

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 2

9:15 Officers Meeting
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
5:00 A E Circle
5:30 Youth

Monday, April 3

1:30 JRP Circle
4:00 JL Circle

Thursday, April 6

2:00 CEF

Friday, April 7

7:00 Youth Breakfast

Wednesday, April 5

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

Volunteers

Nursery

Toddlers

Greeters (F)

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Elders

Captain

Co Captain

Ushers

April 2

Miranda Bohler
Susan Cauthen
Richard Shields/ Marilyn Duve
Benny & Geri Brazell

April

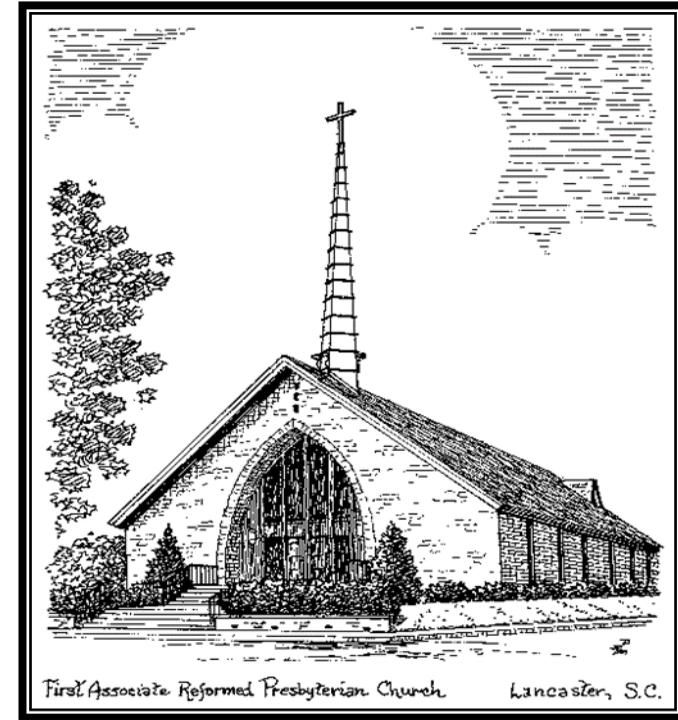
Frank Brackett
Buddy Lever
David Mohr
Keith Jaillette
Steve Willis
Mike Scruggs

April 9

Holly Rivers
Shannon Mohr
Wayne & Debbie Dickson
Phil & Sarah Baer

May

Butch Ghent
David Pokopac
Keith Jaillette
Debbie Dickson
Benny Brazell
Sal Estrada



Staff and Officers

Staff

Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims
Intern/Youth- Mr. Jordan Bernard
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

Elders

Butch Ghent (2017)
David Pokopac (2017)
Ed Ogburn (2018)
Richard Crawford (2018)
Frank Brackett (2019)
Buddy Lever (2019)

Deacons

Sam Prete (2017)
Lathan Rivers (2017)
Debbie Dickson (2018)
Keith Jaillette (2018)
Debby Hegler (2019)
Dave Mohr (2019)

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Prelude

Announcements

Choral Introit

“The Church’s One Foundation”

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Organist

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Chancel Choir

Psalm 67:5

***Congregational Introit**

“At the Cross”

Song Supplement #9 verse 1

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin, Matt Armstrong & Matt Redman

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***Prayer of Adoration**

***The 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.

***Hymn**

“All Glory, Laud , and Honor”

Red Trinity Hymnal #235

** congregation stands*

Financials

March 26, 2017	
Attendance	91
General Fund	\$4,983
Total GF Contributions This Month	\$17,303
Average Monthly Budget Requirement	\$18,126
Missions Fund	\$342

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.

REMEMBER YOUR
CHURCH IN
YOUR ESTATE
PLANNING OR
YOUR WILL.

(Kyle asked Phil Baer to share about the Lacandón ministry)

Bible translation is important because history shows the church will not stand unless Scripture is available in the heart language of the people. Wycliffe translators don't just translate, they also promote Scripture Engagement.

The Lacandón people live isolated in the dense forest of Mexico near the Guatemala border. They speak Lacandón, not Spanish. My father completed the NT translation in 1979. He was working on Psalms in 1999 when he died.

Recent missionary research demonstrates that traditional people similar to the Lacandón are "oral people." They learn more quickly and retain more of what they learn by listening rather than by reading. God used this information to challenge me to provide the Lacandóns with Scripture in audio. Video was later added.

Upon my first trip to the village, the people asked me, "Could you complete the Lacandón-Spanish dictionary? We need this to help our children learn Spanish." Since a dictionary would also demonstrate to Mexican educators that Lacandón was indeed a robust language and not gibberish, I agreed.

The Lacandón church, started in 1975, faces many challenges. Children are not following the Lord. Few adults or youth read, making it difficult for them to know what the Bible teaches. New churches have recently sprung up with pastors who preach solely in Spanish, which Lacandóns do not understand.

What is the Lacandón project endeavoring to accomplish? 1) To challenge the non-Christians, 2) to encourage the believers, 3) to persuade Mexican pastors to use Lacandón Scriptures and songs, 4) to urge everyone to study the Bible for themselves. To that end: I visit people and provide written and audio Scriptures, video Bible stories, and Scripture songs on CDs, DVDs, audio players, and cell phones. Bible stories are particularly powerful. Stories can move us to tears; change our attitudes, opinions and behaviors.

Sarah works as a JAARS manager while I work under Wycliffe/SIL. We could not do this work if it weren't for your prayers and support. Thank you so much!

Phil Baer Jr.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

Assurance Of Pardon

Titus 3:4-6

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Hymn

Red Trinity Hymnal #240

"The King Of Glory Comes"

***Confession of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“A Wind Blew Over Calvary”

***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#189

“Universal Praise”

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 903

John 17:12-19

Sermon

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

“The Word Of God Sanctifies In Truth ”

Prayer of Application

Thursday, April 6, 2017 - John 17:10

Christ is glorified in His people. We are the results of His work. He came to earth to be the mediator between God and man. He came to restore to God a people who know, worship, and glorify Him. It is through Christ that the mercy and love of God is seen in the World. It is by the power of the Gospel of Christ that people from all over the earth receive and believe the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is in these people that Jesus Christ is glorified. We are here because of who Jesus is and what He has done.

Friday, April 7, 2017 - John 17:11

Here we see the great theme of Jesus’ prayer. Jesus is concerned about His friends and disciples because He is no longer going to be in the world. He is the point of contact for His people and now He is leaving to go back to the Father, so He prays that they would be kept in the Father’s name. This means that they would be kept by the power of God. He prays that they would continue to be one. Jesus expresses the closeness of being “one” by comparing it to the oneness that He and the Father have together. How important for us to see that we are connected to each other in Jesus. He desires and even prays for us to be one by the power of God. How important does this make worship, church, and fellowship?

Saturday, April 8, 2017 - John 17:12

Jesus had been keeping the disciples by His power. He had only lost one, and this was by design. Judas had been exposed at the Last Supper and was even now betraying Christ. Was this a failure of the power of God? Absolutely not! Jesus gives an answer for why he fell away. It was a part of God’s plan so that the scriptures could be fulfilled. Judas was the son of destruction, not one of God’s people. If you are God’s people, God guards you to the end. Romans 8 teaches us that the Gospel, if received and believed, will take you all the way home to heaven.

Devotions

Monday, April 3, 2017 - John 17:7

Jesus has come to show that He is from God. He has the power of God, which is seen in the power He has to perform miracles. He has the wisdom of God, which is seen in the teaching that Jesus gives in His ministry. As he prays for His people, He acknowledges that they have received the message! He is the Son of God. He and the Father are one. All that He has been given and all that He has shown is from the Father. He has come with the power and the wisdom of the one true God. This is crucial for them and it is crucial for us. They knew the truth of who Jesus is. Do you know Jesus this way?

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 - John 17:8

Jesus gave God's Word to the World. Whoever will receive it and believe it will be saved through the Word of God. Here we see that the disciples did just that; they received and believed the Word. They received the truth and believed that Jesus had come from the Father. This means that He was the chosen one who would bring salvation. The Disciples got it! They have heard the words and received it as from God. They have believed what it taught about Jesus. These were God's people because they received and believed God's Word.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 - John 17:9

Why would Jesus pray for His people and not the world? It is because His people are special to Him. You can love children of all sorts and sizes, but you will love your own children even more. This is because they are yours. Note well that Jesus says this in the verse. They are Jesus' because they were given to Him by the Father. They have always been the Father's people. This does not mean that the World is not important to Jesus, but it does teach us how much we, His people, mean to Him. He is our Father in heaven, Jesus is our brother, and we are the children of the living God. This means we are special. This means that He sees and knows our troubles and responds because of who we are as His people.

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #252

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

Song Supplement #1 verse 1

"Benediction"

Words and Music by Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Sermon Notes

Text: John 17:12-19

Title: “The Word Of God Sanctifies In Truth ”

Prayer Emphasis

This week I want you to take some time and pray for these specific needs within our church, community, and world.

1. Pray for those who are struggling with issues of faith. Help them to know, receive, and believe the truth of the Gospel from the Word of God.
2. Pray for Andrew Brunson’s release from prison. Pray that our government will be more active in working for his release from prison in Turkey.
3. Pray for our Seniors who are graduating from High School this year and preparing to go off to College next year.
4. Pray for our youth. Pray that they will understand what church is about in their life. Pray that their motives will be focused on Jesus Christ.
5. Pray for the lost of Lancaster. Pray that they will be presented with the gospel. Pray that God will draw people to Himself.
6. Pray that the Gospel will transform our church, community, and world.
7. Pray for our Sister churches:
 - Grace Presbyterian- Columbia, SC- Pastor: Rev. Brandon Barrett
 - Hickory Grove ARP- Hickory Grove, SC- Supply Pastors: Rev. Wilson & Rev. Morrow

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Bradford & Carol Nims-Presbyterian

Home- Florence

Carlyle & Mott Henley

Clara Nell Robinson

Erin Tindal

Gene Hunter

George Mason

Greta Cureton- Fractured Ankle

Harold Allen- Lungs and Heart

I. W. Caskey - Recovery at Home

James Caskey

Mary Brown Parks-Morningside

Mary Ella Jordan

Miranda Bohler- Cousin's Death

Nancy Ogburn- Back Issues

Pat McEachern

Sally Lloyd

Sheryl Huey

Tom Strickland

Missionaries

Mark & Natalie Witte-Spain

Phil & Sarah Baer-Wycliffe

Rebekah Carson-Germany

Church Planters

Ben Carver- Shem Creek

Wise-Pageland

Awtrey-Exploratory Work in Irmo

Turner- Arsenal Hill

Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey

Anne Nims

Chasity Aycoth- Sheryl Huey's Niece- Cancer

Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister

Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom

Doris Hudson-Lorri Crawford's Mother

Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX- Cancer

George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church-

Cancer

Jane Aiken- Complications of MS

JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother

John Boykin- Scruggs' Friend- Cancer

John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's

Nephew- Seizures

Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom

Mark Caskey- Dell Ghent's Brother- Recovery From

Surgery

Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother

Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend-

Cancer

Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law

Pregnancy

Shannon & Jeff Schrage

Shay & William Belk

Military

Alex Coale- Japan

Dillon Coale- ROTC

Ian

Matt

Rob

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

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- **EASTER MUSIC PROGRAM** We will have our annual Easter Cantata at 6PM Sunday, April 9 followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** We will not have Wednesday night activities April 12. A Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7PM April 13 at Oak Ridge ARP Church. Jordan Bernard will be preaching.
- **EASTER EGG HUNT** We will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt from 1:00-2:30PM Saturday, April 15. Donations will be needed by Sunday, April 9. A signup sheet for volunteers and supplies is on the bulletin board.
- **BONCLARKEN WORK WEEK** This year's volunteer work week will be held April 16-21. See Buddy Lever with any questions
- **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** We will host a prayer breakfast May 4 at 8:30AM in observance of this year's National Day of Prayer. Other area churches are also invited to attend.

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.

MAILBOXES Please remember to check the mailboxes in the hallway behind the choir loft. Church family and friends are using these to send birthday cards and get well wishes. A couple families still have Christmas cards in their boxes.



SUMMER AT BONCLARKEN Don't forget opportunities at Bonclarken this summer when planning your family's time. A schedule of events including Family Bible Conference, Camp Joy, Music Conference, and several other options is posted on the bulletin board. For more information or online registration visit <http://www.bonclarken.org/arpevents.html>.



CWM MEET AND

GREET First ARP Rock Hill will host the Catawba Women's Ministries Meet and Greet Saturday, April 29 from 9AM-

12:30PM. The event theme is ARP magazine and editor Susan Tanner will be the speaker. Registration and a light breakfast begins at 9AM followed by a time to get to know other ARP's, have fun, and learn more about the ARP Magazine. The meeting will end with lunch served by the ladies of First ARP Rock Hill. There is no cost and all ladies are invited to attend. RSVP to administrativeassistant@firstarp.org or call the church at 803.327.2009. Give your name and the name of your church.

*If you would like to carpool to the event, please contact our church office.

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

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



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Join us for Wednesday Family Night. Supper is at 5:55 followed by classes at 6:30. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. **Please sign up or contact the church office by Tuesday if you plan to eat.**



Are you praying for your Ten List?

Packets are available in the church office.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

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

