

As an added bonus, I will introduce you to David and Martha Newton, long-time missionaries to Thailand, who will share a little bit about their connections not only to Thailand, but also to Piedmont.

Please don't miss the opportunity for us to learn more about what God is doing in Thailand, and how God might be leading us to join in that work. Invite someone to come with you. The food will be delicious, the fellowship will be delightful, and I hope and pray the program will be not just informative, but inspiring.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. I hope to see you on August 23.

Grace and peace,  
Stephen

### **DEACONS MEETING:**

The monthly Deacon's Meeting will be on **August 6** at 12:15 p.m. in the Howard Room. Pray for our deacons as they prayerfully consider the direction of the church based on the input gathered at the congregational meeting on July 9.

### **DEACON OF THE MONTH:**

The Deacon of the Month is David Dickson.

### **RESULTS OF DEACON ELECTION:**

Last Sunday, July 30, the church elected the following people (listed in alphabetical order) to serve a two-year term as deacon, beginning September 1: Ken Allen, Lee Allen, Jim Foxx, and Crystal Selfridge. Please be in prayer for these deacons and these others who will be continuing their terms of service in the 2023-2024 church year: Debbie Adkins, Susan Allen, David Dickson, and Al McAbee.

### **SANCTUARY CHOIR:**

The choir will continue to rehearse through the summer. 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!

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

Join us for supper on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m. 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.

### **SUMMER SERMON SERIES:**

#### **“Thinking and Feeling: Controlling Our Emotions”**

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
August 6- “Dealing with Anxiety” (Matthew 6:25-34)  
August 13- “Dealing with Hatred and Contempt” (1John 2:7-11)  
August 20- “Think About These Things” (Philippians 4:8-9)

### **NEW FALL SERMON SERIES:**

#### **“Why We Are Here”**

Mark Twain famously said, “The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.” The same could be said of the church in general, and our church in particular. As a new church year begins, with all its challenges and opportunities, it is timely for us to be reminded of who we are as a church, and why we are here. In this series, we will be exploring the mission of every church, while prayerfully considering the specific ways God is leading our church to fulfill that mission. The new sermon series will begin on August 27 with a sermon entitled “Putting the Key Under the Rock”, based on Ephesians 4:1-3. Help us get this new church year off to a strong start by joining us in worship and inviting others to come with you.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING SERIES:**

#### **“The Fruit of the Spirit”**

Wednesdays at 7p.m. in the Howard Room  
All adults are invited to join us each Wednesday evening in the Howard Room as we fellowship together, pray for the needs of our church family, and look to the Scripture for guidance in our lives. This Summer, we are involved in a series of Bible lessons based on “The Fruit of the Spirit” listed in Galatians 5:22-23.

August 2- “Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness”  
August 9- “Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness”  
August 16- “Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness”  
August 23- International Missions Night (5:45 p.m. in the Morgan Building)  
August 30- “Fruit of the Spirit: Self Control”  
August 30- “Fruit of the Spirit: Conclusion”

### **NURSERY SCHEDULE:**

August 6 - Dixie Caulder  
August 13 - Barbara Greer  
August 20 - Gloria McAbee  
August 27 - Christy Rose

### **WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES**

If you would like to receive weekly email updates from the church, please email Kim Spears at [office@fbcpsdmntsc.org](mailto:office@fbcpsdmntsc.org).

### **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:**

July 2023 Monthly Report  
Budget: \$16,288  
Received: \$8,877.27

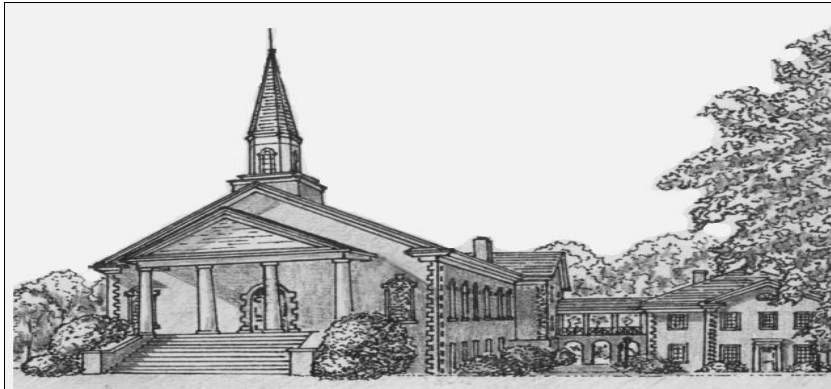
### **COMMUNITY MISSIONS DAY:**

#### **Mobile Food Bank**

**Friday, August 4 from noon until 1:30 p.m.**

#### **Our church parking lot**

Our church, in partnership with the Greenville Church Without Walls, will be sponsoring a mobile food bank for people in our community who are under-resourced and food-insecure. The Greenville Church Without Walls has graciously offered to provide the food boxes if we can provide people from our church to help package and distribute the food boxes, hand out water bottles, distribute information about our church, and greet people who come for assistance. This is a great opportunity for our church to share the love of Christ with the people in our community. If you would be willing to help that day, please contact Stephen Clyborne at 864-354-8473 or [stephenclyborne@gmail.com](mailto:stephenclyborne@gmail.com)



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**FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR**

Thank you so much for your gracious hospitality in welcoming Sylvia and me at the welcome lunch on July 23. We continue to be overwhelmed by your hospitality and support, and we have already come to love you and feel at home in this wonderful church.

I am so excited about our International Missions Night entitled **ALL ROADS LEAD TO AND FROM PIEDMONT**. In the short time I have been in Piedmont, I have heard so many of you make the observation that “all roads lead to Piedmont.” The more stories I hear, and the more connections I make, the more I realize how true that statement is. But, of course, the same roads that lead to Piedmont also lead out of Piedmont to the larger community, our state, the nation, and the world. Jesus said that our mission starts right where we are, but extends all the way to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)

On Wednesday, August 23, we will get to see and hear about the connections between Piedmont and Bangkok, and you might be surprised by how many connections there are. We will gather at 5:45 pm in the Morgan Building for a covered dish meal. Please bring enough food for yourself and others, and we will enjoy a great time of fellowship around the tables. Then at 6:30, I will share some of my life-changing experiences in Thailand and how we, as individuals and as a church, might be able to support our mission partners there. (Continued on inside.)

**August Calendar**

- 2 - Wednesday Evening Activities
- 4 - Friday: Mobile Food Bank 12:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.
- 6 - Sunday Regular Worship Day  
12:15 p.m. Deacon Meeting
- 9 - Wednesday Evening Activities
- 13 - Sunday Regular Worship Day  
The Lord’s Supper
- 16 - Wednesday Evening Activities
- 20 - Sunday Regular Worship Day
- 23 - Wednesday Evening 5:45 p.m. Covered Dish Meal  
6:30 p.m. International Missions Night
- 27- Sunday Regular Worship Day
- 30- Wednesday Evening Activities

**Regular Sunday Worship Order**

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

**Regular Wednesday Midweek Order**

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

**AA/NA Meetings in the Morgan Building:**

Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Anne Peden	August 1	Judy League	August 17
Dr. Tom DeVenny	August 2	Jane Satterfield	August 17
Beth Dickson	August 3	David Dickson	August 26
Cindy Foxx	August 5	Conner Smith	August 28
Melissa McMahan	August 5	Derek Hooper	August 29
Thomas Case	August 11	Brandon Cape	August 30
Susan Allen	August 12	Juliana Hooper	August 31

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Al & Gloria McAbee August 2