

THE MARP MESSENGER

MOORESVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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My Brothers and Sisters,

I hope all of you are well and that you have had a good summer so far! For this month, I wanted to address the fact that it can be discouraging with how small we are as a congregation and how if a few people or families aren't here on a Sunday morning then it can seem like we are never going to grow.

Yet while we are small, the LORD still promises to bless us! He tells us that we are to be faithful to Him, be present for worship, and continue to teach and preach His Word! The LORD wants us to keep striving to build relationships with people by which we might slowly be able to bring them into the church. But in doing all these things it takes time and from a financial standpoint, we are not meeting our bills every month from the offering and having to draw on savings. I do truly believe that the LORD is showing us a plan for the future that will lead to growth and the officers are currently discussing these things. I say this because I do not want you to lose heart and I truly believe that it is the LORD's plan to grow our congregation from the things we have suffered in the last 3 years.

The biggest thing that will help all of us as a body of believers is coming together on Sundays. Everyone, as much as possible, needs to be here every Sunday morning! This is the backbone of the Church as is so essential to our growth as Christians and with the body of believers!

When you are able, read 2 Chronicles 20. It speaks of how 3 nations came together to attack Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah. They cried out to the LORD and He said they would NOT have to fight in that battle. All they had to do is collectively and in one voice PRAISE THE LORD! When they did, the LORD completely destroyed the enemies of His people!

And we have to remember – the LORD is our only hope to be sustained as a People of God here at Mooresville ARP Church! If we trust Him and we cry out to Him and we gather together to praise Him weekly, then He promises that He will deliver us in Christ and bless us mightily!!

I am looking forward to starting back on Wednesday nights (starting on August 3) and for the Co-op starting back in September. Please continue to pray for the LORD's direction for our church, for our ministries here, and for Him to make His will know to us in a clear way!!

In the Love of Jesus,

Pastor Andy

VISION STATEMENT

“Bringing People to Jesus”

CHURCH EVENTS THIS MONTH

EVENT	LOCATION	WHEN	TIME
Worship Service	Sanctuary (Live Stream)	Sundays	11:00am
Sunday School	Christian Ed Building	Sundays	10:00am
Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary	Wednesdays	5:30 pm
Adult Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Wednesdays	6:00 pm
Kids & Youth Groups	FLC	Wednesdays	6:00 pm
The Manor Bible Study	Mooresville Manor	Mondays	11:00am
Co-op Open House	FLC	Thurs, Aug 18	4-6 pm
Deacons Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Sunday, Aug 21	12:15pm
Session Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Sunday, Aug 21	12:15 pm
Spaghetti Supper	FLC	Friday, Aug 26	5-7:30 pm

August Birthdays



Parker, Avaliese **3-Aug**

Kalinoski, Debbie **26-Aug**



The next end of month Spaghetti dinner is scheduled for **Friday, August 26, 2022**. We will continue having drive-thru & inside dining! Thanks to everyone who had pitched in to help & donate supplies! We look forward to your continued generosity of time and supplies. A special thanks to Jewel Van De Venter for organizing & running point for the dinners!

FOOD PANTRY

We have a new food pantry in the old kitchen that is available for the community. If you need something from there personally, don't hesitate to go look there in the cabinets above the stove. Or if you know someone in need, please get a bag & fill it up. There are also items in the freezer in the FLC. We will have on the LED sign times people can come on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm and Sundays at 12:30 pm since someone will be here then. June & Jewel are overseeing the Pantry. If you have any requests of things you think we need for the pantry, please talk to them!

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We are starting a new study on the Gospel of Mark. Please come & join us!

MOORESVILLE MANOR BIBLE STUDY

The bible study at Mooresville Manor is up and running again. The meetings are on Mondays at 11:00am in the upstairs meeting room at the Manor located at 323 E Statesville Ave in Mooresville. Anyone from the church is invited and guests are welcome.

LIVING HOPE HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

The Co-op will start back on Thursday, September 8 at 9:30 am. We will be having the Open House on Thursday, August 18 from 4-6 pm. Please be in prayer for our Co-op and all the families involved and those that will sign-up! We are still in need of 1 teacher! Please be thinking of how you can help with the co-op from teaching, to assisting, or helping with projects and events. The more we all support and pray for the success and growth of the Co-op, the more opportunities that we have to draw new families into the church!

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.moorevillearp.org

SESSION / DIACONATE NEWS

Joint Meeting on Sunday, July 10, 2022 – The elders and deacons met together and discussed:

- 1) Finding out more info on name plates for the sign planter where Vern Hensel & Carole's daughter's (Deirdre) ashes are buried.
- 2) Music used in the worship service
- 3) Being more involved in the Co-op
- 4) Kids Bible Retreat Camp for July 11-13
- 5) Starting back Wednesday nights on Wed, Aug 3 at 6:00 pm
- 6) Spaghetti Suppers to start back on August 26
- 7) Gathering information to potentially start a preschool and officers will consider in August
- 8) Steve & Daniela potentially starting a Small Group in Statesville where they have moved
- 9) Pastor Andy serving as the provisional moderator for New Amity & Stony Point ARP Churches in Statesville since they are without a pastor at the request of the Minister & His Work Committee with our presbytery.
- 10) Possible start of a weekly podcast

UPCOMING EVENTS

High School Retreat at Bonclarken on September 23-25. See Pastor Andy if interested in going.

Marriage Seminar – Sunday, September 24 – after church & lunch from 2-5 pm. This will be using the book of the Bible, Song of Solomon. Ever heard a sermon on this? There is a reason why! It describes Christ's love for us in term of marriage! Come find out how!



*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 and our world in this great time of need, and especially for those who have been affected either by the pandemic or by military aggression. Pray that the dissent and division in our country can be healed and that our leaders will be guided by the Lord. We particularly want to pray for the following:

Church

Outreach & Evangelism
Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship
Michael & Laura & Fox Cochran – Missionaries in the UK
New Amity & Stony Point ARP Churches
Children & Youth
Homeschool Co-op – **NEED FOR TEACHERS!**
Those affected by rising costs & gas prices

Homebound & those in nursing homes

Linda Arceneaux –The Manor
Ginny Suitts – Citadel (Genesis)
Lois Salter – home
Carolyn Massey - Wilmington
Grier & Lois Brown - home

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
For the War in Ukraine to STOP
Ukrainian Refugees
Missionaries around Europe caring for refugees

Individual Needs

Carole Hensel
Brawley Family
Nancy Price
Grier Brown
Mike Lanzi
Linda's cousin, Kathy Chapman
Jewel
Kathy Burdette – praise!
Matthew Ward
Debbie's mother, Carrie Bailey
Ashley Sisson & family
Pat Tulloch (Andy)
Mike Julius – praise!
Dixie Stevenson
Sandy (Food Pantry)
Margaret Hurlocker
Dale Smith (Carole's friend)
Unspoken Needs

Nation

President, Governor & local leaders
Return to a Constitutional Republic
Military, Law Enforcement & 1st Responders
Church – that God would bring REVIVAL in our nation

CHURCH HUMOR

Psalm 126:2 “Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’”

This passage tells us that after God restored Zion, the Israelites celebrated God’s amazing work with laughter and singing. Thus, we too should celebrate God’s goodness in our lives singing and so much joy that our mouths will be filled with laughter.



“There will be a meeting of the Church Board immediately after the service,” announced the pastor.

After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the sanctuary for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst — a visitor who had never attended their church before. “My friend,” said the pastor, “Didn’t you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?” “Yes,” said the visitor, “and after today’s sermon, I suppose I’m just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting.”

Early one morning the husband and wife were arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, “You have to make the coffee. It’s in the Bible!” The husband was shocked. “Is not! Show me!” Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to one of the New Testament books and declared, “It says right here — HEBREWS!”

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, “Don’t pay for me, Daddy, I’m under five.”

As a storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, “Anyone here who knows how to pray?” A pastor stepped forward. “Captain, I know how to pray.” “Good,” said the captain, “you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets – we’re one short.”

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Empowering Disciples, and

Impacting our Community and World”

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