

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 28, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Ringling of the Bell	
Prelude	
Welcome and Announcements	Stephen Clyborne
Call to Worship	<i>Bind Us Together, Lord</i> Choir
Invocation	Katherine Booker
*Hymn of Praise #572	Congregation
	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Stephen Clyborne
Hymn or Reflection #635	Congregation
	<i>In the Garden</i>
Scripture Reading	Stephen Clyborne
	<b>John 15:1-8</b> (Pew Bible, p. 939)
*Offertory Hymn #429	Congregation
	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians</i>
Offertory Prayer	David Dickson
Offertory Music	Frances Ward
Choral Anthem	Choir
	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God/Great and Mighty</i>
Sermon	Stephen Clyborne
	<b>"Still Abiding"</b>
*Hymn of Commitment #642	Congregation
	<i>Abide with Me</i>
*Benediction	Stephen Clyborne

\*Congregation, please stand, if able

## WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted that you are here. Please take a welcome card from the pew rack, give us whatever information you are comfortable giving us, and place it in the offering plate when it is passed your way. We would like to get to know you better and find out how we can serve you.

### *ReShaping Church: Thriving Congregations*

As a part of the *ReShaping Church* process, we are having **eight weeks of guided small groups during April and May** to explore together how our church can be a greater expression of the body of Christ. If you consider our congregation to be your church home, whether you are officially a member or not, you are invited and encouraged to participate in one of these small groups each week:

#### *ReShaping Church Small Group Meetings*

- Group 1 - Sunday Mornings, 9:45 am – April 7 through May 26, Morgan Building. Leader: Stephen Clyborne
- Group 2 - Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 pm – April 3 through May 22, Morgan Building. Leader: Debbie Adkins
- Group 3 - Thursday Mornings, 11 am – April 11 through May 30, Howard Room. Leader: Steve Hearne

## HELP US SEARCH FOR MINISTER TO FAMILIES

The Minister to Families Search Committee is asking that everyone in the church share the following job post on your personal social media accounts:

First Baptist Church in Piedmont, SC is searching for a part-time Minister to Families to work with the pastor to reach out to young families with children in our church and community, and to work with volunteers in the church to provide ministries for them. Resumes may be sent to [fbcpiedmontresume@gmail.com](mailto:fbcpiedmontresume@gmail.com). There is a link at the top of the homepage on our church website that will take you to the job description for this position.

## SERMON NEXT SUNDAY

May 5: "Loving a Parent" (1 John 5:1-6)

### *Words to and from God*

#### **A Prayer Meeting Series on the Psalms**

#### **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Howard Room**

May 1: "What Have You Done for Me Lately?" (Psalm 78)

## RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEACONS

The Deacons recommend that the funds from the sale of the parsonage in April of 2004 (\$134,773.30), and designated for a Family Life Center, be redesignated as unrestricted funds to be used in the future as the church deems appropriate. There will be an opportunity for the church to discuss and vote on this recommendation by ballot on Sunday, May 5

## LOCAL MISSIONS THROUGH PFBC

### **-Mission Project to Help Under-Resourced Students at Sue Cleveland Elementary School**

For some time, our church has provided food bags for under-resourced students at Sue Cleveland Elementary School. You may support this project by donating food items. We are always in need of canned Chef Boyardee ravioli and spaghetti, mac and cheese, juice boxes, granola bars, cereal bars, pop tarts, applesauce, pudding cups, fruit cups. Please leave your donations in the Food Pantry Room (one of the small rooms accessible from the Howard Room) as soon as possible. This is a wonderful way to let the students and parents know that First Baptist Piedmont cares about them. Please contact Crystal Selfridge for more information.

### **-Weekly Mission Project at Piedmont Emergency Relief Center (PERC)**

Help us distribute food bags/boxes to neighbors in need each Thursday afternoon at PERC (3 Main Street - Piedmont). Preparation begins around 2:30, and distribution is between 4 and 6 pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you can.

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## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**11 am in the Sanctuary**

If you know of anyone in our church family who will be graduating from any school, college, or university this year, please contact our pastor as soon as possible so we can be sure to recognize that student on May 19.

## CAMP PIEDMONT - COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Sunday-Wednesday, June 23-26, 5:45 - 8:00 pm at Piedmont**

### **Presbyterian Church**

**Age 4 through 5th grade**

Our church will be partnering with several other churches in Piedmont to offer a community-wide VBS by providing a meal on Wednesday evening and providing volunteers. You can help by:

- Word-of-mouth and social media publicity. Invite friends and neighbors to bring their children.
- Help with the meal on Wednesday night. Contact Gloria McAbee.
- Volunteer to work with children during VBS.
- Pray that many children in our community will experience the love of Christ at Camp Piedmont.

**NEXT DEACONS MEETING- This Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30pm**

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING- Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Today

9:45 am *ReShaping Church* Small Group (Morgan Building)  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 12:15 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Howard Room)

### Monday, April 29

8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Morgan Building)

### Wednesday, May 1

5:30 pm Pack food bags (Howard Room)  
 Deacons Meeting (Pastor's Office)  
 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting (Howard Room)  
*ReShaping Church* Small Group (Morgan Building)  
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Thursday, May 2

8:30 am Deliver food bags to Sue Cleveland Elementary School  
 11:00 am *ReShaping Church* Small Group (Howard Room)  
 3:30 pm Food distribution to neighbors in need  
 (Piedmont Emergency Relief Center)  
 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Morgan Building)

Save the date . . .

### NEXT SENIOR ADULT GATHERING

Friday, May 31 at Bettie Lown's mountain house  
 234 Laurel Valley Road - Sunset, SC

The van will leave the church parking lot at 10:30 am  
**Pot-luck Lunch. Bring your favorite dish to share.**  
**Sign-up sheet posted outside the pastor's office.**

### WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES

If you are not currently receiving our weekly email updates, and would like to, please contact the church office.

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have announcements or information you would like to include in our monthly newsletter, please submit your information by the 20th of each month.

## DEACONS

April Deacon of the Month: David Dickson

### 2024

Al McAbee, Chair  
 Debbie Adkins, Secretary  
 Susan Allen  
 David Dickson

### 2025

Ken Allen, Vice Chair  
 Lee Allen  
 Jim Foxx  
 Crystal Selfridge

## PRAYER LIST

**Our Church** . . . as our *ReShaping Church* small group continues to discuss and pray about the future that God has in store for our church.

**Christian Sympathy:** Family of Will Boggs

### Powersville Community Church

**Military:** \*Rob Campbell, Jon McCann

**Homebound:** Hazel Allen, Maxie Freeman, Shirley Poston, Betty Tucker

**Other Concerns:** Mike Anderson, \*Angie Brown, Gerry Carraway,  
 \*Kay Dillard, \*Jan Hargrove, \*Joseph Holt, Jerry Hooper, Bill Johnson,  
 \*Ann Lane, \*David Lawless, \*Kathy McKinney, Evelyn Roper, Jane Satterfield,  
 \*Carolyn Shirley, \*John Storvick, \*James Thompson,  
 \*Mackenzie Watson and family, \*Mary Ellen Wilkinson

\*non-church members

If you have a prayer request or have a pastoral care need, please contact Stephen Clyborne at 864-354-8473 or [pastor@fbcpiedmونت.org](mailto:pastor@fbcpiedmونت.org).

### TO WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@fbcpiedmونت/live>. You may also use the web address to view anytime to keep current on upcoming events, activities, and opportunities.

If you would like to give your offering online, please scan this QR code.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Sunday, April 21

Weekly Budget Goal	\$2,362.88
Offerings Received	\$1,310.00

#### Year-to-Date

Budget Goal	\$35,443.20
Budget Offerings	\$64,368.21
Local Missions Offerings	\$596.00
National Missions Offerings	\$2,110.00
International Missions Offerings Received	\$682.00



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