

FROM OUR PASTOR (continued)

The theme for 2024 will be missions - - local, state, national, and international - - being witnesses here in Piedmont, in the surrounding regions, and to the ends of the earth. That might sound like a big mission for a small church; but after all, that is why it is called the "great co-mission." We are not on mission by ourselves, but are on mission with Christ Himself, who has promised to be with us even to the end of the age.

Happy new year!
Stephen

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, January 7
12:15 pm in the Howard Room

DEACON OF THE MONTH

The Deacon of the Month is Ken Allen.

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, January 10
7:00 pm in the Howard Room

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 7 - Gloria McAbee
January 14 - Barbara Greer
January 21 - Gloria McAbee
January 28 - Christy Rose



SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 each Sunday morning
Children's Class: First floor, main building
Multi-generational Class: Morgan Building

WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates from the church, please email Kim Spears at office@fbcpiedmontsc.org.

TO WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE

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

NEW TIME AND THEME FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meeting now begins at 6:30 pm each Wednesday in the Howard Room. As always, prayer meeting will continue to be a time when we pray together about the needs of our church and community and look to the Scripture for guidance and instruction. The new starting time will allow us the opportunity to incorporate some music and other elements into our prayer meeting service. In 2024, we will be involved in a series of lessons based on the psalms called "Words to and From God." Even if you have not been attending on Wednesday evenings, please plan to make prayer meeting a part of your schedule for the new year, and please invite others to come with you.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

- **Senior Adult Lunch Gathering** - Tuesday, January 16 at 11:00 am in the Morgan Building. Guest musicians: Butch and Debbie Blume. Catered meal: \$9 per person. Make your reservations by paying in advance through the church office.
- **One-day Joint Senior Adult Retreat** - Thursday, February 1 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at Earle Street Baptist Church with the senior adults from Earle Street and Parisview Baptist Churches. Catered meal: \$7 per person. Make your reservation by paying advance through the church office. The van will leave our church parking lot at 9:15, or you can meet everyone at Earle Street at 10:00 am.

PICKLEBALL GROUP

for all ages
Each Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Family Life Center, Earle Street Baptist Church
Questions? Contact Stephen Clyborne.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY / LUNCH

Each Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Morgan Building
All young adults are welcome.
If you would be willing to provide or prepare a meal any Sunday, contact Stephen Clyborne..

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request or have a pastoral care need, please contact our pastor, Stephen Clyborne, at 864-354-8473 or pastor@fbcpiedmontsc.org.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2023 contribution statements will be mailed out by January 31, 2024. If you have moved and have not notified the church office with your new address, please contact Kim Spears at 864-845-7801 or email the church office at office@fbcpiedmontsc.org.



SUE CLEVELAND BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are in need of the following items: Chef Boyardee, macaroni and cheese, pop tarts / breakfast bars, juice packs, fruit Cups / applesauce, and snack size cookies / fruit gummies.

COMMUNITY MOBILE FOOD BANK

Friday, January 26, 2024

11:00 am until ?

The Greenville Church Without Walls will be providing another Community Mobile Food Bank on January 26 for food-insecure people in the Piedmont community. Volunteers from our church will be needed to help pack and distribute the food bags, and meet our neighbors who come to receive food. Contact Stephen Clyborne if you can be present to help.

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.



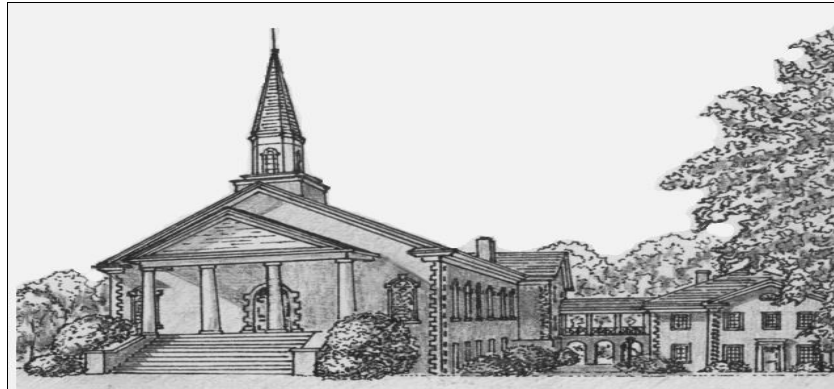
GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

December 2023 Monthly Report
Budget: \$16,288
Received: \$8,606



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Happy new year! 2023 was a transitional year for our church and for me. This time last year, I was retiring from full-time ministry, and I thought I was retiring for good. But God had other plans. Around the same time I was retiring, First Baptist Piedmont was beginning to search for a new pastor. I am so thankful that God has brought our paths together.

But it is a new year, and just as God had other plans for us *last* year that we could not have imagined at the time, God has new plans for our church *this* year. I feel like many of our efforts in 2023 were necessarily internal - - adjusting our budgets, plans, structures, and organizations to reflect new realities. We have reached out to inactive members and have strengthened out ministries to, and fellowship with, each other. And now that we are on stronger footing, I believe it is time for our church to be more prayerful and intentional about reaching out beyond the walls of our church. Our church exists not just for the people who are already members of our church, but for people who have not been reached yet.

So I am hoping and praying that, as a church, we will find ways to be more generous in our missions giving, and more engaged in outreach. We do not exist for ourselves, and we have good news to share. In 2023, the Lord added six new members to our church family - - two by baptism. On January 7, we will be celebrating the baptism of Mike Anderson. That will be a beautiful way to begin a new year together. I am praying that in 2024, we will be reaching and baptizing others as God sends the people to us and sends us to the people who need the love and light of Christ.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

- 7 - Regular Sunday Morning Schedule
Deacons Meeting (12:15 pm)
- 10 - Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule/ Business Meeting
- 14 - Regular Sunday Morning Schedule
- 16 - Senior Adult Luncheon (11:00 am)
- 17 - Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule
- 21 - Regular Sunday Morning Schedule
- 24 - Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule
- 28 - Regular Sunday Morning Schedule
- 31 - Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule

REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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

REGULAR WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

- 6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

AA/NA MEETINGS IN THE MORGAN BUILDING

- 8:00 pm – Mondays and Thursdays

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Courtney Cape	1/03	Jean Nelson	1/13
Layla Allison	1/06	John Agnew	1/15
Logan Selfridge	1/08	Steve Hearne	1/18
Amy Shirley	1/12	Jason Miller	1/23

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Members of the choir would welcome you to join the choir.
 Rehearsals are each Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the choir room.