



# FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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JULY 2014

**First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
**Rock Hill, South Carolina**  
**9 a.m. - Acoustic Service • 11 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service**  
**10 a.m. - Sunday School**

Summer is a wonderful time to be involved with Family Promise, an outreach ministry to families who are in between jobs and/or homes. Two families will be staying here at our church, arriving

Sunday evening, July 6 and departing Sunday morning, July 13. Volunteers are needed to set up classrooms for our guests, greet families in the evenings, prepare, serve and clean up meals, entertain children, and stay overnight. All ages and

“stages” are encouraged to serve!

There is a large white board located in the connector—add your name and be part of this special ministry.

*We are blessed to be a blessing!*



## Upcoming Host Week:

# July 6—13

# Family Promise®

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROCK HILL, SC

## *Our Christian Sympathy*

*to Scott Ledford*

at the death of his father,

*Carol Thomas Ledford*

May 7, 2014 in Kings Mountain, NC

*to Joan Barkley*


at the death of her father,



*John Leonard Kelley*

June 17, 2014 in Jacksonville, Florida

*I am the Resurrection and the Life..... John 11:25*



 Are you musically inclined? Even if you think you aren't, do you have a desire to sing (or play) to God's praise, glory and honor? Then you can join in the leadership of this church's worship through music. The choir is taking the summer off, however, the Acoustic Music Team is also a great place to share your gift of music. If you sing or play an instrument, we can use you. If you want to help but aren't that musically inclined, we can also find a way for you to serve! Please contact Philip Bunch to volunteer!

## *Congratulations to the following graduates!*



**Atkinson Dillingham**

Erskine College

B. A. in History with Departmental Honors

Atkinson will be attending graduate school at the University of Haifa in Israel, pursuing a Masters degree in Maritime Civilizations.

**Ryan Bradly Simpson**

College of Charleston

Bachelor of Arts in Classics, cum laude

Ryan is currently taking classes in preparation for the Nuclear Naval exam, with plans to serve aboard a navy submarine.



## **2014 Synod and Presbytery Report Bonclarken Assembly, June 10-12, 2014**

Barry, Philip, Bob Robinson, John Barron & Max Smith represented our church at the Presbytery and Synod Meetings held at Bonclarken. Some highlights include:

### ***Summer Meeting of Catawba Presbytery – Barry Dagenhart, Moderator***

- Retiring ministers include Boyce Wilson (Ebenezer ARP) and Tony Grant (York ARP). Tony (father of member Martin Grant) has been diagnosed with cancer and is under Hospice care. Philip Bunch will be the interim moderator of the York ARP Session.
- Chaplain Peter Johnson (LTC, US Army) transferred into the Presbytery. He begins a one year deployment to Kuwait in July.
- Agreed to provide Presbytery financial support to member Zach Simmons, serving at RiverCrossing Church.

### ***Meeting of General Synod – Larry Littlejohn (Mississippi), Moderator***

- Philip Bunch led Synod's worship service on Wednesday morning.
- The new Form of Government has been approved and is now in effect. *(The Session will be considering the effect of changes and will let the congregation know of changes as they are refined.)*
- Drafting of a new Book of Discipline is still in progress.
- The ARP Church added two chapters to the Westminster Confession of Faith in 1959. Synod sent to the presbyteries a proposal to remove them.
- Confirmed the denomination's 1977 stance on homosexuality. Due to conflicting state laws, it did not take a new specific stance on same-sex marriage. A pamphlet on *The Gospel and Sexual Orientation* was endorsed.
- Alex Pettett was introduced as the new Executive Director of World Witness. Alex and Jamie Pettett have served as missionaries in Israel and Turkey. Frank van Dalen is returning to missions in Lithuania.
- The Pacific Presbytery (*made up predominately of Korean congregations*) has been dissolved. Individuals interested in continuing with the ARP denomination were asked to join another presbytery.
- Expanded boundaries of First Presbytery to include the Chicago area.
- Elected Rev. Jamie Hunt (Coddle Creek ARP, Mooresville, NC) as the Moderator-elect. He will assume the position of Moderator at next year's meeting of General Synod.

*If you would like additional details on these meetings, please contact Barry, Philip, John or Max.*

**F**irst ARP has been tremendously blessed this past year through the All American Athletes program (our sports outreach to children with special needs). It has given us the opportunity to minister with and alongside families who have children with developmental delays as well as their siblings. Several of these children recently attended VBS and it is evident the Holy Spirit is working in their lives.

This Spring, several families have inquired as to whether or not our church could incorporate their children – those with developmental delays as well as their brothers and sisters—into our Sunday School classes and church life. Both the Just Joy and Christian Education committees believe God is calling us to step out in faith and minister to these families in more personal ways.

We have previously partnered with Joni and Friends, who recommends an inclusion based buddy system. Essentially, each child who has a developmental delay is partnered with a buddy and placed in already existing classrooms. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are preparing to phase this system into place beginning on Rally Day.

A Buddy Training Session will be held on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. If you interested in being trained and serving as a buddy, please contact Jamey Dagenhart. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, but cannot attend the session on July 26, a later session will be scheduled.




**Next Worship Service**  
**Thursday, July 24**  
**6:30 p.m.**




**All American Athletes  
Kickball Season  
Begins September 29**


Don't miss out on this amazing ministry to children and families with special needs.



God blessed us with a **FABULOUS** week at Vacation Bible School! With 75 children in attendance and almost 50 volunteers, it was an exciting and energetic week filled with laughs, music and lots of love. The Bible stories reminded us that even if we feel different, left out, afraid or have done something wrong.....Jesus always loves us. The highlight of the week was a trip to the Lazy 5 Ranch in Mooresville, NC to see some weird animals in person. For our service project, we collected \$225.00 for "Coins for Kids," a program sponsored by the Early Learning Partnership of York County to help provide medical service and first aid supplies for children. We could not have done this without our amazing directors, Jenny Nowicki and Chrissi Norman, and our talented, and awesome volunteers: Jeanie Alexander, Rebecca Austin, Cathy Catoe, Mike Catoe, Jamey Dagenhart, Tiffany Dagenhart, Courtney Driscoll, Garrett Driscoll, Susan Driscoll, Amanda Ghent, Ryan Gladden, Anne Glidewell, Merin Grant, Piper Grant, Luke Grigsby, Elise Harbin, Julie Harbin, Michele Harbin, Devin Hilton, Logan Hilton, Anne Sanders Kiser, Connie Kiser, Katie Lesslie, Audra Beth Lynn, Megan Madsen, Taylor Madsen, Virginia McCallister, Mary Karen Meadows, Linda Neely, Emily Norris, Taylor Grace Pearson, Lesslie Pursley, Megan Sanders, Pat Smith, Jody Rankin, Sarah Rankin, Ashley Scott, Zach Simmons, Sara Simpson, Sydney Sloop, April Smith, Ginger Smith, Mabry Smith, Max Smith, Roddey Smith, Theresa Smith, Jan Stephenson, Sarah Velkovich, Kelly Watson, and Danielle Williams. Thank you to all who donated items from the giving tree, who prayed for and served this week ... seeds were planted in hearts and families were drawn closer to Jesus!



**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**  
**Friday, July 11th @ 6:00am**  
**Robinson Hall**



**Summer Fellowship Dinner**  
**Wednesday, July 16**

Put on your dancing shoes and mark your calendar for our next Fellowship Dinner on July 16 at 6 pm. Following a hot dog supper, Brad and Kenie Crawford will offer SHAG dancing lessons to all interested! Our Just Joy families are also invited to this fun evening!





# First ARP Preschool



"No greater joy... than my children walking in the truth."  
3 John 1:4

*Tell your friends!  
Tell your neighbors!*

*First ARP Preschool is enrolling  
for Fall 2014!*

*Space is available for ages 1 year  
through 4 year old Pre K.*

*Contact Heather Robinson—  
preschooldirector@firstarp.org*

## Women's Ministries

The annual \$1 Women's Ministries clothing sale will be held in the gym on **Saturday, August 2nd** from 6am-12pm.



Please bring your gently used clothes, divided into bags and marked by size and gender.

Donations may be left in the hall by the kitchen.

Women's Ministries appreciates any volunteers to help sort clothes and be available the day of the sale.

*Mark your calendar:*

**WM Kick Off Dinner ~ Wednesday, August 27**  
*Our Woman of the Year will be recognized at this event!*

## July is HOPE Month



Please bring your canned foods and pantry items to the blue container in the connector.

Thank you to Ken Gasque who transports our donations to the HOPE House so they can help those in need in our community.

## SUMMER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**Mondays through August 11 Open Gym 10 am-12 noon**  
Join us for a relaxed, unstructured time to play with your church friends in the cool gym. Drop in anytime—all ages welcome!

**Wednesday, July 2 Little Mermaid Jr play 9 am**

**Monday, July 21 Preschool Water Day 10:30 am—noon** Our 2–4 year olds are invited to the Robinson Home for a morning of splish-spashing fun! Bring a towel, sunscreen & picnic lunch!

**August 12-14 Mission Possible (Rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)** Rising 3<sup>rd</sup>– 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to his special three day camp that will focus on service projects in our community. Camp will meet Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30-3:30 and is limited to 12 students. Registration is \$20; sign up in the connector. We'll enjoy helping others and having fun at the same time!

## Youth Happenings

Summer is off to a great start! We've had our first breakfast club, helped serve at VBS and recently returned from a wonderful week at the Quest middle school conference! First ARP youth who attended were Casey Craven, Hart Dill, Jack Gettys, Grier Gettys, LaMarr Good, Anne Sanders Kiser, Thomas Mackey, Jacob Stover, Madison Wright, with Molly and Luke Grigsby.

*Upcoming summer activities:*

- ♦ **Game Nights**—drop in style gathering from 7-8:30 pm with games & desserts — **July 1, July 16, August 12.**
- ♦ **Breakfast Club** (10:00-11:00 am) fellowship, Bible study and breakfast—**July 17 and August 14** at the Grigsbys' home (1426 Lowell Trace).
- ♦ **Middle School Mission Project (MSMP)** for current 6th-8th grade students will be **July 29-August 1** in Atlanta, GA. Contact Luke ASAP if you are interested in going!
- ♦ **Appalachia Mission Trip—July 5–11** Please pray for our youth as they minister and serve this week. Team members are Key Barkley, Claire McAllister, Christopher McKinney, Hannah McKinney, Roddey Smith, Melissa Spradle with Luke and Molly Grigsby

First ARP Church friends,

Here are some things you can pray for over the month of July for us.

1. Pray for our Backyard Bible Club that will be in Knightsbridge development from July 7-11. We'll have a celebration so that we can meet parents on Thursday night. If you would like to help contact me at [stoverdavid@hotmail.com](mailto:stoverdavid@hotmail.com).
2. Praise the Lord that Zach Simmons is officially an intern through ONA with us.
3. Praise for the guests we've had as a result of our basketball outreach.
4. Pray for the Stover's house to sell in Delaware. *Please pray a LOT that the Stover's house will sell in Delaware!*
5. Pray for our family as we prepare for our daughter Mary Ellen's wedding in August and our elder daughter Katelyn as she prepares to teach English in South Korea next year.
6. Pray for our church as we come up on our 2nd anniversary as a church plant. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest and that we would bear fruit for His glory!

Thanks so much for praying, *David Stover*



**Taylor Madsen Scholarship Blood Drive**  
**Sunday, August 10 12 noon - 5 pm**  
**First ARP Gym**

*Plan to come give blood to support the Community Blood Center and one of our college students. Walk-ins are welcome, or call 803-389-4507 for an appointment.*

**Family Bible Conference July 28-31**

**Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC**

Family Bible is a unique conference planned for all ages to enjoy. Several FARP families (Barrons, Kisers, Smiths, etc) have attended for years and enjoyed the family oriented worship, special sessions and activities offered. In addition to the morning and evening speakers, there is a full children's program, sessions with our missionaries, and teaching on the book of Titus (*Women's Ministry study book for the coming year*). *Discounted advance reservation are available until the end of the month.* Brochures are available in the connector. See John Barron if you have questions.

**Birthdays**

**July**



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|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Allen Elliott     | 10 Lew Dickert          | 19 Buzzy Elder          |
| Payne Gettys        | Jane Fleischer          | Rene` Helms             |
| Jay Holladay        | Miriam Ghent            | 20 Allen Elliott, Jr.   |
| Lauren Ledford      | Mimi Loftus             | Betsy Ledbetter         |
| Mallory Pearson     | Taylor M. Rushing       | Caleb Ramsey            |
| 2 Ivey Smith        | Pam Maxwell             | Stephen Turner          |
| 3 Nick Tuttle       | 11 Elizabeth Doede      | 21 John Simpson         |
| 4 Cameron Miller    | Dorcas Hinson           | 22 Robert Faulkner, Jr. |
| 5 Lucas Ramsey      | Manning Sloop           | H. W. Rhodes, Jr.       |
| 6 Joanne Dillingham | 12 Chris Helms          | Lisa Smith              |
| Tripp Eaves         | 13 Katherine L. Rutland | 23 Dottie Gettys        |
| Don Ferguson        | Debra Heintz            | 24 Shellie Sloop        |
| Josh Madsen         | 15 Barry Dagenhart      | 25 Sally Williamson     |
| 7 David Smith       | Ann Laney               | 28 Casey Elder Fincher  |
| 8 Christian Kulbok  | 16 Rob Crawford         | 29 Angela Fischesser    |
| 9 Kyle Brakefield   | 18 Ann Louise Kellett   | Bo Youngblood           |
| Elise Harbin        | Walker Norris           | 30 Jaycie McMullan      |
| Kathy Todd          | Frank Simpson           | 31 Ashley Barron        |
|                     |                         | Susan Faulkner          |
|                     |                         | Chandler Green          |
|                     |                         | Kay McKinney            |
|                     |                         | Beth Robinson           |
|                     |                         | Hal Todd                |



**August Birthdays**









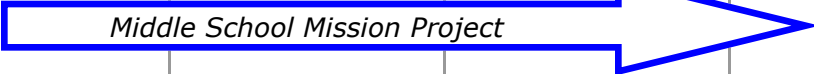
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| 1 Brad Powell         | 13 Ryan Simpson       | 26 Tanya Borachok   |
| 2 Aiken Golightly     | 14 Sarah Todd Low     | Jamey Dagenhart     |
| 3 Evan Gettys         | Miley Rhoad           | 27 Jill Fleischer   |
| Wayne Wingate         | Mike Simpson          | Susan Hallman       |
| 4 Eleanor Herlong     | Sally Anne Williamson | Kenneth Large       |
| Hayley Powell         | 16 Ben Barkley        | 28 Chrissi Norman   |
| 5 Susan Barnette      | 17 Norma Nichols      | 29 John Gettys, Jr. |
| Caroline Tuttle Comer | Cameron Norwood       | 30 Judy Hicklin     |
| 6 Jeremy Dreier       | 19 Lindsay M. Graham  | Lori L. Alexander   |
| Mary Phillips Gettys  | Barbara Roberts       | 31 Marin Grant      |
| 9 Emmie Kiser         | 23 Heather Robinson   | Lauren Powell       |
| Mabry Smith           | 24 Julie Harbin       |                     |
| Ann Marie Williamson  | 25 Donna Hanna        |                     |
| 10 Sylvia Rhodes      |                       |                     |
| 12 David Gault        |                       |                     |

**If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please contact the church office.**

Please submit information for the next newsletter by  
**July 24th at 12:00 noon.**

# JULY

Additional information about these events may  
 be found within the newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Reminder:</b> <b>July is</b> <b>HOPE month</b>		<b>1</b> <b>7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</b> YOUTH GAME NIGHT	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b> Little Mermaid Jr. play at Central Piedmont Community College Theatre 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Appalachia →11<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Acoustic Worship <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Traditional Worship <b>11:00 a.m.</b> John Gettys Prayer Team	<b>7</b> <b>10 am—12 pm</b> Open Gym	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Preschool <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Deacon's Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Preschool  <b>Family Promise</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Preschool	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 a.m.</b> Men's Fellowship Breakfast 
<b>Appalachia</b> ←————→						
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Acoustic Worship <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Traditional Worship	<b>14</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Jeanie Alexander Prayer Team <b>10 am—12 pm</b> Open Gym <b>6:00 p.m.</b> CE Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Preschool	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Preschool <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Summer Fellowship Dinner and Shag dancing lessons! <b>7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.</b> YOUTH GAME NIGHT	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Preschool <b>10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</b> YOUTH BREAKFAST CLUB  <b>Dorothy Day Soup            Kitchen</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Library Book Sale</b> —————→						
<b>20</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Acoustic Worship <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Traditional Worship <b>12:00 p.m.</b> Robert Lesslie Prayer Team	<b>21</b> <b>10 am—12 pm</b> Open Gym <b>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b> Preschool Water Day  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Session Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Preschool <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Kay McKinney Prayer Team	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Preschool	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Preschool <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Just Joy 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Joni and Friends Training
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Acoustic Worship <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Traditional Worship <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Sarah Harper Prayer Team	<b>28</b> <b>10 am—12 pm</b> Open Gym <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Women's Board Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>August 1</b>	<b>August 2</b>
 <b>Middle School Mission Project</b>						
<b>Family Bible Conference - Bonclarken</b> ←————→						

**TO SCHEDULE AN EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.**