

THE MARP MESSENGER

MOORESVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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My Brothers and Sisters,

Much will be happening in May for us! This is the last month that we will be worshipping at the church sanctuary located at 659 Carpenter Ave. And while there might be an element of sadness, there are also great reasons for excitement! **First**, Mooresville ARP will still exist as a congregation even when we start meeting at Lakeside ARP on Sunday, June 4 and from then on until the merger becomes final. **Second**, we will still be Mooresville ARP up until potentially in August 2023 when the Presbytery holds the merger congregational meeting and 2 churches become 1. So it will be more like a marriage than a merger (June will be happy that I am calling it a marriage and not using the word “merger”)! **Third**, both churches will be approving a new name for the new church (May 7) & approving the merger plan (May 21)! **Fourth**, the LORD is in the process of people seriously looking at our property and starting to make offers! And **fifth**, the folks at Lakeside are extremely excited with us coming and are looking forward to us building the Kingdom of God with them! Barry & Dava have said and I agree, that as we have been praying for growth in the church, for the LORD to do something amazing in our midst, and for Him to be glorified through us – He is about to accomplish all 3 of those things in this merger / marriage of our 2 congregations!!!

Now I also wanting to share something from Nancy that she gave me in terms of the name change for the church. While I realize that this is a little unfair for me to have a platform to share the name that I really like, this devotional article is too good to not share it! It is in support of the name, CORNERSTONE ARP. One of the criteria that we are using in the selection of a new name is for it to be “prophetic” in the sense of describing what we are about, what we stand for, and what we are striving to accomplish. Jesus as the CORNERSTONE of the church and of our lives is rooted in Scripture from Psalm 118:22-23 & Ephesians 2:19-22, as well as Jesus referring to Himself as the CORNERSTONE OF THE CHURCH in Matthew 21:42-44.

Ephesians 2:19-22 - Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Psalms 118:22-23 - The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Here is the excerpt from the devotion that Nancy sent:

“What is a cornerstone? **Since early times, it's been the principal stone placed at the corner of a building that formed its base. Once it was set, it determined every measurement in the construction of the edifice. Everything was aligned to it.** As the chief cornerstone, Jesus is the foundation on which the church is built and His people are to align with Him. He's a “tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation” (Isaiah 28:16). With Him, we become “fellow citizens with God's people” and “members of His household built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Old & New Testaments)” with Christ as our chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19-20). We're His holy temple, and His Spirit lives in us (vs. 21-22). If we trust in Him, “we'll never be put to shame” (1 Peter 2:6).” (Bible in a Year Devotion 4/26)

May Jesus show His Will to us in the naming of our new church and may He show us the persevering love that He has for His people & for His Church! May His Name be praised forever!!!

**In the Love of Jesus,
Pastor Andy**

VISION STATEMENT

“Bringing People to Jesus”

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

EVENT	WHEN	LOCATION	TIME
Worship Service		Sanctuary	Sundays 11:00am
Sunday School**		Downstairs Classroom	Sundays 10:00am
Manor Bible Study		Mooreville Manor	Mondays 11:00 am
Adult Bible Study		FLC	Wednesdays 6:00pm
Homeschool Co-op		FLC	Thursdays 1:00pm
Session Meeting		Barry's House	Wed, May 3 8:00 pm



Malcolm, Payten	5-May
Hensel, Carole	17-May
Garner, Landyn	18-May
Parker, Kylie	19-May



*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, economic hardship 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 & Merger

Homebound & those in nursing homes

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

College Students

Matthew Ward, JG Ward

World

World to know Christ!
All ARP Missionaries & Persecuted Christians
Michael & Laura Cochran

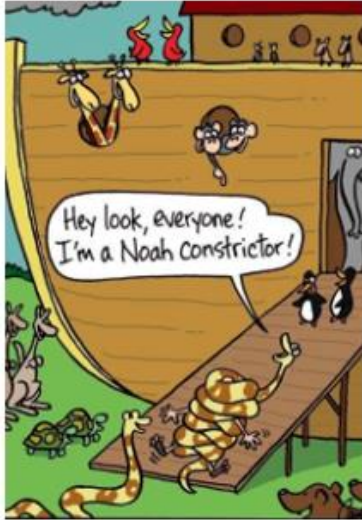
Individual Needs

Ginny Suitts
Barry Brown
June's friends – Ms. Kay & Julie
JG's friend, Jenny
Diane's friend, Brooks
Marryn Burdette
Jared McEntire's coworker, Susan.
Frank's sister, Janet
Carrie Bailey (Debbie's mom)
Debbie Kalinoski
Margaret Hurlocker
Folks at Mooresville Manor
Dixie Stevenson
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



Things to Ponder:

1. Why are there so many tomorrows, but only one today?
2. Today is the day to behave as if it will be the day for which you will always be remembered
3. Why do noses run, but feet smell?
4. If all good things come to those who wait, why is it so bad to procrastinate?
5. If Cinderella's shoe fit perfectly, then why did it fall off?
6. "Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first."
7. "When I was growing up I always wanted to be someone. Now I realize I should have been more specific."
8. "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."
9. "You can't have a million-dollar dream with a minimum-wage worth ethic."

ACCESSING THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON LINE

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/GrowingstronginGod/

Note: Live Streaming will cease after April 16. Services avail. After 12:00pm on Sundays on UTube and Facebook.

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Empowering Disciples, and
Impacting our Community and World”*

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