

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 16

9:15 Officer's Meeting
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship

Wednesday, April 19

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

Friday, April 21

7:00 Youth Breakfast

Volunteers

Nursery

Toddlers

Greeters (F)
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Elders

Captain

Co Captain

Ushers

April 16

Kelly Sims
Stacey Pegram
Mike & Past Scruggs
Butch & Dell Ghent

April

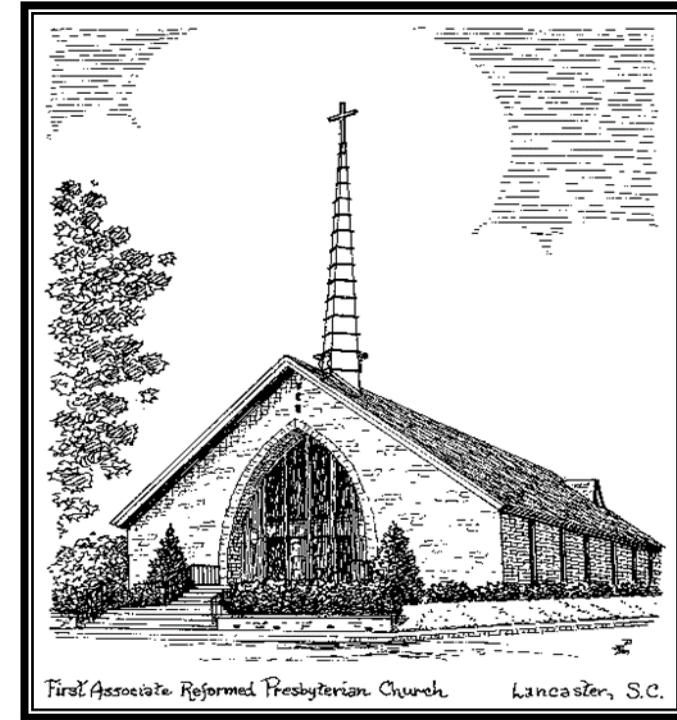
Frank Brackett
Buddy Lever
David Mohr
Keith Jaillette
Steve Willis
Mike Scruggs

April 23

Natalie Carmichael
Erin Tindal
Richard & Lorri Crawford
Richard & Patricia Gardner

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

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Prelude

Organist

Announcements

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Choral Introit

Chancel Choir

“This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:1,15-17 with antiphon

Christ is Risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

Christ is risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

Hark, glad songs of victory in tents of the righteous;

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted.

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord!

Christ is risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

***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.

Financials

April 9, 2017	
Attendance	103/91
General Fund	\$2,957
Total GF Contributions This Month	\$8,319
Average Monthly Budget Requirement	\$18,126
Missions Fund	\$140
Easter Offering	\$349

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.

What is a Christian - By Rev. Ian Hamilton

I would like to ask you a question. But before I ask my question, I want first to prepare the way. The Bible has many ways to describe what a Christian is. A Christian is a forgiven sinner, a new creation in Christ, an adopted child of God, a heaven-bound pilgrim. One of the most dramatic descriptions of a Christian, however, is found in Romans 6:13, where Paul tells us that a Christian, every Christian, is someone who has been 'brought from death to life.' Paul is making a categorical statement. He is not highlighting a possibility but declaring a fact, an accomplished, once for all, unrepeatable and undeniable fact. If you are a Christian, you have been 'brought from death to life.' You may not feel you have, but if you are a Christian you have!

First, what is this 'death' that Christians no longer live in? In the Bible death is principally a spiritual state. God said to Adam, 'In the day you eat, you shall surely die' (Gen. 2:17). Adam ate the forbidden fruit (God was testing Adam's obedience) and he died. Physically the process of death began to take over his life, but spiritually at that moment he died. Death is the state of alienation from God. Death is the lifestyle of separation from God, the lifestyle of rebellion against the sovereign Lordship of God. More than this, however, death is a dominion, a kingdom ruled over by a king, Satan. This is the kingdom that every single one of us belonged to because of our union with Adam our first head. When he disobeyed God, we disobeyed God in him. He was the head of humanity and when he fell, we all fell; 'in Adam all die' (1 Cor. 15:22).

Second, what is this 'life' that Christians have been brought into? Just as life is the opposite of death, so this 'life' which Christians have been brought into is the opposite of alienation from God and rebellion against his Lordship. 'Life' is the sphere where separation from God is replaced by fellowship with God, where alienation from God is replaced by friendship with God. 'Life' is the world, the sphere, where God is loved, where Jesus is confessed and loved as Lord and Saviour, where nothing will ever separate us from God's love (Rom. 8:37-39).

Third, this leaves us to ask how are we taken from death to life? Notice the phrase, 'have been brought from death to life'. The verb is in the passive mood, that is, God did it. By his gracious sovereign action, God brought us out of death and into life. When did he do this? He did it on Calvary's cross when God's Son paid the ransom price of our sin (Mark 10:45). In Adam we all died, but in Christ, our better Head, we were all raised to life. In Christ, God accomplished our rescue from the kingdom of death and darkness (Col. 1:13). But we do not come into the possession of this rescue until we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and embrace him as Saviour and Lord.

Now, finally, my question: Are you living, am I living, as someone who has been brought from death into life? Would anyone looking at your life and my life conclude that we had experienced a resurrection? The idea of resurrection is dramatic. Imagine meeting someone who had died but then been raised to life. The encounter would be dramatic, to say the least. Every Christian is a resurrected man or woman. We have become partakers of the life of the risen Christ. The life of the world to come has already come and invaded our lives. What will such a life look like? Rather than weary you, read Galatians 5, verses 22-23 and Colossians 3, verses 12-17. Now, stop what you are doing. Reflect. Meditate. Repent. Rejoice. By the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, be what you are, someone who has been raised from death to life.

*Hymn

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Red Trinity Hymnal #295

*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

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

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1 Peter 1:3-5

Sermon

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

“A Living Hope Through Christ’s Resurrection”

Prayer of Application

Hymn

Song Supplement #35 verses 1-3

“Behold the Lamb”

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation and Fencing

Confession of Sin

Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though You freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though You healed us. We have not forgiven others even though You forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though You freely gave us your own Son. We are without excuse, but not without hope. By Your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus bloody death and amend our ways by the power of His glorious resurrection. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Words of Institution

Prayer

Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thursday, April 19, 2017 - John 17:23

Here Jesus expands on the idea of oneness between himself, the Father, and His Church to include being perfectly one. The reasons attached to this need of oneness are that the world would know that Jesus was sent by God and that the disciples are loved by God just as Jesus is loved by the Father. We are close to God and we should be close to each other in the church. There should be a close unity between all believers. The divisions between us should be left at the door and we should be one in Jesus.

Friday, April 20, 2017 - John 17:24

Jesus is leaving the church in the world, but not forever. He is praying that His people will be with Him in heaven. Jesus is not using us and leaving us. He loves His church. He leaves us here to do His work and share in His glory. However, He is going to take us home to heaven. He wants us to see the glory and love of the Father that has been ours since the foundation of the world.

Saturday, April 21, 2017 - John 17:25-26

Jesus is our mediator. He is our link to the Father because He knows the Father. Jesus has come to make the Father known to us. He has made known the name of the Father to church., but the world does not know the Father. It is to the church, the people that God loves, that Jesus makes known the Father; that they might be one with God and united to Jesus. He is the only way we can know God. He came to make known the salvation of God so that men might be saved and restored to know the living God.

Devotions

Monday, April 16, 2017 - John 17:20

If you are a Christian, then Jesus is praying for you in verse 20. He is not just praying for His disciples in this chapter, but He is praying for the church He is leaving behind after His death, resurrection, and ascension back to the Father. He is not going to ride off into the sunset and forget those He is leaving behind. He is praying for close friends He has known and taught. He is also praying for those that will believe the message He has given to His friends, and this is you. If Jesus ever seems far off or cold to you, remember this verse and know that Jesus prayed for you.

Tuesday, April 17, 2017 - John 17:21

The idea of oneness is a key component to Jesus' prayer at several points in Chapter 17. The church is to be one so that the world might believe that Jesus was sent by God. The world can be described by what divides us. We see the division of mankind at every level: global, national, local, and even in families and close friendships. Sinful man is quick to divide. In this context, the church shows a unique unity in Jesus. It is an example to the world of God's power to save through Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, April 18, 2017 - John 17:22

We share in Christ's glory. We do not have the intrinsic glory that is God's alone, but we are connected to Jesus Christ. We are His glorious body and He is the head of the body the church. We share in the work He called His disciples to engage in until He returns. He shares His glory with us by the Gospel working in us and through us.

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #35 verse 4

"Behold the Lamb"

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***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

Song Supplement #1 verse 1

"Benediction"

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

Isaiah 12:4

And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted."

Sermon Notes

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-5

Title: “A Living Hope Through Christ’s Resurrection”

Prayer Emphasis

- God will give us a heart for the lost, and that we would have the need and desire to spread the Gospel
- God would work in the hearts of those who hear the Gospel, and that they would come to know Christ as their Savior
- We are reminded of the importance of worship every week, and that we would have the desire to gather together on the Lord’s Day
- We would not see church as checking off a box each week, but as an opportunity to come, worship, and grow in Christ
- The Lord would heal and give strength to those who have health problems as they lean on Him through these hardships
- Those with spiritual needs would find their hope and their fulfillment in Christ
- Our youth programs:
 - God would continue to work in these kids
 - They would come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior
 - They will continue to grow in their faith
 - Our church would continue to help them in their walk
- We would continue to be sanctified each day
 - We would become more like Christ
 - We can overcome the sins and temptations in our lives
 - We would grow to love the Lord and His commandments
- Our Sister churches:
 - Hill City- Rock Hill, SC- Pastor: Rev. Daniel Wells
 - Hope- Pearland, TX- Pastor: Rev. Gentry McColm

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Bradford & Carol Nims-Presbyterian

Home- Florence

Carlyle & Mott Henley

Clara Nell Robinson

Erin Tindal

Gene Hunter

George Mason

Harold Allen- Lungs and Heart

I. W. Caskey - Recovery at Home

James Caskey

Mary Brown Parks-Morningside

Mary Ella Jordan

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

Ian Wise-Pageland

Matt Awtrey-Exploratory Work in Irmo

Rob 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

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.

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. **Please sign up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, April 26 if you would like to attend.** The bus will be available if we have enough attendees to require it.



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- **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.

Are you praying for your Ten List?

Packets are available in the church office.

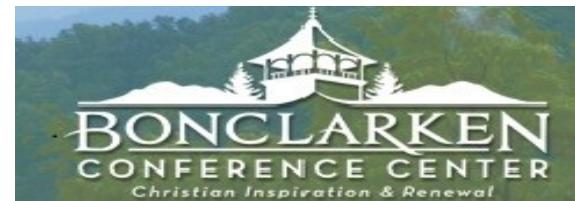


WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Join us for Wednesday Family Night. Supper is at 5:55 followed by classes at 6:30. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. **Please sign up or contact the church office by Tuesday if you plan to eat.**



SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

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



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>.

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who had a part in last Sunday's reception following our Easter program of music. All congregational gatherings take planning, preparation, and of course, cleanup! Your help before and after the reception made the evening a success. It was a beautiful night; thank you for giving your time to honor our Adult and Children's Choirs.



RELAY FOR LIFE

2017 This year's Lancaster event will be held Friday, April 28 at LANCASTER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION, 260 S. Plantation Rd., Lancaster, SC. The event begins at 5:30PM.

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

