

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 23

9:15 Officer's Meeting
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
5:30 Youth

Monday, April 24

6:30 Trail Life

Wednesday, April 26

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

Friday, April 28

7:00 Youth Breakfast
5:30 Relay for Life

Saturday, April 29

9:00 CWM Meet & Greet

Volunteers

Nursery

Toddlers

Greeters (F)
(S)

Elders

Captain

Co Captain

Ushers

April 23

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

April

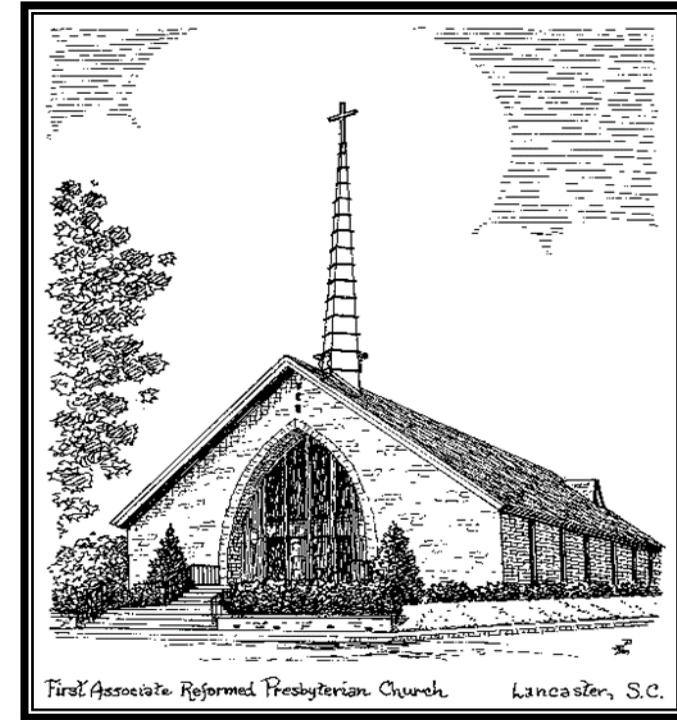
Frank Brackett
Buddy Lever
David Mohr
Keith Jaillette
Steve Willis
Mike Scruggs

April 30

Dell Ghent
Susan Prete
Phillip & Stacey Pegram
Joe & Debby Hegler

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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April 23, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Organist
Mr. Jordan Bernard

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

Psalm 69:34

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #9

“At the Cross”

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

Financials

April 16, 2017	
Attendance	133
General Fund	\$3,570
Total GF Contributions This Month	\$11,919
Average Monthly Budget Requirement	\$18,126
Missions Fund	\$75
Easter Offering	\$372
Memorial Fund	\$125

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.

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



REMEMBER YOUR
CHURCH IN
YOUR ESTATE
PLANNING OR
YOUR WILL.

*congregation stands

**universal

Vacation Bible School is something that has become very widespread in our culture during the summer months. Any given week in June or July, you will see a banner for an upcoming VBS. It is a great opportunity for our kids to come and grow in Christ through songs, skits, crafts, games, and Bible lessons.

However, VBS is not just for kids who may already know the Gospel. It is a great outreach opportunity to tell the lost about Jesus, and I feel that should be our mindset when it comes to VBS. Just like the 10 List, we should start thinking of children and families that our VBS can impact. Start talking to others about it now, so that they can be here when the time comes June 11th-15th. Sure, some of these kids may have grown up in a church, but this might be the opportunity God has made for them to come to Christ. Also, there may be children who have never stepped foot inside a church before. This is why VBS can be so crucial to evangelism outreach. We must not look at it as just the same old thing we do every summer. We have a great opportunity that we should not treat as "just another church event." Let's change our mindset about VBS, and let us look at it as a great chance to share the Gospel.

Also, VBS can't run on its own. Our Appalachia Team will be helping with our program this year as preparation for their trip in June, but we still need other volunteers. We need help with classes, meals, decorating, and other background roles to help VBS run smoothly. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office on which you can sign up to help and there are several areas where you are needed. Group leaders take their assigned age group from station to station, interacting with them each night. Bible leaders are responsible for teaching the Bible lesson to the kids each evening. Craft leaders show the kids how to do the various crafts and help them make items that reinforce the nightly lessons. Recreation leaders run the games that the kids will play. We need people for registration to help sign the kids in and keep track of the numbers. We need folks to prepare a meal each night for the kids. We also provide a lesson time for youth not helping with VBS and we could use help with that as well.

Wherever you feel led, I encourage all of you to help where you are able, so that VBS can run well this summer. Let's work together in preparation and prayer, so that God may use our Vacation Bible School to lead kids to Christ.

Jordan Bernard
Pastoral Intern

***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.

Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Red Trinity Hymnal #273

Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory

"Gentle Spirit, Dwell With Me"

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#160

“Divine Strength For Protection”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Elizabeth Sims

“He Shall Feed His Flock”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 811

Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon

Mr. Jordan Bernard

“Why Worry?”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal#276

“Up From the Grave He Arose”

Thursday April 27, 2017 - John 18:10-11

Peter is so quick to defend Jesus that he cuts and cuts off a man’s ear. However, Jesus stops him and tells him to put up his sword, for He must drink the cup of God’s wrath that was about to be poured up on Him. We are again reminded here of the punishment that Christ endured for us. He did not just suffer for one man’s sin, but for the sins of all His people, and yet Christ willingly took the punishment upon Himself. What a Savior we have, that He would take on the punishment for all of our sins and transgressions. How can we repay Him for what He has done? The truth is, nothing we can do can repay Christ for what He has done, but we can live our lives for Him. We can glorify and praise Him for His sacrifice for us.

Friday, April 28, 2017 - John 18:12-14

Here we see Caiaphas and Annas, high ranking members of the Jewish council, caring more about their political ambitions than about their responsibility to lead the people to God. As the nation’s spiritual leaders, they should have seen who Jesus truly was, but they were blinded by their sin. They put their own selfish needs before their duty to the people. In this way, our sin blinds us as to who Jesus is. It is only through the Holy Spirit working in us that we can see Jesus as the Messiah, but we also let our sin blind our judgment. We become more focused on our personal desires and not on Christ, and we fall victim to our temptations. In all we do, Christ should always come first. Are there sinful things you put before Christ that cloud your judgement? In what ways can you remedy this and put Christ first?

Saturday, April 29, 2017 - John 18:15-19

Peter was hesitant to follow Jesus into the hearing before the high priest. He followed for a while, but he stopped at a distance. He was scared that he would be persecuted too, and he even went so far as saying he did not know Christ! Sometimes, we might want to be an “at a distance Christian,” and we may not even want to call ourselves a Christian. We may say that we believe in Christ, but we aren't one of those uptight Christians. We want to fit in with the world so we are not singled out. However, being a Christian is not something we should shy away from. We should want to identify ourselves with Christ, and we should not be ashamed of following Him. Do you keep your faith secret at your job or at school? Jesus is not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters, and we should not be ashamed to call Him our Lord and Savior.

Devotions

Monday, April 24, 2017 - John 18:1-4

The time had come for Christ to be delivered into the hands of His enemies. Jesus knew that they were coming to arrest Him before He had gone into the garden. He could have run because of this fore-knowledge, but He chose to stay because He knew what He had to do to save His people. If you knew someone was coming to kill you for crimes you did not commit, wouldn't you run? Jesus could have taken the easy way out, but He went because He loved us so much. This was the only way we could be forgiven, and Jesus put our needs before Himself. This reminds us of His love, and it also reminds us of how we are to love others. We are to put their needs above our own, just as Christ did for us.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 - John 18:5-6

Why would these men cower when Jesus said, "I am He"? In the original Greek, this can be translated as "I AM", which is saying that Jesus is God Himself. God's name, Yahweh in Hebrew, stands for "I AM WHO I AM", and Jesus is saying that He is I AM. These men are cowering because before them stood God Himself, and they were afraid. Do you hear the name Jesus and treat it with reverence, or do you not think anything about it? We often view Christ as our friend, and we don't take Him seriously. We must remember that Jesus is the Son of God and that He is our King. We should hold Him in high regard for who He is and what He has done, and we do this through our thoughts, words, and actions. Do you see Christ for who He truly is, and are you glorifying Him in your life?

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - John 18:7-9

Christ tells His accusers to let the disciples go, for He is the one that they seek, and the disciples are released. We are reminded here that Christ will never lose one of His people to Satan. His redeeming work on the cross has secured our salvation, so that we may never lose it. If you have ever worried that you will lose your salvation because of the sins you have committed, there is hope. Our salvation does not rest on ourselves; it rests upon Christ. His work on the cross and in the Resurrection was final, and there is no way that we can mess that up. We can have full assurance that, by believing in Christ, we are saved. We should not worry about our screw ups, but enjoy the Christian life that Christ has provided for us.

***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

Romans 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

Sermon Notes

Text: Matthew 6:25-34

Title: "Why Worry?"

Prayer Emphasis

- Pray for our Sister churches:
 - Hope Presbyterian- Opelousas, LA- Pastor: Rev. Dean Rydbeck
 - Hopewell ARP- Blackstock, SC- Pastor: _____

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Carol Nims- Hospital
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 Family and Friends of Bradford Nims
 Gene Hunter
 George Mason
 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
 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
 Sara Semple- Recovery from Surgery

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



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- 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. Registration and a light breakfast begin at 9AM. Lunch will be served by the ladies of First ARP Rock Hill. There is no cost and all ladies are invited to attend. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details. **Please sign up by Wednesday, April 26 if you would like to attend.**
- 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 ARP churches are also invited to attend. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board.
- PROMOTION SUNDAY We will recognize our graduates and advancing Sunday School students Sunday, May 28 during the Worship service.

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.

Are you praying for your Ten List?

Packets are available in the church office.



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>.

APPALACHIA MEETING Youth going

to Appalachia will have lunch and a meeting after today's service. Youth from Rock Hill ARP will join the meeting at 2PM.



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Join us for Supper 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 the Tuesday prior if you plan to eat.**

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.

If you are helping with setting up the church booth at this event, please meet at the church by 12PM.

PRAYER LIST If you, a friend, or family member are on our prayer list, please contact the church office with an update.

VBS 2017 This year's VBS will be Sunday, June 11- Thursday, June 15 from 5:30-8:15PM.



Plan to bring your children as we join Paul and learn about the underground church in Rome. Dinner, Bible stories, crafts, and games will be included. Spread the word to family and friends. Online registration is available at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/firstarplancaster> or click on the link on our church website at firstarplancaster.org. There is also a volunteer signup on the bulletin board. Pick your slot before your favorite is taken.

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

