

TO MAKE KNOWN THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST

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Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School - 8:45 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

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Join us for Rally Day Sunday, September 13

Help us kick off a new year of Christian Education!!

Communion Worship

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

This Service of Holy Communion will be held in the John Knox Room of the Family Life Center.

Praise Breakfast - Rally Day Celebration

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

We will enjoy a light brunch, music by our Praise Team and a celebration of ARPC's Educational Ministry.

Worship

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Every Sunday is a Day of Resurrection as we gather to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. Our worship will follow the Presbyterian Order of the Service for the Lord's Day.

Choir's Spaghetti Luncheon

11:45 a.m.

Another great time of fellowship and a way to support ARPC's Choir as they prepare for their annual Montreat music workshop.

Sunday Morning Live Schedule will
Begin September 20, 2009



8:00 - 8:30	Communion Worship
8:30 - 9:15	Praise Breakfast
9:15 - 10:15	Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship

**Reserve Sunday, October 4, 2009
for Charlotte CROP Walk**

Break in your walking shoes and stay tuned
for more details



Sympathy

The congregation of ARPC extends love and sympathy to:

- ◆ the family of Sarah Byrd on her death on Saturday, August 15, 2009. Sarah had been an ARPC member since 1970.
- ◆ Donna Wilson on the recent death of her nephew.

Thank You

Thank you everyone for the prayers, cards, and food during my recent surgery. Recovery is going well and I appreciate everything. I am blessed to have such wonderful family and friends.

Nancy Neal

Hello Everyone,

On August 21, Vernon would have been 82 years old. I do miss him but, as I have mentioned to some of you, he is in a better place now - no pain or discomfort. About me, I am doing okay. I keep myself busy with house chores, work and sometimes just some down time to think. My plan for now is to keep my house. I would like to drop the Post Office Box for mailing purposes and ask you to please update your address book to:

5551 Robinhood Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

Thank you all for the cards, concerns, thoughtfulness and prayers of each of you. They sure did give me comfort.

God Bless you all,
Rosalie

Thank you so much for all your prayers of concern and all the help and cards and phone calls in regard to our car accident. You mean so much to us.

Eddie and Mary Ellen Grindstaff

Thank you everyone for your prayers and cards during my recovery from a broken right hand. I am doing OK, thanks to some good pain medications. I am told the cast comes off and the pins in my hand come out in three weeks.

Tom Daoust

Serving ARPC in September

NURSERY

Sunday School

- Sept. 6 Kim and Mike Hall
- Sept. 13 Katie Blackwelder, Jane Hutchko
- Sept. 20 Nancy Parker, Susan Culbreth
- Sept. 27 Ginger Blackwelder, Robin Silipigni

Worship

- Sept. 6 Dan and Lee Shearer
Tony and Bonnie Nodine
- Sept. 13 Brandy and Marty Margeson
Sarah Tate, Jennifer Yelton
- Sept. 20 Karin and Phil Boling
Polly and Jason Rowell
- Sept. 27 Mary Ann Ogle
Kim and Adam Jackson

HEAD USHERS AND ASSISTANTS

- Sept. 6 Rick Williams, Brett Parker
- Sept. 13 Jan Myers, Ellen Roubaud
- Sept. 20 Jan Myers, Ellen Roubaud
- Sept. 27 Diann Pallman

Deacon of the month: Ellen Roubaud

Elder of the month: Jane Hutchko

Recent Illnesses

Nancy Neal Roy Weedman
Barbara Berryhill Dana Baker

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	08/02/09	08/09/09	08/16/09	08/23/09
2009 Budget to date	\$289,209.85	298,539.20	307,868.55	317,197.90
Received toward Budget to date	226,146.09	233,854.99	240,962.44	247,853.70
Received on Budget per Sunday	11,003.75	7,708.90	7,107.45	6,891.26
Needed per Sunday	9,329.35	9,329.35	9,329.35	9,329.35
Church School Attendance	78	78	110	104
Worship Attendance	158	197	219	184
2009 Building Maintenance Fund:				
Received toward pledge to date	\$21,378.96	22,044.46	22,451.96	22,797.46
Received per Sunday	991.50	665.50	407.50	345.50

August 5¢-a-Meal Offerings (thru August 23) total \$190.65

September 5¢-a-Meal Offerings will be collected Sunday, September 6, 2009



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Rob Chambers

Now is the Time to Commit to Keeping Sabbath for 2009-2010

God's fourth commandment is to keep His Sabbath holy. We do that when we dedicate the Lord's Day to God and take a break from our usual routine in order to rest and relax. When we gather with our church family on Sunday morning to worship and study God's word together, we are keeping Sabbath. When the youth gather on Sunday night for fellowship and discipleship, they are keeping Sabbath. Many of us have allowed other commitments to compete with spending time with God and God's people on Sunday. It is time to reconsider. As

God's family we need each other. As disciples of Jesus Christ we need the encouragement of one another.

So go ahead and commit now. Don't wait to see what comes up. Don't make Sunday homework day. Don't say yes to commitments that will take up your Sundays. Commit your Sundays to God and attend worship, Sunday School and Sunday night youth meetings faithfully.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

Exodus 20:8, NIV

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



CE News

The most important thing that we can teach our children to do is to worship God in spirit and in truth. So says Robbie Castleman, author of Parenting in the Pew. I will be teaching this book to every parent I can persuade to come to the Sunday School class beginning September 27, and going through November 1 or November 8. Sunday School at that time will be 9:15 - 10:15 am. If you are the parent of a child from infancy through high school, please attend. If you are a grandparent you may want to attend. If you plan to have children in the next few years you may want to attend. Currently, the plans are to meet in the gym at the round tables. My hopes and prayers are that studying this book together will impact the way our children worship, the way we worship, and the way we parent our children. I pray that this will contribute to worship renewal at ARPC. If you are interested in getting an advance copy of the book ask Rob Chambers.

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 4

MYC lock-in. 7 p.m. in the FLC.

Sunday, September 13

Yearly Youth Kick-off; covered-dish dinner. Fifth through twelfth graders and their families are welcome. 5 - 7 p.m. in the FLC.

Sunday, September 20

Parents' meeting for all parents of infant through high school age. 11:30 a.m., after worship service in the Sanctuary.

Sundays, September 20 and 27

Regular Sunday night youth schedule, 5th - 12th graders. 5 - 7 p.m. in the FLC.

Wednesday, September 23

See You At The Pole. Take a stand for Christ, pray for your school, and witness to your faith. Meet your friends at the flag pole at your school before classes begin.

Ink in October 4 on your calendar for CROP Walk. Ask your friends to join you and raise money for those in need.



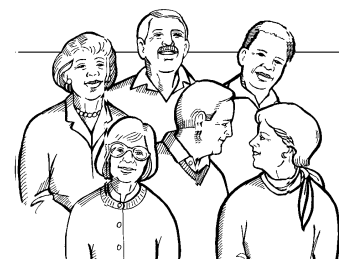
Weekday School Resumes September 1

ARPC Weekday School begins its year on Tuesday, September 1. There are spaces still left, so recommend us to your friends. Call Nancy Parker for information, 704-536-3384

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.

Saints Alive!

Our ministry to and with ARPC's senior adults will meet Wednesday, September 9, at 10 a.m. in Calvin Hall. Please pick up your books at the church office or from Pastor Ron.





Alpha Needs Your Help!

As disciples of Jesus Christ, our Great Commission is to “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 19:20)

Please consider the following ways in which you can contribute to the success of Alpha at ARPC:

Ask – Invite family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors...anyone who does not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Relax – You are not asking them to come to Christ (although if you do, that’s great!). You are simply asking them to attend a program held at our church where there will be fellowship, dinner, childcare, and an opportunity for them to ask any questions they have about Christianity and Jesus.

Pray – Please pray for our Alpha Course, our Alpha Leaders, and for all those whom you have considered inviting. Our goal is to bring people to Christ, not necessarily to bring new members to ARPC.

Commit – This Alpha program will not be a success unless we have your help. Please commit to asking at least one person to attend this life-changing course.

Be sure to visit the Alpha information booth in the narthex – members of the Alpha team will be present before and after worship to answer any questions you have regarding the course or how to invite someone. You can also visit our website (www.arpcusa.org) for more details about the course. Thank you in advance for your help.

Small Group News



The Covenant Small Group will meet on September 24, 2009. Bill and Diann McGuirt will be the hosts.



Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

Circle #1 will meet at **10:30 a.m. in Calvin Hall on Monday, September 14, 2009.**

Circle #3 will meet **Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor.** The Moderator and Hostess will be Debra Stavrakas. This will be a planning and information meeting for the upcoming year.

Circle #4 will begin its new year by meeting at **Mamie-Clara Baker’s Sharon Towers home on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 10 a.m.** Drusilla Ingold will present our Joshua Bible study. Please bring a sandwich for lunch and school items for the children at Albemarle Road Elementary School. Call Barbara Berryhill, 704-364-6933, if you need transportation. New members are always welcome.

Circle #5 will meet on **Monday, September 14, 2009, in Calvin Hall at 7 p.m.** Please plan to come and bring school supplies that will be donated to Classroom Central. Our Moderator this month, Jane Killough, will lead us in lesson 8, “The Attitude of Joy.” Our Hostesses will be Linda Daoust and Sheila Sells. Also, September is our month to clean the Chapel building kitchen, so Jane Killough will call the volunteers who will do this for our circle.

Circle #6 will meet at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009.**

How to Get the Newsletter Before the Mailman Arrives

Here at ARPC, we publish the *Focus* newsletter online each month. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter in this fashion, we would be pleased to send you a notification via email when it is published: You would no longer receive the *Focus* through the mail. To receive this service, you will need to send a message to Treva at Treva@arpcusa.org with your email address and a note.

If you prefer to receive the *Focus* through the mail as usual, you do not need to do anything!

Thank you for allowing us to be so flexible. This will allow us to ‘go green’ by reducing paper use and miles traveled, not to mention postage.



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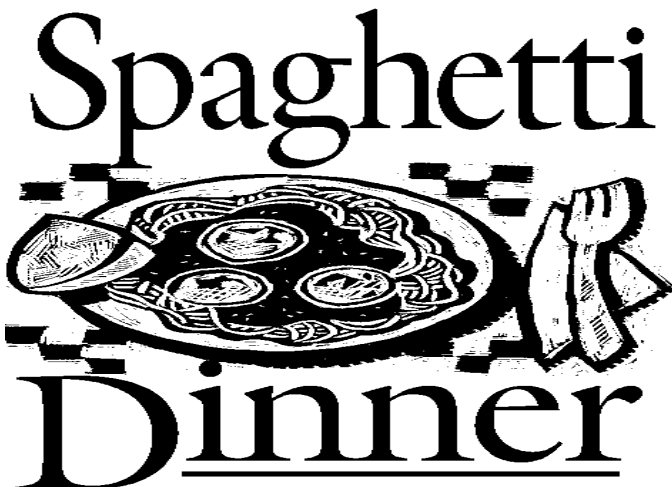
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**The ARPC Chancel Choir invites you to their annual
Spaghetti Dinner
on September 13
immediately following the Worship Service at 11:45.**

Join us for a salad, some garlic bread and a steaming plate of delicious spaghetti. Leave room for the spread of desserts.



This is the Chancel Choir's annual fundraiser for their trip to Montreat to practice for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Please support your Chancel Choir.