

## FROM OUR PASTOR (continued)

### Missions

**Financial Support-** Last month, our church collected generous offerings to support our local and international missions partners: Piedmont Ministerial Association, Piedmont Emergency Relief Center, and House of Blessing in Bangkok. Throughout the year, we will be having other special mission offerings; but anytime you are led to give a missions offering, please designate your offering above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings, and we will be sure your designations are honored.

**Mission Action-** On a regular basis, we have opportunities to participate in local mission opportunities:

- 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 in three ways:
  1. **Donate food items.** We are always in need of mac and cheese, juice boxes, granola bars, cereal bars, pop tarts, applesauce, pudding cups, and fruit cups. Please leave your donation in the Food Pantry Room (one of the small rooms accessible from the Howard Room).
  2. **Help us pack the bags** on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 pm in the Howard Room.
  3. **Help us deliver bags.** Meet at the church on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8:30 am.



These are meaningful ways to show children and parents in our community that First Baptist cares about them.

- Weekly Mission Project at Piedmont Emergency Relief Center (PERC) - Help us pack and 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.

The *ReShaping Church* process will give us an opportunity to look *within our church* to discover the future God has in store for us, and our mission support and participation will give us opportunities to join in what God is doing *beyond the walls of our church*. This is an exciting time to be a part of First Baptist Piedmont. I hope and pray you will renew your commitment to support the church in every way you can: with your participation and engagement; your offerings of time, talent, energy, and money; and your daily prayers for this church we all love so much.

Prayerfully,  
Stephen

## NURSERY SCHEDULE



March 3 - Gloria McAbee  
March 10 - Barbara Greer  
March 17 - Gloria McAbee  
March 24 - Christy Rose

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 10

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to sleep on Saturday night, March 9.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

March 28 - 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary  
Meditation: "To the End"  
Scripture: John 13:1-7, 31b-35

### 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.

### WORDS TO AND FROM GOD

A Prayer Meeting Series on the Psalms  
Each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Howard Room

### SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AND MORE

Tuesday, March 12  
The Gray House in Starr, SC  
1:00 pm (van will leave our church at noon)  
Cost \$12 per person (pay at the restaurant)  
Sign up in the church office, Sunday School, or prayer meeting.  
Program: Stephen Clyborne, accompanied by Debbie Blume

There is a reason why we are meeting at The Gray House in March rather than our usual meeting place in the Morgan Building. Stephen has a special story to tell you that involves The Gray House, a story filled with laughter, music, and botched romance. The meal will be a little more expensive than usual, but the food will be delicious, and the fellowship enjoyable. Make your plans to join us for this fun field trip.

### PICKLEBALL GROUP

Fun for all ages  
Each Thursday at 5:00 pm  
Family Life Center, Earle Street Baptist Church  
Questions? Contact Stephen Clyborne.



### WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES

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

### 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](mailto:pastor@fbcpiedmontsc.org).

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29, 2024.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

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

February 2024	
Budget Goal	\$9,451.50
Offerings Received	\$
Year-to-Date	
Budget Goal	\$18,903.80
Offerings Received	

### DEACON OF THE MONTH

The Deacon of the Month is Susan Allen.

### DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, March 6 - 5:30 pm in the Pastor's Office

### BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, March 13 - 6:30 pm in the Howard Room

### LOCAL MISSIONS

On Sunday, February 11, our church collected \$596 to support local missions. The offering will be sent to Piedmont Emergency Relief Center and the Piedmont Ministerial Association.



### APRIL NEWSLETTER

The deadline for submissions for the April newsletter is March 20.



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**FROM OUR PASTOR**

*ReShaping Church: Thriving Congregations*

On February 25, representatives from our church met by Zoom with representatives from Pinnacle Leadership Associates, Central Seminary, and other churches participating in the *ReShaping Church* initiative to covenant with each other and with God to engage in an exciting adventure to discern how God is leading our church into the future. Members of our Coordination Team learned more about the guided, open-ended process and how it will work, and **we are all excited about officially launching the process with our entire congregation on March 10. Please go ahead and sign up now to participate in a small group during the months of April and May.** Sign-up sheets are posted outside the church office and my office. Please be sure you are staying informed about what is coming next. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving our weekly email updates. Your participation and engagement will be so important as we move through this transformational process together. Please pray specifically for the members of our Coordination Team: Debbie Adkins, Susan Allen, Brenda Atkinson, Jack Davis, Beth Dickson, Cassidy Dickson, Lisa Greer, and Kenneth Selfridge. In a word, the purpose of *ReShaping Church* is *transformation*:

- Transforming ordinary human beings into reflections of Jesus Christ.
- Transforming churches into greater expressions of the body of Christ.
- Transforming communities as Christ’s reign comes on earth as it is in heaven.

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**MARCH CALENDAR**

- 3 - Regular Sunday Morning Schedule
- 6 - Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule  
Deacons Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 10 - Regular Sunday Morning Schedule / Daylight Savings Time  
*ReShaping Church Launch Event*
- 13 - Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule / Business Meeting
- 17 - Regular Sunday Morning Schedule
- 20 - Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule
- 24 - Regular Sunday Morning Schedule / Palm Sunday
- 27 - Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule
- 28 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service (6:30 pm)
- 29 - Good Friday (Church Office Closed)
- 31 - Regular Sunday Morning Schedule / Easter Sunday

**REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 am - 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**

9:00 am - 1:00 pm – Monday through Friday

**TO WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Kerri and Paige Crawford	March 12
Richard and Betty White	March 15
Stephen and Sylvia Clyborne	March 18
Grant and Kate Baggett	March 31

**BIRTHDAYS**

Dominick Hernandez	3/1	Ashlyn Brust	3/11
Patrick Caulder	3/2	Sheila Comer	3/11
Drayton Hernandez	3/3	Mark McClain	3/12
Kelly Cape	3/5	Averie Crawford	3/23
Joey Caraway	3/6	Riley Shirley	3/23
David Lawless	3/6	Sonia McAbee	3/28
Seth Allen	3/8	Leigh Taylor	3/29
Eric Shirley	3/8		

