

# The Faith Messenger

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Have you ever stopped to think about the special times of the year that you really look forward to? Things like birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, Easter and April 15 (just kidding). We all have those dates in our lives that we anticipate...some more than others.

As a church family, there is one date that is rapidly approaching that we can all look forward to with a thankful and grateful heart....May 18.

Sunday, May 18, will be the day our new Pastor, Joe Arnold, will assume his duties as Under Shepherd of Faith Presbyterian Church. This is a day that we have all looked forward to for the past ten months...a day when we will welcome Joe, Loretta, Emily and Nate into our Church family.

We owe a lot to the Pastor Search Committee for their tireless efforts in pouring over resumes, talking with candidates and discussing the pros and cons of each applicant. But we owe our undying thanks to our Lord and Savior who called Joe out from all the others to be our new Minister. As Joe can tell you, Faith and Cheraw have been on his radar for quite a while. It all began when he first saw that we were looking for a Pastor in 2009....but Joe was in Seminary then. It happened again in August of 2013, when Joe was on-line and noticed that we were, once again, looking for a Pastor...but he had just accepted the call to go to Rockingham, NC.

Two months later, as Joe was at his computer, he saw there was still a pulpit vacancy at Faith, and this time, he acted on the impulses of his heart and talked to some friends who encouraged him to pursue his calling and the rest is history.

On Sunday, May 18, Pastor Joe Arnold will bring the morning message and that evening, at six o'clock, he will be installed as our new Minister. We should all make plans now to be a part of this grand celebration as we welcome the Arnolds to our church.

I hope to see you then!

*Reid McBride*

*"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man Minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" 1 Peter 4:11*

Faith Presbyterian Church is committed to glorifying God through praise and worship, teaching the whole truth of God's Word, reflecting the love of Christ through fellowship and service, and reaching the world through evangelistic ministries.

## News and Events



**We welcome the Arnold family as Joe prepares to shepherd the Family of Faith, and Loretta, Nate and Emily look forward to moving to Cheraw. The Arnold's are currently negotiating to purchase a home and should be moved and settled in within the next few months.**

**Should you need to speak with Pastor Joe, you may call him on his cell at 910-695-5365.**

- ♦ We express Christian love and sympathy to the Chapman and Alexander family as Mr. Gerald Chapman, Sr. went home to the Lord on April 19th.
- ♦ FCA's yard sale is Saturday, **May 3rd, from 8am to 11am**. Children's clothing, household items, toys and furniture will be available.
- ♦ It's not too soon to be thinking about Vacation Bible School! We are planning for a week in June (more details later). If you are willing and available, please volunteer to help in this important ministry. Talk with Melinda Oakley for more details.
- ♦ The Women's Bible Study will be held **Tuesday, May 13th, at 6:30pm**. Lesson handouts for this session are on the hall table.
- ♦ Pastor Joe's installation service will be held **Sunday, May 18th, at 6pm**. We ask that you join us for this special service.

### Birthdays

May 1st-Lauren Rogers  
May 2nd-Denise Atkinson  
May 6th-Betty Lu Atkinson  
May 8th-Ernest Eskridge  
May 13th-Tony Oakley  
May 23rd-Wade Lofton  
May 25th-Lee Lackey  
May 27th-Betty Eskridge  
May 28th-Barnice Turner

### Anniversaries

May 7th-Tom and Dianne Rountree  
May 30th-Jon and Amy Alexander