

**FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR**

Sylvia and I have been so blessed by the gracious ways you have welcomed, supported, and loved us in the short time we have been with you at First Baptist Piedmont. It has been so sweet for us to find a new place to call home during this transitional season of the church’s history. I will be returning from my mission trip to Thailand on July 4, and look forward to seeing you when I return. I have been looking forward to and praying about the congregational meeting on July 9, and hope you will make plans to join us for that important opportunity for us to share our hopes, dreams, and prayers for our church. We are praying that, as we listen to each other’s voices, we will hear the Spirit clarifying a path forward for our church as we prepare for a new season of growth. Your input will not only be welcome and valued, but vital to this process of “Dialogue, Discernment, and Dedication”. During the month of July, we will continue our summer sermon series entitled “Thinking and Feeling: Controlling Our Emotions” each Sunday morning at 11 am in our sanctuary. On July 16, I will be away again due to another prior commitment that I made long before I knew I would be serving as your interim pastor. But I am grateful to Steve Hearne, one of our former pastors, for agreeing to preach again in my absence. I hope you will make every effort to be present each Sunday morning when you are in town and online when you are away.

- July 2- Dr. DeVenny
- July 9- “Dealing with Confusion and Conflictedness” (Mark 12:13-17)
- July 16- Dr. Steve Hearne
- July 23- “Dealing with Fear” (Isaiah 43:4a; 1 John 4:18)
- July 30- “Dealing with Depression and Hopelessness” (Psalm 13)

Also, during the month of July, we will continue our prayer meeting series on “The Fruit of the Spirit” based on Galatians 5:22-23. We meet each Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the Howard Room to fellowship together, and pray for the needs of our church, and focus on the Scripture for guidance and inspiration in our lives. We hope you will make plans to join us every Wednesday evening.

- July 5 - “Fruit of the Spirit: Peace”
  - July 12 - “Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness”
  - July 19 - “Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness”
- So grateful for the life we share together at First Baptist Piedmont.

Prayerfully,  
Stephen Clyborne

**DEACONS MEETING:**

The monthly deacons meeting will be on **July 9th** at 12:15 p.m. in the Howard Room.

**DEACON OF THE MONTH:**

The Deacon of the Month is Ken Allen.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR:**

The choir will continue to rehearse through the summer months with the exception of July 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like to sing is invited to join us as often as you can on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. after the prayer meeting. Come and make a joyful noise with us!

**ONLINE OPTION NOW AVAILABLE:**

You can now use a credit card, a debit card, or a PayPal account to make contributions to the church. A link labeled “Make online monetary contributions” is located on the church website main page. If you have any questions about using this method, contact Kim Spears in the church office.

You can also scan this QR code with your smart phone and it will take you directly to our PayPal to make a contribution.



**GENERAL FUND BUDGET & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:**

June 2023 Monthly Report  
Budget: \$16,288  
Received: \$14,020

**NURSERY SCHEDULE:**

- July 2 - Dixie Caulder
- July 9 - Barbara Greer
- July 16 - Gloria McAbee
- July 23 - Christy Rose
- July 30 - Bryan Harvey

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

June 25 - July 30: Messy, slimy, gross tales from the Bible! Psalms 145:3

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

Join us for supper on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM in the Morgan Building. If you’d like to provide supper, a sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office. Reimbursement up to \$40 is available.

**SUMMERTIME SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Plan to join us this month as we study Scripture passages from the prophet Isaiah. The lessons will call us to consider anew the power of God’s redemptive love. Class begins at 10 a.m. in the Morgan Building with prayer time for our church, its members, and special requests. Sunday School literature is provided for all who attend, visitors as well as church members of all ages. If you’ve been thinking about joining our fellowship, now is a good time to connect with others who meet together each week to dig deeper into God’s Word.

**THANKS TO ALL CHURCH CLEANUP WORKERS!**

From pressure washing the front steps on the outside to de-cluttering and organizing spaces on the inside, the church cleanup day was a great success. Thanks to everyone who showed up on June 24 as well as to those who have tackled cleanup on other days as we work together to take care of our buildings and try to make them neat and tidy.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

The Church office will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>.



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A congregational meeting to prepare for the future God has in store for EBCP.

Join your church family as we talk and pray about God's direction for the next season of our church's history. As we begin to search for a new permanent pastor, we will be prayerfully discussing who we are as a church and what God is calling us to do next. We will all be invited to share our own understanding and interpretation of God's plan for our church as we clarify our identity and mission as a church, hoping and praying that, as we share our individual thoughts, we will collectively begin to sense God's direction for our church. Your input will be welcome and valued. Please begin praying now that this congregational meeting will be the beginning of a new season of renewed commitment, growth, and vitality, and please make your plans now to join us for this important meeting.

2- Sunday Regular Worship Day  
4- Church Office Closed  
5- Wednesday Evening Activities  
9- Sunday Regular Worship Day  
12:15 p.m. Deacon Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting (Morgan Building)  
12- Wednesday Evening Activities  
16- Sunday Regular Worship Day  
19- Wednesday Evening Activities  
23- Sunday Regular Worship Day  
26- Wednesday Evening Activities  
30- Sunday Regular Worship Day

9:30 a.m. Prayer  
10:00 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 Worship Service

6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Meal  
6:45 Children/Youth Activity Mission Friends  
7:00 Prayer /Devotion for all  
7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 p.m.**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Jackson Greer	July 7	Miranda White	July 18
Paige Crawford	July 11	Maggie Cloninger	July 19
Debbie Adkins	July 12	Abigail Vaughan	July 24
Kitty Blackstone	July 12	Kim Spears	July 24
Jon McCann	July 16	Nora Hooper	July 25

Rusty & Kim Spears                      July 18th