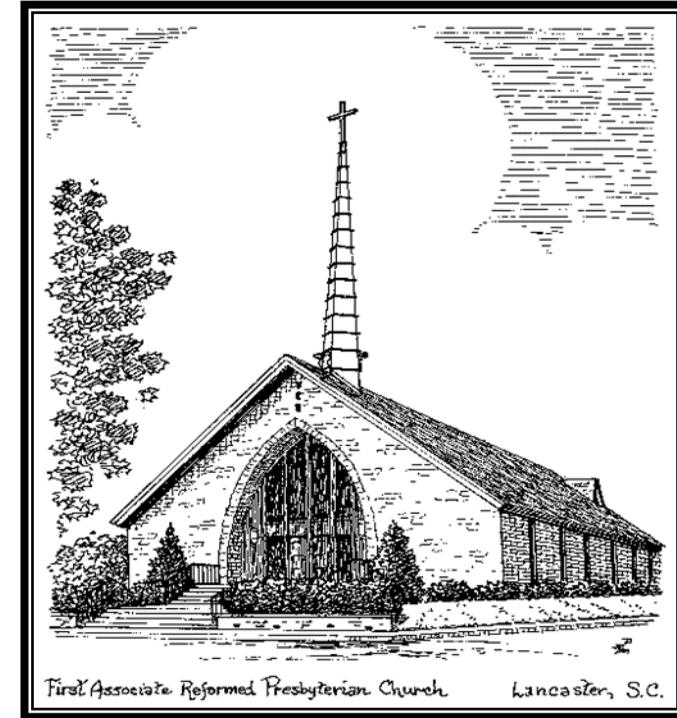


# Volunteers

	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 23</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Dell Ghent	Kimberly Hefner
<b>Toddlers</b>	Susan Prete	Grace Kelso
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Benny & Geri Brazell	Mike & Pat Scruggs
<b>(S)</b>	Wayne & Debbie Dickson	Butch & Dell Ghent
	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Frank Brackett	Butch Ghent
	Buddy Lever	David Pokopac
<b>Captain</b>	David Mohr	Debby Hegler
<b>Co Captain</b>	Debby Hegler	Debbie Dickson
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Hegler	Richard Shields
	Matthew Rivers	Ben Rivers



# Staff and Officers

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	Butch Ghent (2017)	Sam Prete (2017)
Intern/Youth- Mr. Jordan Bernard	David Pokopac (2017)	Lathan Rivers (2017)
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	Ed Ogburn (2018)	Debbie Dickson (2018)
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	Richard Crawford (2018)	Keith Jaillette (2018)
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	Frank Brackett (2019)	Debby Hegler (2019)
	Buddy Lever (2019)	Dave Mohr (2019)

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July 16, 2017

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Mrs. Amy Jones

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Mr. Jordan Bernard

## ENTERING WORSHIP

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 96:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>6</sup>Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

### **\*Hymn**

Song Supplement #20

*“In Christ Alone”*

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend*

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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.

*\*congregation stands*

# Financials

## **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.

July 9, 2017	
Attendance	89
General Fund	\$3,881
Total GF contributions This Month	\$7,879
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$100

General Fund	June	YTD
Contributions	\$22,458	\$143,593
Expenditures	\$26,255	\$145,502
Difference	<b>(\$3,797)</b>	<b>(\$1,909)</b>
Missions Support		
Contributions	\$532	\$3,152
Expenditures	\$481	\$9,087
Congregational Care Fund		
Contributions	\$11	\$2,424
Expenditures	\$30	\$30
Memorial Fund		
Contributions	\$250	\$475
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Month end balance	\$2,399	

# This Week’s Schedule

## **Sunday, July 16**

- 9:15 Officer Meeting
- 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 5:30 Youth Group
- 6:00 Security Team Meeting

## **Wednesday, July 19**

Youth Hangout Day- Movies and Games

## **Friday, July 21**

Youth Cookout at Bernard’s

# Pastor's Corner

July 16, 2017

We had amazing week at Appalachia, and I want to thank all of you that supported us financially and in your prayers. This is more than just a fun trip away from home. While we still have fun, it is a lot of work. Our team did an outstanding job ministering to these children this past week, and you should be proud of them. As a leader, it was awesome to see God working through our young men and women and seeing the work He is doing in our youth as well. We had early mornings and late nights, but our kids muscled through it and used all their energy reserves to be enthusiastic when it came time for Bible school.

As any of our team will tell you, the first thought of Camp Jubilee was probably shock. Previously staying at LMU, we had nice, fancy apartments, and we were going to be staying at bunkhouses at Camp Jubilee. It was an adjustment, but we all remembered that we were going to Appalachia not for the accommodations, but to share the Gospel. It turned out that we had a great time at the camp. It was neat to see our kids interacting more with kids from other churches and starting to build relationships with them. Worship was much more intimate in the chapel at Camp Jubilee than in the colosseum at LMU. I believe that God used Camp Jubilee as a major blessing for the trip this past week and for years to come.

There is way to much to talk about with the limited space we have in the bulletin. When you get a chance, take the time to talk to one of our team members, so they can tell you more about the trip. We will have our Appalachia presentation on Sunday July 30th at 6:00PM. I encourage everyone to come out and hear all that the Lord did this week at Appalachia. If you have a rising 9th grader, I highly recommend that they plan on attending this mission trip next year. It is a trip that makes a huge impact, not only on the kids we serve, but on our kids as well. Please be in prayer for all of the children we worked with this past week. Pray that the seeds that were planted in them will be watered by the Holy Spirit so they may come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that the kids who know Christ will continue to grow in their love and relationship with Him.

Again, thank you all so much for your support in this trip, and let's start gearing up for next year.

Jordan Bernard  
Youth Director/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

Red Trinity Hymnal #164

*"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"*

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

*"They Shall Soar Like Eagles"*

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**\*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 #77A

*“My Voice To God, Aloud I Plead”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible Page 981

Philippians 1:1-11

**Sermon**

Mr. Jordan Bernard

*“Finding Joy In the Church”*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #363

*“I Love Thy Kingdom Lord” (all verses)*

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

**\*Benediction**

Thursday, July 20th, 2017-Ephesians 1:3

Paul turns his thanks to God by thanking Him for the blessings given to us by Jesus Christ. We have been blessed beyond all measure with every spiritual blessing we can think of. We have been saved by Jesus and given the blessing of the Holy Spirit in us that connects us with God. We may tend to overlook these spiritual blessings and pay more attention to what the world would call blessings, however, worldly blessings will waste away while our spiritual blessings are eternal. Are you blessing God for the spiritual blessings in your life, or are you taking them for granted? Are you concerned about monetary things, or are you constantly meditating on the spiritual gifts of God?

Friday, July 21st, 2017-Ephesians 1:4-5

We like to think that we are in control of everything, but these verses remind us that God is always in control. Before the beginning of time He set us apart to be His people. We have been predestined to come to know Jesus Christ as our Savior, so we may be holy and blameless when we go to Heaven. It is awesome to know that we, in our sinful ways, cannot screw that up. God has determined us to be His people from the very beginning, and there is nothing that can get between Him and us. Your salvation is secure because of God’s providence, and there is nothing you can do to lose it. God’s purposes always come to pass, and this should encourage us when we face adversity and suffering. Although we may be weak, we know God is strong and in control. Do you find comfort in God’s providence? How can you better rely on God when things are out of your control in your own life?

Saturday, July 22nd, 2017-Ephesians 1:6

God’s ultimate purpose is not redemption in itself, but praise of His glorious name through redemption. The Westminster Catechism says that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. This is why we were created, but sin got in the way. Sin cut us off from God so we could no longer enjoy Him and were unable to glorify Him. Through redemption in Christ, we come to see our sin and rely on Jesus. Through Christ, our relationship with God is restored, and as we grow in our knowledge and love for Him, we begin to glorify Him and praise His name for who He is and what He has done for us. When we see how blessed we are because of God’s love for us, we cannot help but shout praises to the Lord. Do you praise the Lord for all He has done for you? Do you glorify Him and praise His name daily or do you take it for granted?

# Devotions

Monday, July 17th, 2017-Ephesians 1:1a

Paul begins his greeting to the Ephesians with his name and his calling by God to be an apostle. Paul did not choose to be an apostle on his own, but he was called by the will of God to do so. None of us are called to be apostles, but we have all been called by God for His purposes. Some of us are called to be pastors and to shepherd the people. Others have been called to teach in Sunday School or other classes. Some have been called to use their gifts and talents such as singing or playing an instrument. The list goes on and on. We are all called to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in some way, shape, or form. How are you sharing the Gospel with what God has given you? Even if you are not called to be a pastor, how can God use you in your own occupation and in the church?

Tuesday, July 18th, 2017-Ephesians 1:1b

When we think of the word “saint”, we tend to think of the saints in the Bible or those dubbed with the title of “saint” by the Roman Catholic Church. In this verse, saints refer to those who are God’s people, those who have been set apart for Him. The church is made up of saints who are faithful to Christ. One who has put their trust and faith in Christ can be called a saint because he or she is deemed holy not by their own works but by Christ’s. You may think that you are not qualified to be a saint because of the sin in your life. In fact, none of us are qualified, but we have been deemed worthy because of Christ. We still make mistakes, but the Spirit works in us to make us more like Christ each day. Paul does not see a saint as someone who is perfect, but one who has been set apart, and we have been set apart because of our faith.

Wednesday, July 19th, 2017-Ephesians 1:2

Paul prays for grace and peace for the Ephesians. We don't come across grace and peace like something you pick up at the store. Grace and peace are blessings given to us from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are given grace because Christ represented us and paid our punishment, a gift we didn't deserve. We find peace in knowing that, no matter what is going on in our lives, we have the assurance of salvation in Christ. We try to find peace in the world, but it won't give us the same peace only God can give. Where do you find your peace? Do you find it in Christ or in worldly things? How can looking to Christ give you peace in your life?

## LEAVING WORSHIP

### **\*Congregational Response**

Song supplement #1

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son  
And the fellowship of God the spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal the King of Kings

*“Benediction”*

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### **\*The Greeting of the Congregation**

#### **Taking the Gospel To the World**

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 1:1-11

Title: "Finding Joy In the Church"

# Prayer Emphasis

## **The Lost**

They would see their sin and need for a Savior

They would believe in Christ

We would have a heart that seeks them

God would use us to witness and reach them

## **Youth**

Youth Activities

Appalachia Children

Our youth would come to know Christ as their Savior

They would grow close to Him

## **Each Other**

Our walk with Christ

We would rely on Him

We would build up the members of the body of Christ

Through our fellowship, that we may be encouraged and strengthened

## **Sanctification**

Continue to grow in our knowledge and love of Christ

Be daily conformed to His likeness

Have hearts that yearn for His Word and to glorify Him

Love Christ's Law

## **Sister Churches**

Westminster Presbyterian- Conway, SC- Rev. John Riddle

White Oak ARP- Winnsboro, SC- Rev. Clyde McCants

# Prayer Requests

## First ARP

Benny Brazell- Back  
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence  
 Carlyle & Mott Henley  
 Chic Whitlock  
 Clara Nell Robinson  
 Erin Tindal  
 Gene Hunter  
 George Mason  
 Harold Allen- Lungs and Heart  
 I. W. Caskey  
 Mary Brown Parks-Morningside  
 Mary Ella Jordan  
 Nancy Ogburn- Back Issues  
 Pat McEachern  
 Sally Lloyd  
 Sheryl Huey  
 Tom Strickland

## Church Planters

Ben Carver- Shem Creek  
 Ian Wise-Pageland  
 Matt Awtrey-Exploratory Work in Irmo  
 Rob Turner- Arsenal Hill

## Missionaries

Mark & Natalie Witte-Spain  
 Phil & Sarah Baer-Wycliffe  
 Rebekah Carson-Germany

## Pregnancy

Shannon & Jeff Schrage  
 Shay & William Belk

## Military

Alex Coale- Japan  
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

## Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey  
 Anne Nims  
 Butch Bernard- Jordan Bernard's Grandfather  
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's  
 Parents  
 Chasity Aycoth- Sheryl Huey's Niece  
 Darryl Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's Brother  
 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister  
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom  
 Doris Hudson-Lorri Crawford's Mother  
 Family of Margie Parish- Jordan Bernard's Friend  
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX  
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church  
 Jane Aiken- Complications of MS  
 JoAn and Ernest Pardue- Benny Brazell's Sister  
 and Brother-In-Law  
 JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother  
 John Boykin- Scruggs' Friend  
 John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's  
 Nephew  
 Judy Morrison- Aaron Morrison's Step Mom  
 Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom  
 Lynn Whitesell- Virginia Fleming's Sister-In-Law  
 Mark Caskey- Dell Ghent's Brother  
 Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother  
 Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend  
 Nancy Ladd - Esther Shields' Sister  
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law  
 Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law

# 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.

**PRAYER LIST UPDATES** Please contact the church office if you, family, or friends are on the prayer list. We love to announce improvements and answered prayer.



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

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



HOPE also has a Fresh and Healthy food initiative to provide healthier food options for their clients. Additional pantry needs include:

- \*Peanut Butter    \*Jelly    \*Canned Salmon
- \*Canned Fruit    \*Dry Pasta    \*Canned Beef Stew



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

## Are you praying for your Ten List?

Packets are available in the church office.



**YOUTH EVENTS** There is a calendar of the upcoming summer events for our youth on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall. See Jordan Bernard for details or questions.

### 2017 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS

- September 22-24, 2017 Senior High Retreat - Bonclarken
- October 7, 2017 Catawba Children's Retreat- Neely's Creek Church, Rock Hill, SC, 9:00 a.m.
- October 10, 2017 Catawba Presbytery- Neely's Creek Church, Rock Hill, SC, 10:00 a.m.
- October 24, 2017 Catawba Elders' Association- Centennial Church, Columbia, SC, 7:00 p.m.
- November 3-5, 2017 Catawba Middle School Retreat- Bonclarken

**CATECHISM FOR KIDS** August 30 is our first night of classes for Wednesday Family Night. Children in Kindergarten to 5th grade will study the 107 questions of the Westminster Shorter Catechism through memorization, repetition, and play. In order to have enough printed materials available, please contact the church office at 285.1578 or onahill@comporium.net to register your child. This is a great opportunity to give your children a strong foundation in the Christian faith that they will be able to build on for eternity.



### MEETING REMINDER

Safety and Security Team will meet tonight at 6PM



**OFFERING** Next week we will collect our monthly offering for the Missions Fund. July 30, we will collect an offering for our Congregational Care Fund.