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Memorials

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

in Memory of

Pat Billingsley

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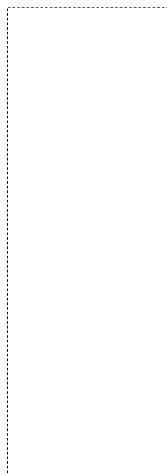
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FEBRUARY
2026 news-
letter of Richland
ARP Church

"Growing In Faith
and
Service"
since **1866**

The Informer

- FEBRUARY**
- First Friday!
 - WM Mtg.
 - MAG Mtg.
 - Valentine's Luncheon
 - Psalm Sing
 - Little Rock Conference...



this issue...

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What is the real temperature?

Jumping into my car on that bright sun shiny day, the temperature read 50 degrees. By the time I made it to church, the temperature read 29 degrees.

What happened? Did I just drive through the biggest storm on record in my short journey? Not at all. I literally slipped on the snow that was all around my car that day. My own weather app told me the outdoor temperature was 27°! How could my car thermometer be so wrong at first?

We all know why! Parked out in the full sun, no leaves on the trees to shade, my car was just soaking up the midday rays which raised the temperature in the cabin (and evidently the thermometer) to a balmy 50°. It was really comfortable! But it was not accurate!

Driving slowly over my neighborhood's ice covered roads, turning onto the snow-plowed Highway 14, I noticed the temperature gauge starting to fall and reflect the true outside temperature.

There are a few analogies we can derive from this story. One that caught my thinking is a type of parable. The one who simply sits still and soaks is the one who can be persuaded to ignore the "true temperature." Life demands that we move and travel and interact with the world. It requires that we meet each day with the wisdom of what is truly happening in our society and culture.

Sure, sitting and soaking has its place! But we are also called to leave our comfortable pews and interact with the world by bringing the truth of God's word! Let's read the temperature "beyond" our sanctuaries!

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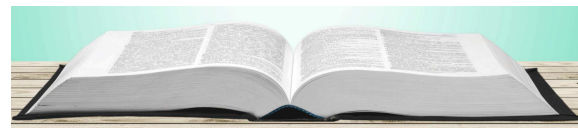
Richland ARP desires to be a faithful expression of "God's Kingdom gathered and equipped for service!" **An Inquirer's Class** will be scheduled as an after-church luncheon to discuss our church history, present ministry, and future goals -- just inquire!



Richland ARP
160th Homecoming!
Nov. 1, 2026!



"**Great Salvation Moments**" is both a survey of the Scriptures and a detailed look at the who, what, when, where, why, and how of God's saving grace. That grace was established by covenant promises with the saints of Israel, a people set-apart for a unique role in the world... We are learning that God's salvation remains the same over all of time; but with new implications... Access past messages at our website, YouTube & FaceBook pages. Search: **Richland ARP Church**. [Please "subscribe" to receive notices of new presentations] **REMEMBER:** During our Sunday morning service, our Memorial Hall may be utilized as an "over-flow room."



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

- 2 - Trevor Redd
- 5 - Barbara Conley
- 7 - Mabel Clay
- 8 - O'Neil Jones
- 8 - Helen Haynes Wilson
- 10 - Lydia Morgan
- 16 - Molly Hampton
- 16 - Danna Laminack
- 19 - Melissa Glenn
- 22 - Stephanie Moorlach
- 23 - Sarah Cavin
- 25 - Ann Wright
- 27 - Ann De Aragon

Anniversaries

- 2/3 - Scott & Terry Pitman

UPCOMING...

- 2/20-21 - Theology Conf. in Little Rock, AR.
- 2/26 - HUG Meeting
- 3/2-3 - MVP Meeting at Hopewell, MS
- 3/5 - 1st Thursday Prayer Mtg in Millington
- 3/6 - First Friday Study for Jr. & Sr. High
- 3/8 - DAYLIGHT SAVING Begins
- 3/14 - Rosemark Men's Breakfast; 8AM
- 3/14 - Baby Shower for Emma Kate
- 3/26 - HUG Meeting; 6PM
- 3/27-29 - Richland's Apologetics Conf.**
- 3/29 - Palm Sunday
- 3/31 - Olivet Discourse Tuesday
- 4/1 - Wednesday Seder Supper
- 4/2 - Maundy Thursday
- 4/3 - Good Friday



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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!

Rosemark's Men's Monthly Breakfast & Fellowship!



*We invite our fathers, sons, and brothers to gather for a great breakfast, followed by Bible devotions @ 8AM. JOIN US February 14, 2026--> **Richland ARP***

Prayer Chain Texts

Would you like to be part of our Prayer Chain? If you have not been receiving regular updates, please contact the Pastor's wife to be included on text threads or to be a part of a phone calling tree.
Thank you.

Would you like to assist with preparing



and displaying the array of flowers in the sanctuary each Lord's Day? Please see Miss Helen for details!



back of Memorial Hall.



River City Reformed Church in Little Rock

will hold their 3rd annual theology conference on February 20-22, 2026. **The topic of our conference** is "Our Great Savior: God-Man, Sacrifice, King, & Priest." The schedule for the conference is: Friday, Feb 20: "God Man" (6PM) Saturday, Feb 21: "Sacrifice" (10 AM with fellowship lunch to follow) Sunday, Feb. 22: Morning Sermon: "King" Sunday, Feb. 22: Evening Sermon: "Priest" The conference is FREE. Register at their website.



Thank you to Elders McDaniel and Wilder for plowing the snow from our parking lot!

Hope in the Community Food Drive is a ministry that is meeting the needs of families in North Shelby County. This box is ready to receive your non-perishable food donations, located in the



The **LADIES AM Bible Study** meets most Tuesdays at Miss Ann's home at 9:30AM (Excepting Tuesdays when the Rosemark Garden Club meets! See calendar). Their current study lessons are from Vaughn Roberts series entitled, "God's Big Picture."

Informer Articles

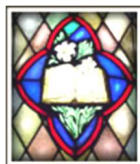
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Visit us online for specifics about: calendar, links to important events, RSVP-ing for functions, and to contact us with your ideas and prayer requests. Leave a message in our "Comment Boxes" found at the bottom of many pages.



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

YOUTH GROUP

News

- ◆ Youth Sunday School classes meet @ 10AM
- ◆ YOUTH CHOIR practice on most Sundays for those in 5th grade and older @ 5PM
- ◆ Make plans to attend the **2nd First Friday Youth** (middle & high school) **Bible Study** at Richland ARP at 6PM; 2/6! Food & fellowship are also a part of the gathering!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

FIRST FRIDAY STUDIES
Attention all middle and high schoolers!
Join us for our NEXT First Friday Study
February 6 @ 6PM.
• Taco Bar • Big BOSS Bunco
• Bible Study: "Start w/ Genesis"
Bring a friend and your Bible!
Richland ARP Church



College Age Students!

Take part in the weekly fellowship and study time with several Presbyterian Churches meeting at Advent Pres. in Cordova, Friday at 6PM.

Reports from Richland's

Calling Post

Will eXtReMe weather prevent us from gathering? Receive a phone message indicating our meeting status! Leave your phone number with the church office to receive our all-church calling service!



Our Spring Conference

Will again feature our guest lecturer, Shane Rosenthal, the host of the **Humble Skeptic Podcast**. Shane will be bringing his expert research to bear on the opening prologues of both the New Testament books of Luke and Acts. Learning key facts about the person who wrote these texts, and his intended recipients will provide a great advantage in interpreting what we are supposed to understand about the witnesses to the life of Jesus Christ! Please makes plans to join us, and to invite a friend for our conference dates: **March 27-29**



Apologetics @Richland

Special Training Event at RARPC; 2/13

I believe God for the Salvation of my Friends and Neighbors!

Evangalism

A Mini Conference that will give you direct and applicable skills for evangelism and witnessing!

"SHARING THE FAITH"
Friday February 13 2026
Richland ARP Church

Denominational Records

Richland ARP 2025

- Communicant Members: 68
 - Non-communicant: 16
- '25 Accessions: (prof., affirm., transfer) 0,3,5
 - '25 Baptisms (infant, youth, adult) 0,0,0
 - '25 Losses (death, transfer, censure): 5,2,0
- 2025 Total receipts: **\$354,740**
(Tithes, Offerings, Rentals, Donations, Interest)
- '25 Total disbursements: **\$273,495**
 - Average Sunday Attend: 72
- We are grateful to all who pray for, serve with, and support our church!



We would like to invite the congregation to a Sunday Evening Psalm Sing at Brighton ARP church on **February 15; at 6PM**. A time of re-

freshments and fellowship will follow!



A WM Meeting will convene after the morning Service of February 8, in the Memorial Hall to plan for the rest of 2026.



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

- **Nursery - Pre-K** with Miss Nikieta & Miss Sarah
- **K - 2nd** - with Miss Courtney & Mr Tim
- **3rd - 5th** - with Miss Kelly
- **6th - 8th** - with Miss Bebe
- **High School** - with Dr. Dave & Mr. Kennon

- *Miss Hanna (sub for 0 - PreK)
- *Miss Sherri (sub for K-2 & 3-5)
- *Miss Stephanie (sub for 6-8 & HS)
- *Miss Terry (back up sub as needed)

◆ **3 Adult Classes:**

- ◇ **"Faith"** meets in the old Session Room for a study led by class members through the *Bible Expositor and Illuminator* series.
 - ◇ **"Growing in Grace"** is our women's class meeting in the women's parlor. This class is facilitated by Miss Danna, teaching through a chronological study of First Corinthians.
 - ◇ **"Pastor's Class"** is a tour through many theological topics and related sermon material; meeting in the Memorial Hall
- ⇒ Classes conclude at 10:45AM, so arrive on time!



From The DIACONATE

New Deacon Leadership: Chair - Ray Graham; Vice Chair - Mike Thomason; Secretary - Kennon Silence
 Deacons have opened a few banking accounts to gain interest on church reserves. New bank account signatories established. More ceiling tiles will be purchased to replace several stained by recent leaks. Pastor's family has a new health insurance package.
 Special batteries purchased for smoke alarms. Sanctuary refurbishment plans are proceeding with the Design Committee.
 2026 Offering envelopes available now. Rosemark Breakfast & Bible Study: February 14; 8AM - Richland ARP
 Next Deacon's meeting is February 3, 2026.

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, typically on the first Tuesday of each month.

Voted: Vice Moderator of Session - Keith Wilder; Clerk of Session - Scott Pitman

Received: Deacons' & Treasurer's Reports

Approved: Enacting a Nominating Committee in order to fill another Deacon position; Pastor's vacation dates; Re-including the singing of the *Gloria Patri* during morning services; Church statistical information submitted to Synod (*see post in newsletter for partial info*).

SESSION NOTICE: *Session meetings are public meetings; however, some matters discussed are sensitive in nature. Thank you for scheduling your attendance with our Clerk in advance.*

FEBRUARY 2026 @ Richland ARP

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FEBRUARY - Bible Classes - Worship Service	2 - Ladies AM Bible Study; 9:30AM - Officers' Mtgs @ Richland ARP	3 - Ladies AM Bible Study; 9:30AM - Officers' Mtgs @ Richland ARP	4 - Wednesday Night Family Meal @ 6PM	5 - 1st Thursday Prayer Mtg. in Millington	6 - 1st Friday Youth Study & Fellowship; 6PM	7 <visit RichlandARP.org for updated info>
8 - Bible Classes - Worship Service - WM Meeting	9 - Ladies AM Bible Study; 9:30AM	10 - Ladies AM Bible Study; 9:30AM	11 - Wednesday Family Dinner & Devotions; 6PM	12 - Wednesday Family Dinner & Devotions; 6PM	13 - HARE Mtg. 4PM - MAG Mtg. "How to Witness" 7PM	14 - Rosemark Men's Breakfast & Bible Study; 8AM @ RARPC
15 - Bible Classes - Worship Service - Valentine's Lunch - PSALM SING at Brighton ARP; 6p	16 - President's Day	17 - Ladies AM Bible Study; 9:30AM	18 - Wednesday Family Dinner & Devotions; 6PM	19 - Wednesday Family Dinner & Devotions; 6PM	20 - Abide 6:30PM - Theology Conf...	21 ... in Little Rock, AR .
22 - Bible Classes - Worship Service	23 - Rosemark Garden Club Mtg.	24 - Rosemark Garden Club Mtg.	25 - Wednesday Family Dinner & Devotions; 6PM	26 - HUG Mtg; 6PM	27 - Abide 6:30PM	28
1 MARCH - Bible Classes - Worship Service - YOUTH CHOIR; 5p	2 - Ladies AM Bible Study; 9:30AM - Officers' Mtgs @ Richland ARP	3 - Ladies AM Bible Study; 9:30AM - Officers' Mtgs @ Richland ARP	4 - Wednesday Family Dinner & Devotions; 6PM	5 - Wednesday Family Dinner & Devotions; 6PM	6 - 1st Friday Youth Study & Fellowship; 6PM	7
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