

THE MARP MESSENGER

MOORESVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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My Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are all doing well! The year is rolling on and Christmas will be here soon! It is definitely a privilege to serve you all here at Mooresville ARP Church! And things are going well and the LORD is still blessing us and leading us, but our progress in growing the church is going slowly but it is still happening! It is something that we all need to be boldly praying about that the LORD would send more people to us! We also need to be taking every opportunity to invite people to our church! I have said this before and will say it again, this is a very difficult time to grow the church! Covid isn't doing us any favors and neither is Anthony Fauci with saying we need to cancel Christmas with our families! That is absurd! So many people will go everywhere EXCEPT CHURCH, and they think if they come to church they will die! This is a lie from Satan and we need to stand up against it in the Name of Jesus and in the Power of our God!!!

We just need to keep going and keep praying for the LORD's direction and His sustaining power! On another note, Jackie Clay passed away today (10/5). She was a sweet, friendly lady who lived at Mooresville Manor down the street and has been in assisted living centers for the past 2-3 years. Even though she had not been able to be at church in a while, she will be missed and we will also rejoice that she is with the LORD! The service for Jackie will be on Saturday, October 16 at 4:00 pm at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

With all that is going on, here are some Scriptures that keep me going:

Revelation 3:7-8 - 'These things says He (Jesus) who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Isaiah 43:1-3 - But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

Psalms 103:1-5 - Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalms 91:5-7 - You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 - So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Jeremiah 33:3 - 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

May the Lord bless you & keep you!

In the Power of Jesus' Name, Pastor Andy

VISION STATEMENT

"Bringing People to Jesus"

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

EVENT	LOCATION	WHEN	TIME
Worship Service	Sanctuary (Live Streamed)	Sundays	11:00am
Sunday School	Fellowship Hall	Sundays	10:00am
Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary	Tues	1:00pm
Adult, Youth, Child classes	Fellowship Hall & FLC	Wed Evenings	6:00pm
Communicants Class	Fellowship Hall	Wednesdays	4:30pm
Fellowship Lunch After Church	FLC	Sun, Oct 10	12:15pm
Living Hope Homeschool Coop	FLC	Thursdays	9:30am
Deacons Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Sun, Oct 10	12:30pm
Session Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Sun, Oct 10	12:30pm
Spaghetti Supper	FLC Drive Thru	Fri Oct. 29	5:00pm



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Brown, Isaiah	2-Oct
Hoover, Henry	9-Oct
Mariano, Ralph, Jr	19-Oct
Arceneaux, Linda	27-Oct



Our end of month Spaghetti dinner will be on **Friday, October 29**. Remember, we can only be successful in running the suppers if everyone pitches in to help and donate supplies! This will be our last spaghetti supper until January. Please contact Jewel Van De Venter to volunteer to help out and to donate supplies for the dinner.

QUICK UPDATE

1. The Fall Festival will be on Sunday, November 7 at Barry & Dava's house at 5ish.
2. There will be an upcoming youth retreat, possibly on November 5-7 in Pilot Mountain, NC!!
2. We will be doing the Christmas Walk again this year in December with the inflatables, live nativity, and nativity sets in the Fellowship Hall.
3. The Homeschool Co-op is going well with 28 children with nursery through 9th grade. Please continue to be in prayer for this ministry!

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING AND ONLINE OFFERINGS

Currently, and partially due to the COVID-19 crisis, giving is down and the church continues to need to pay the bills, just like everyone else. So, please make sure you keep up to date on your giving. You can make your offerings in several ways: 1) attend church and make your offering. 2) Mail a check to 659 Carpenter Ave, 28115. 3) Drop your offering in the mail slot that is in the courtyard door to pastor's office, 4) Call a deacon to come pick it up. 5) Make offering online, which is now available, utilizing Pay Pal, accessible on the Church's Website. www.moorevillearp.org

B-L-E-S-S OUR NEIGHBORS (AND CO-WORKERS & FRIENDS)

B – begin with prayer, **L** – listen (& ask questions to get to know them), **E**– eat (invite to your home, cookout, or for going out), **S** – serve them in some way, **S** – share what god has done for you and invite to church

The Lord wants us to get to know people to be able to share the hope that we have in Jesus! This is the best and deepest thing that we can share with them! But it takes time and commitment to get to know our neighbors in this way! This is how the Lord wants us to grow the church! Please be in prayer for living in an intentional way like this and for the lord to work through you for his glory! Remember – there are 3 levels of getting to know people: 1) learn their names: 2) know things about them – job, where they are from, family members: 3) know something significant they are facing or dealing with

SESSION / DIACONATE HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on Sunday, September 26 at 6:00 pm:

- 1) Approved Barry as the delegate to Fall Meeting of First Presbytery on October 12 at Reformation ARP
- 2) Approved hosting Presbytery Meeting for March 8, 2022.
- 3) Working on nominations for officers and with scheduling the congregational meeting to approve 2022 budget and officers.
- 4) Approved minutes and financial reports

The Diaconate met on Sunday, September 26 at 12:30 pm:

- 1) Approved minutes and financial reports
- 2) Gave update on Work day projects
- 3) Scheduled Budget Committee Meetings

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The next Congregational meeting will be held right after the worship service on Sunday October 31. We will be presenting the 2022 Budget and officer slate to the congregation for approval. Please plan to attend.

COVID

COVID-19 is still with us, and the delta variant has caused an increase in infections. We are continuing to adhere to our normal schedule until further notice. Remember to pray for those affected and that we will soon see widespread vaccine inoculations and the end of this pandemic and the related restrictions. In the meantime, we will continue to remind congregants to be mindful of and abide by CDC safety recommendations such as social distancing, wearing face coverings and refraining from any social contact if feeling ill or exhibiting symptoms. There is ample space in the sanctuary for safe social distancing and we will continue to have masks and hand sanitizer available for those who wish to utilize them.





*This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*

1 John 5:14

Please pray for our country in this great time of need, and especially for those who have been affected either by illness or economic hardship brought on by this viral pandemic. Pray that the dissent, division and secularism in our country can be healed and that our leaders will be guided by the Lord's will. We particularly want to pray for the following:

Church

Outreach & Evangelism
Wednesday Nights
Men's & Women's Groups
Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship
Children & Youth Ministry
Michael & Laura & Fox Cochran – Missionaries in the UK
Homeschool Co-op on Thursdays

Homebound & those in nursing homes

Linda Arceneaux – The Manor
Ginny Suitts – Citadel (Genesis)
Lois Salter – home
Carolyn Massey - Wilmington
Margaret Lamberth - Summit
Bobby Brawley – home
Grier & Lois Brown - home
Kathryn Delaune – The Manor

College Students

Matthew Ward, JG Ward, Olivia Monroe

Town of Mooresville & Community

Those in need in our community
Students in our community

World

World to know Christ!
All ARP Missionaries & Persecuted Christians

Individual Needs

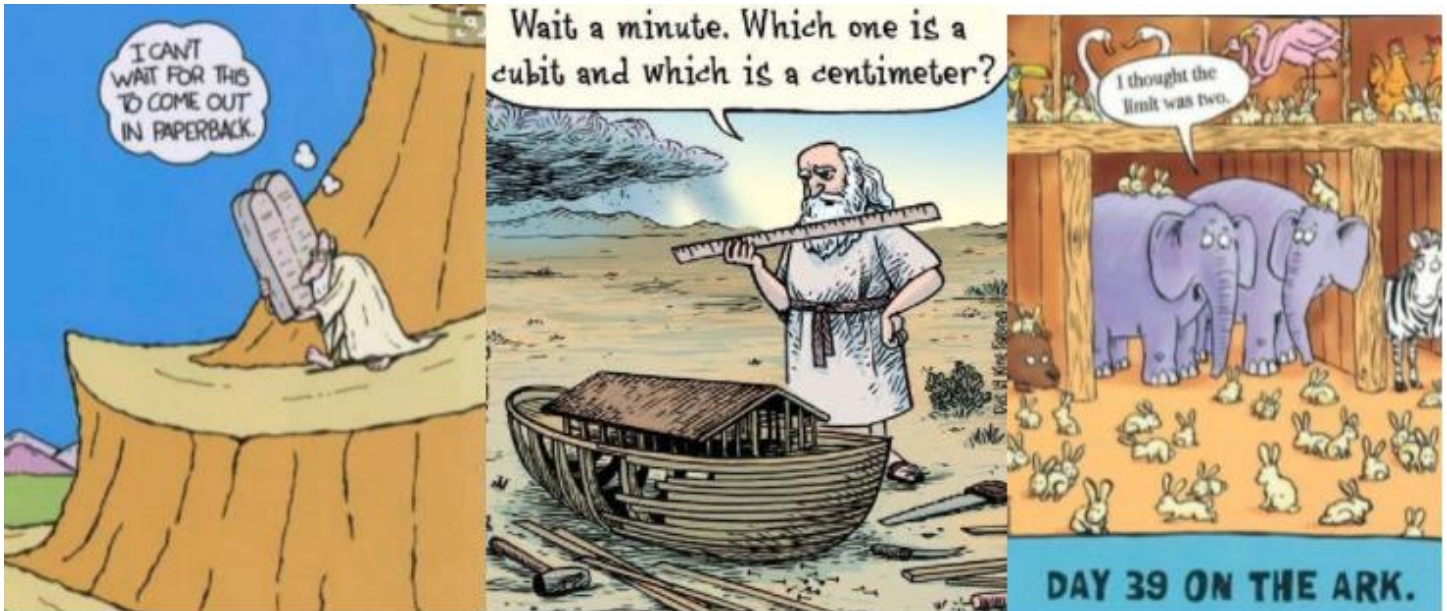
Family of Jackie Clay
Scott Family in GA
Rev. Dan Hazen – Pastor at New Perth ARP Church
Amy Wyatt & Steve McGlothlin's family (Fineran's friends)
Frank & Mary Ann's friend, Margaret
Don & Judy West (Kalinowski's friends)
Diane's brother-in-law, Marty
Hagar family in Huntersville
Shari Bankhead
JG's friend, Ashley
Clint Jenkins
June's friend, Morgan
Trinity Sisson
Dixie Stevenson
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Kathryn Delaune – eye issues
Unspoken Needs

Nation

President, Governor & local leaders
For Americans left in Afghanistan to get out safely (despite promises not kept)
Election audits
Return to a Constitutional Republic
Military, Law Enforcement & 1st Responders
Doctors & nurses & medical staff
Church – that God would bring revival in our nation
Our education system

CHURCH HUMOR

A preacher was into his sermon about thirty minutes or so when the battery started going dead on his. He asked if someone back in the sound booth could bring him another mike so they did. Upon returning to the closed in sound room the young men forgot to turn off the mike and that silly battery still had a little life left in it. Instead of hearing the preacher, all that could heard for the next few minutes was those two young boys engaged in a contest of who ate the most beans the night before.



God Speaking to Moses:

God: Moses, I have good news and bad news **Moses:** Give me the good news first

God: You have been chosen to deliver my people out of bondage in Egypt. I will deliver plagues until Pharaoh relents and frees my people, but then he will chase you with his army. But never fear, I will part the water so you can escape and then drown Pharaoh and his army.

Moses: so what's the bad news? **God:** you'll have to prepare an environmental impact statement.

BOTTLE CAPS

Don't forget to bring in your plastic bottle caps to put in the container by the door in the Fellowship Hall. We want to get enough plastic caps to make a bench for the playground!

ACCESSING THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON LINE

Live Stream on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD3cSltgWL-NfNoQMwUWVSA>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GrowingstronginGod/

Church Website: www.moorestvillearp.org

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