

### ReShaping Church: Thriving Congregations

As a part of the *ReShaping Church* process, we are having **eight weeks of guided small groups during April and May** to explore together how our church can be a 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 one of these small groups each week:

#### ReShaping Church Small Group Meetings

- Group 1 - Sunday Mornings, 9:45 am – April 7 through May 26, Morgan Building. Leader: Stephen Clyborne
- Group 2 - Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 pm – April 3 through May 22, Morgan Building. Leader: Debbie Adkins
- Group 3 - Thursday Mornings, 11 am – April 11 through May 30, Howard Room. Leader: Steve Hearne

#### LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS THROUGH PFBC



#### -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 SpaghettiOs, 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.

#### Mission Offerings

Over and above your regular tithes and offerings to support the ongoing ministries of our church, prayerfully consider giving to support local missions, national missions, and international missions. You may designate local mission offerings for Piedmont Emergency Relief Center (PERC) or the Piedmont Ministerial Association; or you may designate national mission offerings through the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions (SBC) or the Global Missions Offering (CBF); or you may designate international mission offerings through the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions (SBC), the Global Mission Offering (CBF), or our mission partners in Thailand.

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**DEACON OF THE MONTH** - Lee Allen

### 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.

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

- May 5 - Gloria McAbee
- May 12 - Barbara Greer
- May 19 - Gloria McAbee
- May 26 - Christy Rose



### MINISTER TO FAMILIES

A five-person Search Committee has been formed to search for a part-time Minister to Families. The Search Committee is composed of: Barbara Greer, Gloria McAbee, Beth Dickson, Crystal Selfridge, and Christy Rose. Al McAbee (deacon chair) and Stephen Clyborne (pastor) will serve as ex-officio members of the Committee. Please be in prayer for the members of this Search Committee as our church seeks to find the person God has called and prepared to serve in this position.

### HELP US SEARCH FOR A MINISTER TO FAMILIES

The Minister to Families Search Committee is asking that everyone in the church share the following job post on your personal social media accounts:

First Baptist Church in Piedmont, SC is searching for a part-time Minister to Families to work with the pastor to reach out to young families with children in our church and community, and to work with volunteers in the church to provide ministries for them. Resumes may be sent to [fbcpiedmontresume@gmail.com](mailto:fbcpiedmontresume@gmail.com). There is a link at the top of the homepage on our church website that will take you to the job description for this position.

### WORDS TO AND FROM GOD – Bible Study Series on the Psalms Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Howard Room

- May 1 “What Have You Done for Me Lately?” (Psalm 78)
- May 8 “A Sight for Sore Eyes” (Psalm 80)
- May 15 “A Roadmap to God” (Psalm 84)
- May 22 “Revive Us Again” (Psalm 85)
- May 29 “Singing a New Song in an Old Church” (Psalm 98)

### SERMONS IN MAY

- May 5 “Loving a Parent” (1 John 5:1-6)
- May 12 “Full Circle” (Luke 24:44-53)
- May 19 “The Wind That Blew the Walls Down” (Acts 2:1-21)
- May 26 “The Danger of Saying Too Much” (Romans 8:12-17)

### 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 announcements.

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**11 am in the Sanctuary**

If you know of anyone in our church family who will be graduating from any school, college, or university this year, please contact our pastor as soon as possible so we can be sure to recognize that student on May 19.

### 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).

### NEXT SENIOR ADULT GATHERING

**Friday, May 31 at Bettie Lown's mountain house**

**234 Laurel Valley Road - Sunset, SC**

Van will leave the church parking lot at 10:30 am.

**Pot-luck Lunch. Bring your favorite dish to share.**

**Sign-up sheet posted outside the pastor's office.**

### 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

**April 2024**

Budget Goal - \$9,451.50

Budget Offerings - \$27,722.21

**Year-to-Date**

Budget Goal - \$40,168.96

Budget Offerings - \$65,898.21

Local Missions Offerings - \$596.00

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

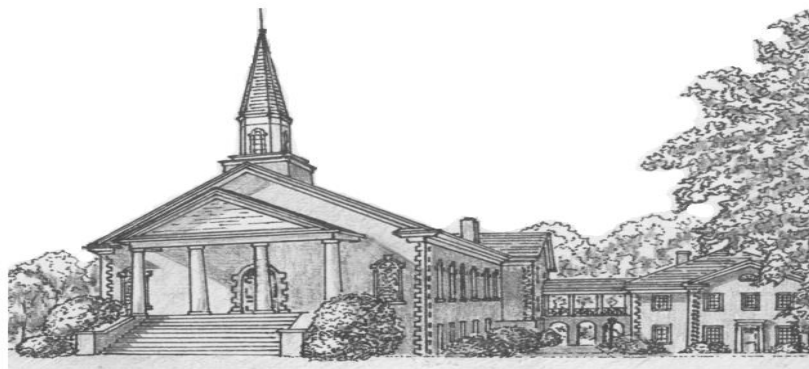
International Missions Offerings - \$682.00

### 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.



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**FROM OUR PASTOR**

It is hard for me to believe that this month will mark my one-year anniversary at First Baptist Piedmont. Thank you for the warm and gracious way you have welcomed Sylvia and me into your fellowship. This first year has been marked by significant healing and growth; and I believe that, in the year ahead, we will see even more progress as God leads us into the future.

Speaking of the future, we are now half-way through our *ReShaping Church* small group sessions, in which we are gathering insights and input from the congregation that will be vital to us as we develop our ministry plan over the next few months. Our Coordination Team will soon be gathering the input from the small-group sessions; and with the guidance of our *ReShaping Church* coach, David Brown, will be developing a ministry plan that will be presented to the congregation for consideration. This ministry plan will consist of next steps and “holy experiments” for our church as we envision the future that God has in store for our church. Once the ministry plan is revised as needed and approved by the church, we will begin to implement the church’s plan. But we are not just waiting to take action in the future. With the church’s approval and support, we are already taking a big step of faith by searching for a new part-time Minister to Families, who will lead our church to reach out to young families with children, and mobilize volunteers in our church to minister to them and integrate them into the life of our church. Read more about it in this newsletter, help us spread the word, and pray for our Search Committee.

With gratitude, joy, and hope,  
 Stephen

**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS IN JUNE**  
 Each Sunday at 10 am, we have a Sunday School class primarily for *senior adults* in the Howard Room; and at 12:15 pm each Sunday, we have a lunch and Bible study primarily for *young adults* in the Howard Room. Beginning Sunday, June 2, at 10 am, our pastor will be leading a new Sunday School class primarily for *median adults* in the Morgan Building. So whether you are a young adult, a median adult, or a senior adult, there is a Bible study group for you, and this is the perfect time for you to join one of these groups.

**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

**REGULAR THURSDAY SCHEDULE**

- 11:00 am – ReShaping Church Small Group (Howard Room)

**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**

- Joey and Stephanie Caraway 5/4/24
- Jesse and Debbie Adkins 5/17/24

**BIRTHDAYS**

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|-------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Barbara Greer     | 5/1  | Paul Barbare         | 5/19 |
| Stephanie Caraway | 5/6  | Michael Anderson     | 5/20 |
| Cassidy Dickson   | 5/8  | Mike Nelson          | 5/20 |
| Brenna McCann     | 5/10 | Emilie Greer         | 5/21 |
| Crystal Selfridge | 5/15 | Claire Higgingbotham | 5/23 |
| Ken Allen         | 5/17 | Al McAbee            | 5/28 |
| Jane McClain      | 5/18 | Evelyn Roper         | 5/31 |

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEACONS**

The Deacons recommend that the funds from the sale of the parsonage in April of 2004 (\$134,773.30), and designated for a Family Life Center, be redesignated as unrestricted funds to be used in the future as the church deems appropriate. There will be an opportunity for the church to discuss and vote on this recommendation by ballot on Sunday, May 5.