



First Associate Reformed

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A welcoming family of Reformed believers committed to the historic Christian faith and life.

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EVENTS

APRIL

3 PILGRIM'S PROGRESS MOVIE—
7 PM

3, 10, 17, 24 Ladies Bible Study—11
AM

3, 10, 17, 24 Handbells Rehearsal—
6:30 PM

7 Sunday School & [Prospective New
Members Class](#)—9:45 AM, Morning
Worship & Lord's Supper—11 AM,
Choir Rehearsal—5 PM, Evening
Worship—6 PM

9 Table Talk—7 PM

10 Holy Week Service *Rehearsal*—6
PM (supper provided)

14 Sunday School—9:45 AM,
Morning Worship—11 AM, Choir
Rehearsal—5 PM, Evening Worship
—6 PM

14 Holy Week Service—6 PM

17 Cat Kids—6:30 PM, Cat Kids
Room

21 [Easter Sunday Breakfast](#)—9:45
AM, [Morning Worship](#)—11 AM,
[Evening Worship](#)—6 PM

23 Young at Heart Luncheon—11:45
AM

28 Sunday School—9:45 AM,
Morning Worship—11 AM, Choir
Rehearsal—5 PM, Evening Worship
—6 PM

From the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

In Romans 7:19, which many of you have studied this week in our Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies, there is a verse that all of us know to be true: *For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.*

We know this struggle to be true for two reasons: 1) the Bible, through the pen of the Apostle Paul, tells us it is true; 2) our own Christian life experience confirms it as well.

This struggle is described in our *Westminster Confession and Catechisms* as a "war." (see WCF 13; WLC 75-78; WSC 35-36)

This "war" is a lifelong battle for the Christian. Until we get to heaven and are *glorified*, or made perfect, we will continually struggle to live by the Holy Spirit and not by the flesh. (See Galatians 5.)

When we speak of *the flesh*, we are referring to remaining sin in each of us. Yes, our sin is pardoned in our justification. We will never stand accused before God as Christ has paid for our sins at the cross. Yes, our old nature was put to death at the cross. But we retain remnants of sin and corruption that wage a lifelong war within us.

Thank the Lord that we will ultimately win this war, when at our death, our souls will be made perfect! And thank the Lord that in the lifelong battle that is ours, we have every resource from Christ to wage a faithful war.

We are tempted, tried, lured, enticed, and deceived into sin. As Christians, we often know what is right and wrong, yet sometimes are overcome by the flesh. Our sin hinders our growth, our service, and our devotion to God. Like Paul, it upsets us and we cry out to Christ! (See Romans 7:24-25.)

We need to wage war—remembering the Word, praying, disciplining our lives, trusting God's graces, telling Satan where he can go!, and constantly going to the fount of every blessing—Jesus Christ.

See you on Sunday as we train for battle!

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- 4 Kay Moore
- 5 Hannah Roy
- 6 James Constable
- 6 Jim Knox
- 8 Glenn Owens
- 9 Steve Kyaw
- 10 Becky Sneed
- 14 Stephen Crotts
- 14 Gene Parks
- 15 Bill Roy
- 17 Rachel Pelone
- 21 Randy Cobb
- 21 Russ Payne
- 25 Jean McKinnon

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

- 17 Shirley & Harold Boswell

“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Revelation 2:10, *ESV*

Issues of **TABLE TALK MAGAZINE** are available at the Sanctuary entrances & on the Resource Shelf in the Fellowship Hall Wing.

For **PRAYER NEEDS OF THE CONGREGATION** visit [here-- firstarpburlington.org](http://firstarpburlington.org) & select the **Evening Bulletin**.

The Window's Mite

As a congregation, we are getting some great activity with more involvement. Folks are volunteering to help clean the church, which saves us about \$8000 a year. More involvement shows that we do care about our church and also builds friendships as we get to know each other better. God truly blesses.

Yours in Christ,
Jay Snow
Treasurer

HOLY WEEK

LESSONS & CAROLS rehearsal
Wednesday, April 10, 6 P.M. Supper provided.

LESSONS & CAROLS
Sunday, April 14, 6 P.M.

EASTER BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 21, 9:45 A.M. Bring a breakfast treat to share.

G.F. HANDEL'S MESSIAH

MCCRARY THEATRE, ELON UNIVERSITY

APRIL 26, 2019 @ 7:00 PM, FREE ADMISSION



LET'S SHOWER KIMBER & JOSH LIMON WITH BABY GIFTS! BABY BOY IS DUE IN MAY. FOR GIFT IDEAS VISIT THEIR REGISTRY AT BABYLIST.COM, (includes Target, Amazon, etc). GIFT CARDS, DIAPERS & WIPES ARE WELCOME ALSO! PLACE GIFTS IN THE GIFT BASKET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.

Easter Flower donations may be made for God's glory & in memory or in honor of loved ones now through April 7. The flowers will be on display Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday as well as the name acknowledged in a special bulletin insert.

Young at Heart will meet Tuesday, April 23 at 11:45. The guest speaker is Mario Freitas—a PCA (Presbyterian Church in America) minister from Brazil who has relocated to the US. He currently resides at Siloam Missionary Homes in Alamance County. His ministry is MORE USA with the primary goal to make churches in America aware of persecution towards Christians around the world.

Stewardship Snapshot: Tithes and Offerings 3/24/19 \$4,215.25

YTD 2019 Giving - \$49,923.00

13-Week Average - \$3,840.23

Weekly 2019 Budget Needs \$4,385

Legacy Fund Balance - \$89,185*

*Note the Replacement Costs for Roof & Sanctuary HVAC Replacement are reflected in the balance.

	NURSERY	COUNTERS	OFFICER ON DUTY
April 7	Joyce Payne & John Robinson	Jondeen Terry	James Constable
April 14	Macon Baird & Carol Erb	Ferald Mann	Bryan Crotts

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