A-LINGS
aka (also known as)
THE HANDBELL CHOIR**

The handbell choir will resume practice at 5 pm on Sunday, **February 19**. We had some that were going to miss because of Super Bowl Sunday and then on February 12, Ed will be on a day of vacation, visiting and performing for the church that Walt and Val Shepard lead, hence the delay in our winter/spring practice.

LADIES MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Ladies Bible Study will meet Tuesday, February 14, in the Choir Room. All women are welcome to learn more about the life of King David. The Lesson will cover I Samuel 17 & 18.



ATTENTION MEN!

More men are needed in the choir. Of course ladies are welcome too! We are beginning to practice our Easter music and would love to have more voices to participate as well as on Sunday morning. Come “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!” We meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the choir room. Sometimes the work is hard but the pay is great!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A number of you have been asking recently where things stand with the facebook case in which someone created a counterfeit account in the pastor's name. At this point, the investigation is still ongoing but progress is being made. Based on what we have been told, we anticipate the case being resolved soon and we will let you know as soon as we know something definitive.

WOMEN'S SHELTER NEEDS

Helen Parks is interested in collecting items for the women's shelter. Needed most are paper goods (toilet paper and paper towels). If you would like to donate you may bring to the church and give to Helen.

JANUARY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Balance Brought Forward 1/1/12	\$40,531.29
Dec. Interest to Repair Fund	2.82
January Receipts	\$21,090.35
Total Monies	\$61,624.46
January Expenditures	\$22,413.32
Balance 1/31/12	\$39,211.14
Budget to Date	\$26,940.10
Budget Expenditures to Date	\$20,485.11
General Fund Income to date	\$18,762.35

General Fund	\$26,891.71
Designated	<u>\$12,319.43</u>
Total	\$39,211.14

Weekly Budget Needs: \$5,337.60

End of Budget Year Report on Faith Promise Giving:

In addition to the \$9,000 of support for the Howards and the Mitchell's through the budget, \$10,172.26 was given through Faith Promise to them, and other missionaries sponsored through World Witness. More than \$2,000 additionally was given to other Mission Organizations, i.e. Equip, Wycliffe, Mission to the World, to sponsor additional missionaries during the year. We thank you! Our May 2011—April 2012 Faith Promise year ends April 29, 2012.

REFUGE91 ACTION (YOUTH)

Saturday, Feb. 4—We will go to **Winterjam Concert**, meeting at church at 2 p.m. Cost is \$10.00! Bring \$10.00 to get in and any spending money you would like to bring.

Sunday, Feb. 5—**SUPERBOWL!!** Shannon Wolfe of Sustained YM invited our group to come watch the Super Bowl with his youth group. After our time at church, we will head on over. Please bring a snack or drink with you this Sunday.

March 2-4—**BONCLARKEN!!** The Cost is \$80 per person. We will be meeting at church @ 3pm to pray and leave. If you want to bring a friend Ben will need their sheets filled out and a deposit check turned in with yours. Sheets and a \$25 deposit will be due February 16th.

February Emerge Wednesday Hosting nights starting at 6 pm:

1st—With the Sandersons
8th—To Be Announced
15th—With the Ben Wrights
22nd—With the McPhersons
29th—With the Limons

THANK YOU

Nancy Austin would like to thank the church family for the prayers, concern, phone calls, gifts and love shown to them during Tom's therapy.

PRAYER GROUP

At present we are meeting at 5:30 pm on Sunday nights in the Ladies Bible Classroom. Anyone is welcome to come. If you have questions see Vicki McPherson or Lynn Limon.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 4 Youth to Winterjam—Church, 2 pm to go
Feb. 5 Deacons will meet at 4:30 pm
Feb. 7 Elders will meet at 6:30 pm
Feb. 19 Handbell Choir Practice Resumes, 5 pm
Mar. 2-4 Bonclarken for Senior High

Secretary's Note: I did my first church newsletter on a \$100 Remington Electric Typewriter Tom bought me for that purpose, on stencils (no copying and pasting—make a mistake, start over) 39 years ago today! What a difference a computer has made!

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For God's glory, First ARP Church is a group of believers united in Christ endeavoring to make disciples and proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in the Burlington area and throughout the world.

Nursery: Contact Natalie Wright
Or Kristen Robinson to help

Children's Church:

Feb. 5: Anne Garner/Vicki McPherson

Feb. 12: Jo McKinnon/Christy Gregory

Deacon Duty: **Feb. 5:** Mark Vestal
Feb. 12: Randall Cobb

Elder Greeters: **Feb. 5:** Gene Parks
Feb. 12: Jim Knox

Wed. Kid's Club: Karen Jones & Vicki McPherson