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Memorials

Richland ARP has received contributions to the Memorial & Honorarium Fund:
in Memory of

Shirley Williams Lowe

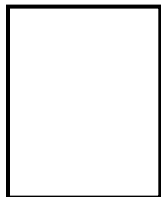
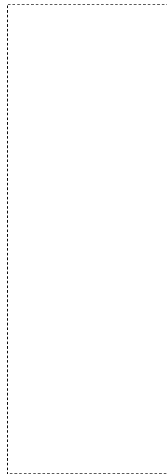
from

**Mr. & Mrs. Steven Rutter
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The Informer

<p><u>JULY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pray 4 TN - WM Basket Assembly - MVP YOUTH CAMP - 5th Wed. All Church Prayer 		<p>this issue...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers' Highlights Birthdays / Anniversaries Sermon Series Calendar Men's / Women's Ministry Memorials VBS Review Synod Review Upcoming...
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PRAY FOR TN, JULY 2024

The month of July has been designated as a month of prayer, fasting and repentance to seek God's mercy for the state of Tennessee. The Tennessee General Assembly passed a resolution which was then signed by Gov. Bill Lee.

Representative Fritts and Senator Pody are traveling to all 95 counties in July to read the proclamation at county courthouses and other sites. People are invited to join in prayer and intermittent fasting as they are able. Join us as we humbly seek God to have mercy on Tennessee and America.

Shelby County's time to gather at the courthouse is 7/22/23 at 12:00PM with elected officials (706 N Adams Ave).

There will also be a prayer event at Shelby Farms on Sunday, 7/21 at 3:30PM in the Buffalo Room at the Visitor Center.



220th Meeting of the ARP Synod

Our most recent ARP Synod Meeting was held on June 11-13, 2024 at the Bonclarken Conference Center, NC. There was much debate addressed on the floor, as well as encouraging reports from ministries abroad. For a detailed run-down of motions and votes, please access the latest **ARP Magazine** for July/August, which is published online (an online link will accompany our emailed version of The Informer). [A short review of Synod is also included in this newsletter.]



Richland ARP desires to be a faithful expression of "God's Kingdom gathered and equipped for service!" A "New Members Class" will be offered for all inquirers at any time when interest is expressed -- an informal luncheon after the service to discuss the past, present, and future of our church.

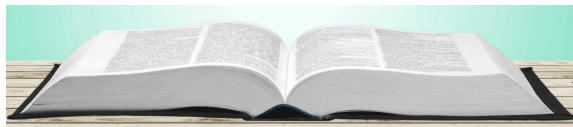


Richland ARP Homecoming Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024!



"The World According to John" is our Sunday morning preaching series which considers the "world" that the Father sent His Son to redeem - and restore! Jesus has been "sent" by the Father to accomplish something eternal for our world. Access past messages on YouTube & FaceBook: "Richland ARP Church." [Please "subscribe" to receive notices of new presentations]

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER that during our Sunday morning service, our Memorial Hall is being utilized as an "over-flow room" providing space for those needing a little more room & distance. (Ideal for little ones.)



JULY

Birthdays

- 1 - Elliott Haddad
- 6 - Tanner Pitman
- 7 - Carr McCalla
- 8 - Gail Stroud
- 12 - Duncan Blue Hughes
- 15 - Bebe Wilder
- 16 - Carolyn Stricklin
- 17 - Emma Clayton
- 22 - Sean Curtis
- 22 - Russ McCallen
- 22 - Rita Moorlach
- 24 - Aaron Clay
- 24 - David Reece
- 26 - Kyle Long
- 28 - Courtney Morgan
- 30 - Xara Joy Moorlach

Anniversaries

- 7/14 - Bob & Ann De Aragon
- 7/29 - Don & Marsha Tabb

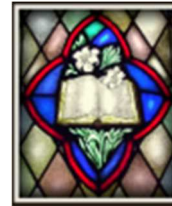


The Durham Family have announced the engagement of their son, Jake Durham to Rachel Ufferman. A wedding is planned for the Fall of 2024.



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"Thank you" to those who access our online giving platform! If you wish to donate online, please visit our church website and click on the "Online Giving" tab to establish & manage an online account. Thank you for being a partner and a blessing!



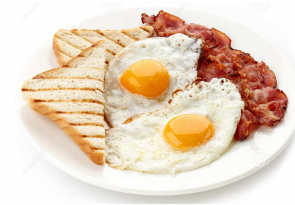
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Visit us online to get specifics about: calendar, links to important articles, utilize the RSVP function for events, and to contact us with your ideas and prayer requests.

UPCOMING

- 7/14 - Bob & Ann 40th Ann'y Party; 5PM
- 7/18 - Honorariums & Memorials; 6PM
- 7/20 - HYPE Banquet in Memorial Hall; 2p
- 7/21 - Pray 4 TN event @ 3:30PM
- 7/22 - Pray 4 TN event @ Noon
- 7/22-26 - MVP YOUTH Summer Camp
- 7/30 - YOUTH Mini-Golf (??)
- 7/31 - All-Church Prayer Meeting; 6:16PM
- 8/6 - RARPC Officers' Meetings; 6 & 7PM
- 8/10 - Rosemark Men's Breakfast; 8AM
- 9/2 - Labor Day
- 9/8 - YOUTH CHOIR practices begin; 5PM
- 9/12 - Confidential Care Banquet
- 9/25-27 - Country Fair prep on campus
- 9/28 - Rosemark Country Fair!
- 10/6 - Lord's Supper observed
- 10/7-8 - Fall MVP Meeting at Salem ARPC
- 10/27 - Reformation Sunday Services
- 10/30 - Reformation Party (??)
- 11/3 - Daylight Saving Change
- 11/3 - Richland ARP Homecoming Sunday

Rosemark's Men's Monthly Morning Fellowship!



We invite the men of Rosemark (and environs) to gather for a great breakfast, followed by

Bible devotions @ 8AM. JOIN US July 13, 2024 -- Invite a friend!

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGES:

- Richland Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
 - Friends Who Like Richland Assoc. Ref. Pres. Church
- & our **YouTube Channel:**
"Richland ARP Church"

From The SESSION

The Session prays for our church members, shut-ins, community, city, nation, and the concerns of the world-wide church.

Meetings are held each Lord's Day prior to the morning service, and monthly (June's monthly meeting was postponed due to a lack of a quorum).

Received: Deacon's Reports

Approved: VBS financial contribution, Various request for use of Memorial Hall

- Next Session Meeting: July 9, 2024

SESSION NOTICE: *Session meetings are public meetings; however, some matters discussed are sensitive in nature, so please schedule your attendance with our Clerk in advance. Thanks.*



The Ladies AM Bible Study will be taking the Summer months off! See you in the Fall!

<http://arpmagazine.org/>

You can learn all about our ARP denomination and subscribe to the magazine that covers all of the interests of our worldwide ministries. Also download the ARP App.

Informer Articles

Submit ideas and articles for an upcoming edition of the Informer any time! Submit info at our church website, or email: Info@RichlandARP.org



Women's Ministry will again assemble a dozen "Encouragement Baskets" at the beginning of July.

ALSO, please set aside September 12, 2024, on your calendar for the annual Confidential Care Mobile Ministry Celebration Banquet to be held in Germantown. Special guest speaker will be Dr. Ben Carson. Register online at the Confidential Care website.

PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO OUR SWAB!

Swab Faith Moorlach
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
15 Mohegan Avenue
Chase Hall Box # 7629
New London, CT 06320

YOUTH GROUP

News

- ♦ Youth Sunday School will meet in various locations during the summer months. Arrive early to at 10AM
- ♦ Youth Choir will return for regular practices in early September, 2024.
- ♦ **MVP SUMMER CAMP** is this MONTH! Be sure to follow all the important announcements coming soon!
- ♦ A few "Summer Outings" are being planned... Talk to the pastor's family for info!
- ♦ **THANK YOU** to all our VBS Helpers!!



A WAY OUT MINISTRIES

awoministries.org

Provides care and protection for women escaping crisis situations.

We are providing donations of products to fully stock a brand new "safe house" currently under construction. Please bring these items to the Deacon's Office: Bleach, dish soap, gel dishwasher soap, disinfectants (spray & liquid), paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent (unscented), hand soap, trash bags, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, etc.

Reports from Richland's

Calling Post

Will exTReMe weather conditions prevent us from gathering? Receive a phone message indicating our meeting status! Leave your best phone number with the church office to receive our all-church calling service! Call us today: 901-829-4105

JULY 2024 @ Richland ARP

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 - Bible Classes - Worship Service	1 * Month of Prayer & Fasting for TN	2	3	4	5	6
7 - Bible Classes - Worship Service (Lord's Supper Observed)	8	9	10	11	12	13 - Rosemark Men's Breakfast @ 8AM
14 - Bible Classes - Worship Service - Bob & Ann Anniversary @ 5PM	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 - Bible Classes - Worship Service - Pray \$ TN; 3:30PM	22 ** MVP YOUTH	23 SUMMER CAMP @	24 CRS in FRENCH	25 CAMP, MS **	26	27
28 - Bible Classes - Worship Service	29	30	31	1 AUGUST	2	3
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> See our church website:
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- HARE @ 4PM

- Family Dinner & Pastor's Study @ 6PM

- RARPC Officers' Mtgs. @ 6 & 7PM

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- HYPE set-up

- Memorials & Honorariums Comm. @ 6PM

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Join us at 10AM for a variety of instruction with great conversation, prayer, & discipleship!

◆ **4 Classes for our children:**

- ◇ Our PreK - 1st grade is meeting in the nursery room with Miss Courtney 
- ◇ 2nd to 5th Grade - Meets in the first level children's room with Miss Karen 
- ◇ Middle School - Meets upstairs with Miss Ann 
- ◇ Sr. High - Now meets in the Memorial Hall with the "Fellowship" Class taught by the pastor. Basics of the Christian faith is on the menu!
- ◆ **3 Adult Classes:**
- ◇ **"Faith"** meets in the old Session Room for a study led by Mr. David through the *Bible Expositor and Illuminator* series. 
- ◇ **"Fellowship"** meets in Memorial Hall and is taught by the pastor. A variety of topics are discussed related to understanding the Scriptures and the state of the church. 
- ◇ **"Growing in Grace"** is our women's class meeting in the women's parlor adjacent to the choir room. This class is led by Miss CK for their study through a commentary on the Book of Romans. 

⇒ Classes conclude at 10:45AM, so arrive on time!



We had a "medal winning" good time at our VBS experience, shared with Salem ARP and Brighton ARP. The Olympic theme was a great format for games, crafts, and sharing the Gospel message! Thank you to everyone who participated in our daily meetings and our concluding family celebrations! See a host of photos from VBS 2024 at RichlandARP.org!



The 220th General Synod:

HEADLINE: Denomination with 10 Presbyteries Becomes 8! The Canadian Presbytery has determined over the years that keeping all of their work, travel, and finances "north of the border" is more practical. At one time, part of the Northeast Presbytery, the Lord has blessed the Canadian ARP churches so that they are ready to establish a coordinated Synod of the ARP. This actually reflects our early history when the ARP divided into 4 geographic regions. The Synod of the South is the only portion of the ARP that has maintained our ARP identity by not merging with other Presbyterian denominations. Overtime, our denomination grew out of the south to reach all the way to Canada, and will now hive off (eh)!

In related news, we heard from representatives from both the *Iglesia Presbiteriana Asociada Reformada de Mexico* and the *ARP Church of Pakistan*. These two separate national synods identify as ARP, and are establishing churches, hospitals, and schools/seminaries in their part of the world. The Canadian ARP will also bring us future updates and we will also send representatives to our international family of ARP Synods. (FACT: Did you know there are more ARP church members in Pakistan than in America, Canada, and Mexico combined?)

Related to visits, we were also brought fraternal greetings from the OPC, RPCNA, Canadian Reformed Churches, and the United Reformed Churches. (We send delegates to their meetings, too ((when they don't conflict with ours! Looking at you, PCA!)))

The other presbytery that is "no more," is actually being moved into presbyteries on her borders. After nearly a full-days debate on how to handle the "dysfunction" manifesting in the former 2nd Presbytery, this analogy by a minister from 2nd Presbytery rang true: *"Sometimes when I'm driving with my family, I need to pull over and rearrange the seating assignments of my children because the trip is not working out. They are still my children, we are still going to the same place, no one gets kicked out, but sometimes a father needs to move the children around to achieve peace."* The analogy fits. The churches of the former presbytery are still ARP, they will simply rearrange by joining neighboring presbyteries; they will be situated differently to make the trip more enjoyable.

Synod also passed recommendations about Secret Societies, which includes a set of questions Sessions should use to help members think through whether or not being a member of such is in keeping with Christian commitments.

Synod passed this motion, "...the 220th General Synod explicitly and forthrightly declares that Freemasonry is incompatible with Christianity." While the Synod leaves this decision with a person's conscience, the above motion has little room for nuance. It was acknowledged that certain groups have different practices and commitments, even over different regions, so again, this matter remains one of conscience informed by Scripture.

An old document found on our Synod website alluded to the controversial doctrine known as, "The Eternal Subordination of the Son." Questions were raised as to this language being referenced. A study committee has been formed to determine our official view.

Lastly, this was the first Synod I have attended that served wine as an option for the Lord's Supper. (Article edited by Rev. Kent Moorlach from a blog post penned by Rev. Benjamin Glaser)

From The DIACONATE

Interior cosmetic repairs now required for rooms after plumbing pipe repair work. Upstairs ceiling tiles will be removed and replaced -- seeking more bids.

A crib in the Mother's Room needs repairs or replacement.

Lighter serving tables will be purchased. Increased handicap access at church entryways are in process.

Discussions with an interior designer are ongoing related to sanctuary upgrades.

A rain gutter downspout must be repaired. Funds were approved to produce the WM

Cookbook project currently underway. Sanctuary fans should receive maintenance.

Discussing adding another camera to our Sunday service live feed.

Purchased a laptop for changes required for new bookkeeping system.

Playground equipment was delivered!

Rosemark Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: July 13; 8AM in Memorial Hall.

Next Deacon's meeting is July 9, 2024.