

TO MAKE KNOWN THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST

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Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church

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8:45 am - Sunday School

10 am - Morning Worship

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Dear Folks at ARPC,

The Presbyterian Church celebrates the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin this year. In my opinion, enough good cannot be said about this humble follower of Christ that God used mightily to reshape not only the church, but the face of Western civilization. Did you know that the treasured form of representative government so important to our nation has its source in the writings of John Calvin?

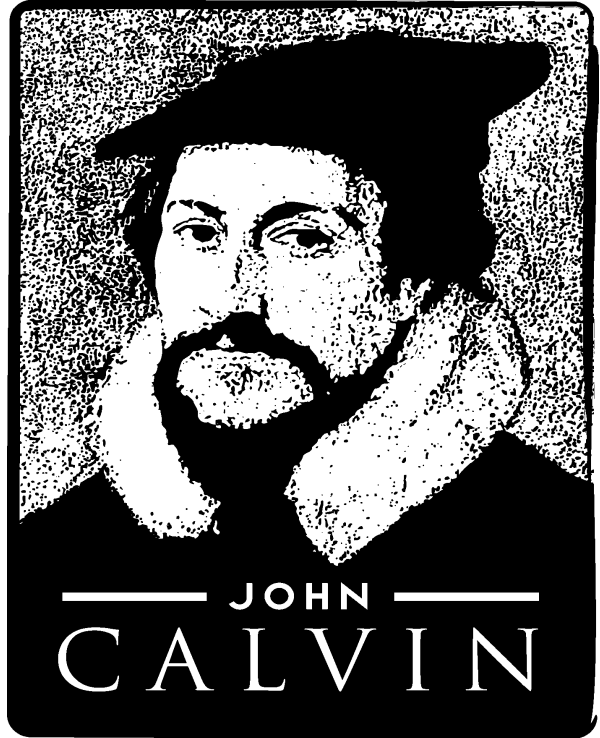
Consider for a moment his words...

I offer my heart to You, Lord, readily and sincerely.

Such words shed light on the fact that he was a pastor and a devout Christian whose heart was poured out in gratitude and joy as a humble response to the extravagant grace and goodness of God.

We will be celebrating the gift of John Calvin before the year's end. Ours is indeed a great legacy of faith!

Grace and Peace
Pastor Ron



CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES - NEW VOICES NEEDED

Do you love to sing in the car?...practice opera in the shower? Do you love to praise God? Do you love to make a joyful noise? The Chancel Choir needs you! The Chancel Choir resumes weekly practice on August 5, after a month's break.

This is the perfect time to join us and get to know us. We are just a family that loves to sing. This is also a busy time for us: First a spaghetti dinner to raise money for our choir retreat in Montreat, then a weekend practicing new music for the Advent and Christmas seasons in the beautiful setting of Black Mountain, NC.

Make plans to meet with us each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. We can't wait to make you feel welcome.



OFFICERS

Deacons and Elders, don't forget our dinner meeting on Tuesday, July 28, at 6 p.m. at Trellis Point. This will be in lieu of the July/August meetings.

Sympathy

The congregation of ARPC extends love and sympathy to:

- ◆ Heather Watkinson and Thomas Brown on the death of their mother, Jolene Brown, on Thursday, June 25, 2009. Jolene joined ARPC in 1989.
- ◆ 'Chap' Chappelle and the family on the death of Nina Chappelle on Sunday, June 28, 2009. Nina and Chap have been members of ARPC since 1973.
- ◆ The family of Mildred Brown on her death on July 10, 2009. Mildred joined ARPC in 1973 and was an active member for many years before moving to Wilmington, NC, to be near family.
- ◆ Drusilla and Jim Ingold on the death of Drusilla's brother-in-law, Rev. Curtis Blake, of Garland, Texas, on Monday, July 13, 2009. Rev. Blake was a Baptist minister in Biscoe, NC, for many years.



Congratulations

Matthew and Elizabeth Whisenant have a new son. Tillman Alexander Whisenant was born Saturday, June 20, in Wake Forest, NC. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21-1/2 inches long. Paulette and Dale Whisenant are the proud new grandparents.



Recent Illnesses

Melvin Blank Evelyn Freeman
Tom Daoust Sid Raper
Marilyn Potts

Serving ARPC in August

NURSERY

Sunday School

- Aug. 2 Nancy Parker, Susan Culbreth
- Aug. 9 Ginger Blackwelder, Robin Silipigni
- Aug. 16 Nancy McLemore, Martha Blackmon
- Aug. 23 Diann Pallman, Debra Stavrakas
- Aug. 30 Rayona Black, Brenley Ogden

Worship

- Aug. 2 Dana Baker, John Walls, Peggy Woods
- Aug. 9 Troy and Nichole Disser
Katy and Joe Leischner
- Aug. 16 Jenks Mackay, Jeni Carder
Erik and Maggie Blackwelder
- Aug. 23 Ronnie and Margie White
Cam and Maria Harne
- Aug. 30 Bill and Diann McGuirt
Rick and Darlene Penninger

HEAD USHERS AND ASSISTANTS

- Aug. 2 Barry Garrison, Eric Troutman
- Aug. 9 Marilyn Michue
- Aug. 16 Marilyn Michue, Nancy Parker
- Aug. 23 Erik Blackwelder, Eric Troutman
- Aug. 30 Erik Blackwelder, Eric Troutman

Deacon of the month: Mike Brinkley
Elder of the month: Nancy Parker

FOCUS DEADLINE
Items are due on the
20th of each month at 10 a.m.
Mark this on your calendar
for each month.

Our Faithfulness for August 2009

	07/05/09	07/12/09	07/19/09
Budget to date	\$251,892.45	261,221.80	270,551.15
Received toward Budget to date	189,838.85	199,213.40	204,507.46
Received on Budget per Sunday	6,817.79	9,374.55	5,294.06
Needed per Sunday	9,329.35	9,329.35	9,329.35
Church School Attendance	89	77	75
Worship Attendance	174	190	175
2009 Building Maintenance Fund:			
Received toward pledge to date	\$18,490.96	19,661.96	20,120.46
Received per Sunday	1,155.50	1,171.00	485.50

July 5¢-a-Meal Offerings (thru July 19) total \$199.50

August 5¢-a-Meal Offerings will be collected Sunday, August 2, 2009

Weekday School Resumes September 1

Albemarle Road
Presbyterian Weekday School
will begin its 32nd year this fall.
Classes begin on Tuesday,
September 1. There are still few
openings left. Please recommend
ARPC Weekday School to your
friends and neighbors. For more
information, call Nancy Parker,
704-536-3384.



Check Out Our Website! www.arpcusa.org

The ARPC website is an exciting new way to stay involved with ARPC and a tool to use in inviting others to our church. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the site and tell everyone you know about it!

Please also note these email addresses for ARPC and its staff members.



Link Up to Help ARPC Weekday School with Fundraising

Please re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card with ARPC Weekday School at the cash register beginning August 1. The school's VIC card number is 5488.

ARPC - info@arpcusa.org
Rev. Ron - revron@arpcusa.org
Rob Chambers - rob@arpcusa.org
Treva Bridges - treva@arpcusa.org
Newsletter info - Mary Beth Walls -
newsletter@arpcusa.org
Weekday School -
weekdayschool@arpcusa.org
Nancy Parker - nancy@arpcusa.org
Tim Brown - tim@arpcusa.org
Ron Hill - ronhill@arpcusa.org



ARPC Youth Mission Statement: Our mission is to pursue a growing relationship with God daily as we pray, worship, study, fellowship, serve and witness.



Our senior highs and their counselors (including Rob) are in Montreat this week. The youth have had a busy summer and will report on their trips at the Ice Cream Social On August 2.

In the meantime, youth, be sure to stay in touch with God through bible reading, prayer, meditation, and attending worship! Remember, God doesn't take vacations!!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 2, 5 - 7 p.m.
Ice Cream Social
Sunday, September 13
Rally Day



God is Good

Dear ARPC Family,

I want to thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, visitations, and meals that you gave me during my recent surgery. I would like to thank Rob Chambers and Annette and Leroy Mayne for their support. I also want to thank Ellen McClure for her support and transportation. And 'thank you' Dana Baker and Fran Williams for providing transportation and meals during my healing. The Lord has indeed blessed me, as I have recuperated very quickly and am doing exceptionally well. I have now been released by the surgeon and go back in three months for a check-up. The Home Care Nurse and the Physical Therapist have also released me and I can drive again. I am indeed blessed to be a member of a loving, caring congregation at ARPC. All the help and encouragement is certainly appreciated. Again, thank you for everything.

God bless all of us.
Ed Schweiger

Thank You!

Dear ARPC Family,

Special thanks to everyone for your prayers and concern while Mom, Jolene Brown, was ill and following her death. Your love and assistance during this difficult time were very much appreciated. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers during this time of adjustment.

Heather Watkinson

Honoring Grandchildren

Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church has a wonderful tradition of celebrating the birth of a member's child by placing a rose on the baptismal font. If you would also like a rose placed in honor of a grandchild, we would be thrilled to do this as well. We would ask that in the case of a grandchild, the grandparents should notify Jane Killough at 704-545-9546.



The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

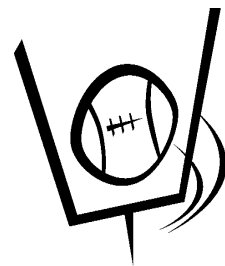


Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

Circle #5 will have their annual salad supper on **Monday, August 10, at 7 p.m.** Just bring your favorite salad and join us in Calvin Hall. Our hostesses, Pam Troutman and Darlene Penninger, will provide beverages and dessert. Plan to come for a good time and good food. We will also discuss plans for the coming circle year. See you then!

Circle #6 Fall Kick-Off is August 13, 2009. All Circle #6 members are invited to our Fall Kick-off Meeting & Potluck on Thursday, August 13, at **6:30 p.m. at Cindy Eccleston's home.** (10930 Brandonwood Lane, Matthews, NC 28105) We will introduce our study book for the year, Total Forgiveness by RT Kendall, as well as review and finalize plans for our upcoming year. Circle this date on your calendar, and then prepare to have good fun, good fellowship and, of course, fabulous food!!

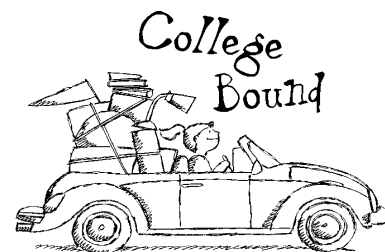
If there are any women of our church who have not yet found a Circle to call home, we would love to have you give us a try. We are a diverse group of women who value the friendship, fellowship, and service that our church offers through our women's organization. Circle #6 is quite a mix!!!...and we'd love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to call either of Circle #6's co-chairwomen, Robin Silipigni at 704-542-8461 or Cindy Eccleston at 704-531-0460. We are looking forward to seeing you!



PW GOES TO COLLEGE

The Presbyterian Women are now gathering the names of Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church college students who would like to be cared for by the women's circles during the 2009-2010

school year. If you are a full-time undergraduate college student please provide us with the following information: Name, name of college, address, phone number and birthday. If you were on the college list in the past, you must call to insure you will be placed on this year's list. Call Martha Blackmon at 704-545-3882 or e-mail her at marthablackmon@aol.com



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A Great Big
**THANK
YOU!**

And
don't forget!
**The Annual
Ice-Cream Social**
will take place in the FLC
on Sunday, August 2nd from 5 - 7

To all who made VBS 2009 a
wonderful time for children!



Bring Ice-Cream



Bring food for salad supper



Come ready to hear everyone report on their summer adventures

