

## CHURCH CALENDAR AND EVENTS

November 13	9:30 a.m. Elders meet for prayer
November 13	9:45 a.m. Jubilee Birthday Celebration
November 13	11:00 a.m. Worship Service
November 13	5:00 Sunday Evening Choir Practice
November 13	6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Activities
November 13	6:00 p.m. Christmas Program Practice
November 15	6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the home of Marilyn Brooks
November 17	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
November 24	7:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Breakfast

## CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY NEEDS

The Elders at Crowders Creek are committed to providing timely and loving shepherding to the church (1 Peter 5:2). To help facilitate this, please notify your shepherd group leader (or any elder), the pastor, or the church secretary of any ministry needs or situations. Please do so by a phone call to make sure the elders receive the information and can then promptly respond to those needs. Please do not leave a message of this type on the church answering machine. The Church Office hours are 9:00 - 4:00, Wednesday & Thursday, then 9:00 - 3:00 on Friday. If appropriate, each elder will notify their shepherding group to ensure the church is informed. The better we communicate, the better we can "bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

Thank you very much for your help.

## FROM THE FOWLERS TO THE CHURCH:

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love gift of appreciation! We echo Paul's words to Philemon and the church at Colossae: "I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints...(Philemon 1:4-5)." We Fowlers have felt that same love from you. Thank you!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING

Our Women's Ministry Meeting will be today immediately following the service. A light lunch will be provided. This month Judy Buis will be our guest speaker. Our offering for this month will be for the regular offering. We will be taking up special offerings for Jubilee as well. Please use the offering envelopes provided in the pews for this.

## VISITORS, PRAYERS & PRAISE

If you are a visitor and interested in learning more about our church and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian denomination, please see one of the greeters in the vestibule. If you would like to receive our newsletter or other information about our church, by mail or by e-mail, please provide us with any pertinent information using the Yellow Friendship Register found in your bulletin. You may place it in the offering plate or in the wooden Church Office box, located in the vestibule, as you leave this morning. The Yellow Friendship Register can also be used to submit prayer requests or notes of praise.

## WARMING TREE

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Warming Tree this year. We are collecting NEW socks, scarves, gloves, toboggans, children's pajamas, etc. Please place your donated items in the vestibule. These items will be given to a local school for distribution. Items will be accepted Sunday, October 16 until Sunday, November 27. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## IMPORTANT DIRECTORY UPDATES

Bess Burghen has moved and would like you to have her new contact information. Please make note of the changes. Her new address is 510 Bentley Court, Belmont, NC 28012. Her new phone number is 980-283-7167.

## CHILD CARE MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of Children's Volunteers originally scheduled for Sunday November 13th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled shortly after the end of the year. This is due to a conflict with a meeting of the WOC that everyone is encouraged to attend. If there are any questions about the Childcare Guidelines that cannot wait until then, please contact Rob Elliotte.

## SPECIAL THANKSGIVING ARP OFFERING

Twice each year at Thanksgiving and at Easter the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. The Thanksgiving Season Special Offering is for the benefit of: Christmas Benevolent Fund, Outreach North America, Erskine Theological Seminary, and The American Bible Society. Please see the brochure on the board in the vestibule for more detailed information about these ministries.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

If you are participating or involved in the Christmas Program, we will practice every Sunday from 6:00-7:00. Please see Chris Oates for more information.

**THANK YOU!**

I would like to say thank you to all of my family and church family who attended my birthday celebration! Thank you for all the beautiful cards and warm wishes. This all made my 90th birthday very special. Love to you all. ~Ethel Mauney

**THANK YOU!**

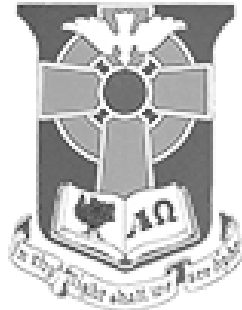
Thanks to all the ladies who attended and worked at the First Presbytery Annual Meeting last Saturday. Thank you to the ladies that were unable to attend but were able to contribute in the preparations.

**GUEST PASTOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday we will welcome Rev. Chuck Evans. Charles B. Evans III was born and raised in Abbeville, SC. He graduated from Erskine College with an AB degree in 1970 and went on to earn his M. Div. from Columbia Seminary in 1970. While in seminary he supplied several churches in South Carolina, Florida, and Mississippi. His pastorates have been: Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church (PCUS) in Abbeville, Crowders Creek ARP Church, and Pinecrest ARP Church in Flat Rock, NC. Although Chuck is now retired, he continues as Stated Supply at the Providence ARP Church in Gastonia, NC. He has been quite active in the ministry and work of the ARP Church, serving on several our denominational and presbytery boards and committees. He has been on the Erskine Board, and in First Presbytery has served on the Church Extension Committee, as Reading Clerk, and as a Trustee. Chuck and his wife, Carolyn have two daughters, Holly and Christy. They reside in Hendersonville, NC.

**THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST**

We will have our traditional Thanksgiving Breakfast on Thursday, November 24th at 7:00 a.m. The men will meet at 5:00 a.m. to prepare breakfast for the congregation, any relatives, friends or neighbors that want to come.



**SERMON NOTES - NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

**“The Savior and His Sheep”  
Luke 15:1-7 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable : <sup>4</sup>“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

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**Sermon Help for Children**

- Listen for the pastor to say the words below and check off a column each time he says the word!

Key Word	1st time	2nd time	3rd time	4th time	5th time	6th time	7th time	8th time
Jesus								
shepherd								
sheep								
sinner								
heaven								
lost								
love								
found								