

## FROM OUR PASTOR *(continued)*

### *Minister to Families*

On March 24, the congregation overwhelmingly approved a recommendation from the Deacons that the church establish a new part-time staff position entitled Minister to Families, who will be responsible for working with me to develop and coordinate the church's intergenerational ministry to families, with a focus on younger families with preschoolers, children, and youth. Please pray for the Search Committee that will soon be appointed by the Deacons, and pray that God will send us the right person to fill this position.

Prayerfully and joyfully,  
Stephen

## LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS THROUGH PFBC

### Local Missions

#### **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 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.



#### **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.

### International Missions

If you would like to give an offering to our mission partners in Thailand throughout the year, above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings, please designate your offering to Thailand, and we will be sure it is forwarded to the appropriate place(s).

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

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



### JOIN THE CHOIR

Anyone willing to "make a joyful noise" to the Lord is invited and encouraged to join our choir, which rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 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

### YOUNG ADULT LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

Each Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Howard Room  
If you would be willing to prepare or provide lunch for this group of young adults on the first Sunday of each month, please contact Stephen Clyborne.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Each Sunday at 10:00 am  
Children's Class: First floor of main building  
Multi-generational Class: Howard Room

### PICKLEBALL FOR ALL AGES

Each Thursday at 5:00 pm  
Family Life Center of Earle Street Baptist Church  
If you would like to join our group, please contact Stephen Clyborne.



### DEACON OF THE MONTH

The Deacon of the Month is David Dickson.

### DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, April 3 - 5:30 pm in the Pastor's Office

### BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, April 10 - 6:30 pm in the Howard Room

### SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AND MORE

Tuesday, April 16 at 11 am in the Morgan Building

Cost \$9 per person  
Menu: Country-style steak, rice and gravy, green beans, rolls, tea, dessert  
Sign up in the church office, Sunday School, or prayer meeting, and pay in advance.  
Program presented by Katherine Booker.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

You can now use a credit card, debit card, or PayPal account to make contributions to the church. A link labeled "Make online monetary contributions" is located on the homepage of the church website. 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 smartphone and it will take you directly to our PayPal to make a contribution.



### CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT

March 2024 (through 3/24/24)

Budget Goal - \$9,451.50

Budget Offerings - \$12,828.00

National Missions Offerings (Annie Armstrong Offering) - \$2110.00

#### Year-to-Date

Budget Goal - \$28,355.30

Budget Offerings - \$36,114.21

Local Missions Offerings - \$596.00

National Missions Offerings (Annie Armstrong Offering) - \$2110.00

International Missions Offerings - \$682.00

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

### 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.

### WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES

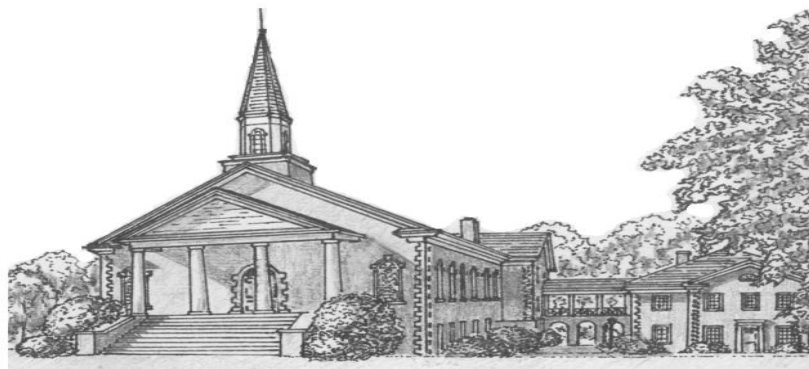
If you would like to receive weekly email updates from the church, please email Kim Spears at [office@fbcpiedmontsc.org](mailto:office@fbcpiedmontsc.org).

### 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).



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**FROM OUR PASTOR**

*ReShaping Church*

While it is true that Easter is a one-day celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, the Easter season lasts until the day of Pentecost, fifty days after Passover/Easter, when the Holy Spirit came in such an extraordinary way and empowered the church to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. We are in that season now, and after having celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, there are signs of new life all around us.

During the Season in our church (April and May), we are praying that the same Holy Spirit will illumine and empower us and breathe new life into our church as we gather in small groups to pray, discuss, and discern together how we can be an even 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 a small group. Your feedback and input will be valued, welcomed, and important as we prayerfully consider the future that God has in store for us as a church. You may sign up on the sheet posted outside my office, or contact me directly:

- **Group 1**- Sunday Mornings, 10 am, April 7-May 26, Morgan Building. Leader: Stephen Clyborne
- **Group 2**- Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 pm, April 3-May 22, Morgan Building. Leader: Debbie Adkins
- **Group 3**- Thursday Mornings, 11 am, April 11-May 3, Howard Room. Leader: Steve Hearne

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**APRIL CALENDAR**

- 3 - Regular Wednesday Schedule  
Deacons Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 7 - Regular Sunday Schedule
- 10 - Regular Wednesday Schedule  
Business Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 11 - *ReShaping Church* Small Group (11 am)
- 14 - Regular Sunday Schedule
- 16 - Senior Adult Lunch and More (11 am)
- 17 - Regular Wednesday Schedule
- 18 - *ReShaping Church* Small Group (11 am)
- 21 - Regular Sunday Schedule
- 24 - Regular Wednesday Schedule
- 25 - *ReShaping Church* Small Group (11 am)
- 28 - Regular Sunday Schedule

**REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 10:00 am - Sunday School / *ReShaping Church* Small Group
- 11:00 am - Worship Service
- 12:15 pm - Young Adult Lunch and Bible Study

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

- 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting / *ReShaping Church* Small Group
- 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

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Lewis and Shirley Cowart      April 16

**BIRTHDAYS**

Wyatt Rose	4/1	Jeff Garrison	4/12
Bill Johnson	4/2	Tracy Miller	4/20
Lisa Greer	4/4	Jacob Garrison	4/21
Jerry Hooper	4/5	Lee Allen	4/24
Gloria McAbee	4/5	John Scott	4/24
Chloe Miller	4/8	Betty White	4/25
Maxie Freeman	4/10	Jacob Miller	4/28
Addison Crawford	4/12		