

## CHURCH CALENDAR AND EVENTS

December 25	11:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 1	9:30 a.m. Elders meet for prayer
January 1	9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
January 1	11:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 3	6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the home of Marilyn Brooks
January 8	Officer Installations
January 11	7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

## YOUTH GATHERING

There will be a holiday gathering for the youth of the church (6<sup>th</sup> grade through college age on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the home of Jack and Margaret Grier, 12354 West Hwy 55, Clover, SC. A meal will be provided. If you have any questions, please see the Griers or Erin Grigg.

## ADDRESS INFORMATION

The office recently sent out an email containing the Long's address information. For those of you that do not receive email the address is Carl & Laura Long, 311 Crowders Creek Church Road, Gastonia, NC 28052.

## 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. 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.

## WELCOME!

We would like to welcome and thank Gretchen & Nicole Best for sharing their special talents with us today!

## 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.

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to those that provided the entertainment for the Adult Christmas Dinner, and to all who helped to get things prepared and cleaned up! We really appreciate all your hard work.

## IMPORTANT

The Friendship Sunday School class is in need of a van driver who would alternate with the current two drivers. The need will begin in February. This is a great ministry opportunity. Could your spiritual gift be to drive the van? Romans 12:6 says, "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..." Please be in sincere prayer about whether the Lord would have you drive and/or for the Lord to burden the right person's heart to drive. If you have questions see one of our deacons.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

The Women's Ministry will begin a new study in February. We will be using the book "Galatians for You" by Tim Keller. The book is not required for the study, but if you would like to have one please let Dana Fowler know by December 31.

## WHITE CROSS OFFERING

The White Cross Offering will be taken during the month of December. This offering is for World Missions. A gift box for this offering is in the vestibule. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this for the month of December.

