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Proclaiming the Gospel, Making Disciples, Serving Others

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APRIL

- 3 **Sunday: Regular Worship Day**
12:15 PM Monthly Deacon Meeting
- 5 **Tuesday: 6:15 PM Churchwide**
Spiritual Renewal Forum
- 6 **Wednesday: 11:00 AM**
Circle of Love Women on Mission
Regular Evening Activities
Youth Passover Celebration
- 9 **Saturday: 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt**
- 10 **Palm Sunday: Worship Day**
11:00 AM SONGS OF THE CROSS Cantata
5:30 PM Family Fireside Fellowship
- 12 **Tuesday: 6:15 PM**
Circle of Joy Women's study
- 13 **Wednesday: 6:00-7:30 PM**
Men/Women on Mission
Churchwide Supper & Mission
- 14 **Maundy Thursday: 6:15-7:00 PM**
Communion Service
- 16 **Saturday: 11:00 AM FBCP and**
Appalachian Ministries serves
Lunch at Community Center
- 17 **EASTER Sunday: Regular Worship**
7:00 AM "Son-Rise" service at Piedmont
Presbyterian Church Outdoor Shelter
2:00 PM Post Acute Rehab Center
Worship in Song & Devotional
- 19 **Tuesday: 6:15 PM Greenville County**
Women's Power Dinner
- 20 **Wednesday: Evening Activities**
- 23 **Saturday: 9:00 AM Joyful Quilters**
- 24 **Sunday: Regular Worship Day**
- 27 **Wednesday: Evening Activities**
- 30 **Saturday: Pack Park 4th Annual**
Community All-Church Day
Regular Sunday Worship Order:
9:30 AM Morning Prayer-All welcome
10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
11:00 AM Worship Service
Regular Wednesday Order:
6:15 PM Children/Youth Meal
6:45 PM Children/Youth Activity
Mission Friends
Prayer/Devotion Meeting for all
7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

A MESSAGE FROM REV. RONALD DEAN RALLIS, SR.

"As the Body of Christ, Where is Our Compassion?"

Throughout His public ministry, the heart of Jesus gave Him the compassion to see, feel, and do something about the physical, emotional, and spiritual pain and suffering of others. Healing one helpless soul was just as important as those learners who followed Him in the mass crowds. As He knowingly made His way to the cross to become a living sacrifice for all the sins of humankind, Jesus still took the time to raise loved ones from the dead, heal all forms of sickness and physical disabilities, cleanse diseases, and drive out demons and other evil spirits. His compassion compelled Him to take action.

As true disciples of Christ, we have the authority given to us by Jesus Himself (Matthew 28:18-20) to preach the Good News, teach those who choose to follow the way of the Lord, and serve others in the mercy process of healing the whole person. But, let us never forget that with every command, God always gives us a promise. For us to truly see, feel, and do as Jesus commissioned His Church, we must do more than simply go to Church. ***We must be the Church!*** We must continuously pursue Jesus and pray for His Divine compassion to emanate in and through us from the power of the Holy Spirit who richly dwells in the heart of every believer.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16, KJV). Are we praying without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) to have us see as Jesus sees, feel as Jesus feels, and stand at the ready to be available to the Lord? Without reservation or hesitation, are we freely giving our all for Him to use our gifts, talent, time, and treasures in demonstrating the compassion of Christ toward the lives of those around us – beginning with our Family, with one another in the Church, and within our community?

The Lord put us here – right here where we are today – for His good purpose and not our own. Let us remain faithful to follow our Great Shepherd daily, knowing we can put our complete trust in Him to care for us as we labor together to care for the whole person that is lost, afraid, and hurting. We will experience the compassion of Jesus if we chose to obey His commands as humble, submissive members of His flock. It is the compassion of Christ that compels us to action – to live a life of holiness in such a way that is pleasing to Him and has eternal value in the furtherance of His heavenly Kingdom.

Do you see the reflection of Jesus as you look into a mirror? Begin to express the compassion of Christ by fully receiving His love, grace, and mercy – the compassion He is extending to you right now. If you do, I promise you will never go back and your life will never be the same.

As the Body of Christ, where is our compassion? We can find it as we grow nearer to Jesus' heart for people in a constant state of prayer to "the Lord of the harvest" as He sends us out into the fields that are now ripe for harvesting. Just like Jesus modeled for His Church to follow, our compassion is in our action!



AA/NA Meetings in the Morgan Building: Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 PM
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM M-T-Th-F 1:00-5:00 PM Wednesdays

Youth & Children

GROUNDING IN FAITH

Minister, Lori Shelton (864) 247-6602

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YOUTH and CHILDREN - Join us for supper Wednesdays at 6:15 PM in the Morgan Building. **We need volunteers to bring supper. A sign up sheet is posted outside the church office.**

EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCHEON – Saturday, April 9 – We invite you to our annual Easter Egg Hunt and luncheon on Saturday April 9 at 11:00 AM in the Morgan Building. We will dye our eggs and then play some eggs-citing games! Kids should dress in clothing that can get dirty.

Elijah Mountain Gem Mining and Hike- (Right & Below) Children, youth and families enjoyed a March Picnic lunch, a short mountain trail hike and gem mining.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Wyatt Rose	1 st		
Bill Johnson	2 nd		
Holland Barfield	3 rd		
Lisa Greer	4 th		
Jerry Hooper	5 th		
Gloria McAbee	5 th		
Brian Few	6 th		
Bryan Carpenter	7 th	Tracy Miller	20 th
Cloe Nicole Miller	8 th	Jacob Garrison	21 st
Maxie Freeman	10 th	Lee Allen	24 th
Addisen Crawford	12 th	John Scott	24 th
Jeff Garrison	12 th	Betty White	25 th
Izetta Agnew	19 th	Jacob Miller	28 th



Congratulations on your WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Bryan & Gretchen Carpenter 5th Lewis & Shirley Cowart 16th
Robert & Sandi Elrod 23rd



Offering Goal: \$1000
Given to date: \$500

“Annie Armstrong 1850-1938, born in Baltimore at a time when there was



little opportunity for women. Yet, her devotion to Christ led her to a life of service and leadership. She organized women to pray, to give and to meet the needs around them. She challenged pastors and churches to action and rallied vital support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer for her visionary leadership that still inspires millions today.” (Excerpt WMU UNITED AnnieArmstrongEasterOffering website)

Women on Mission, Nursery Director & Men on Mission partner to build and provide 3 new cribs for the nursery: 1 funded by Nursery budget and 2 donated by members, praying & watching by faith for God to bring new families to worship Our Lord together.



LOOKING BACK to last year's BLITZ Service Projects



Praising Our Lord, for stimulating us to love and good deeds together, to His glory: 18 baby quilts, 317 painted handprints, hundreds of prayers lifted, 210 cards for senior parade walk, 104 children's books, 95 herbs & vegetables, 8 cleaned hwy blocks, 1/2 acre/2' bridge grass-cleared, 4 boxes of groceries, 22 loads of laundry, hundreds of thankful hearts, countless smiles, some quiet humble tears.



Thank you for being His hands & feet as we served together
Blitz Weekend:
April 30- May 2, 2021
Operation InAsMuch:
(right) Preparing for service, elbow-to-elbow in sending-out prayers.



LOOKING FORWARD to THIS year's 2022 BLITZ Service Projects MAY 20-22



Contact Person	Project	Recipient/location
Joey Caraway	Outdoor Classroom	Sue Cleveland Elementary
Sherry Rallis	Homemade newborn blankets/quilts	Piedmont Women's Center
Ed Betterley (P.Wesleyan)	Car Wash	Piedmont Community
Cindy Erexson (P. Presbyterian)	TBD	TBD
Steve Morton (Porch Fellowship)	Ice Cream Truck	TBD

Equips churches to extend compassion
MATTHEW 25:40 Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

SAVE THE DATES: May 20-24: Calling all Piedmont Churches to a weekend of Community engagement and Service Projects called BLITZ DAYS. Our local churches in the Piedmont Ministerial Association and our Worldwide ministry partner OPERATION INASMUCH have combined our local needs and ministry efforts into a weekend of local service projects.

YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FOR ANY PROJECT: Our church will be posting signups to prepare for serving alongside the other churches in Piedmont. These are a few preliminary project ideas. The official signup sheet will be posted outside the office or contact George O'Brien. Anyone from any church can volunteer to help on any project. Once the official list is published, please contact the designated Project Leader.

~MEMORIALS~

In Memory of WILLIAM (BOBBY) ROBERTS:

Rev. Ron & Sherry Rallis, The Selfridge Family-designated to H.U.B. Ministries South Greenville County

Everyone is welcome to **Appalachian Ministries' Annual SEASON OF HOPE Community Outreach on APRIL 30th 11:00 AM-2:00 PM at Tom Pack Park.** Join us for a day of community games, relationships, music, fun and food.

FAMILY FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP in March - Kids of all ages warmed our hearts with a circle of fireside hymns and gospel songs led by Will Dickson, while we were overjoyed with the reunion of his guitar and sweet spirit. Families and friends played cornhole, tic-tac-toe relay tag, croquet and roasted marshmallows into smores. Please mark your calendar for our next FELLOWSHIP, **Sunday, April 10, 5:30 PM** with snacks & games at Pastor Ron & Sherry's Piedmont home. Will's bluegrass band will be playing at the **EARLY SPRING JAM & Spaghetti Dinner April 30th 7:00 PM** at the Haywood Community Center in Pickens, SC. Advance-purchase, limited seating tickets for sale at \$7 each Spaghetti meal + \$7 each concert ticket. Call Ann at the church office before April 11th.



Packing and prayers for the students of Sue Cleveland Elementary School BACKPACK PROGRAM Anyone may donate nutritious items for the 1st and 3rd weeks each month. We are thankful to serve 48 students each time. Regular items you can donate include pop-tarts, granola bars, box drinks, boxes of individual oatmeal packets, and individual macaroni/ravioli servings. Items needed are updated in the weekly bulletin.

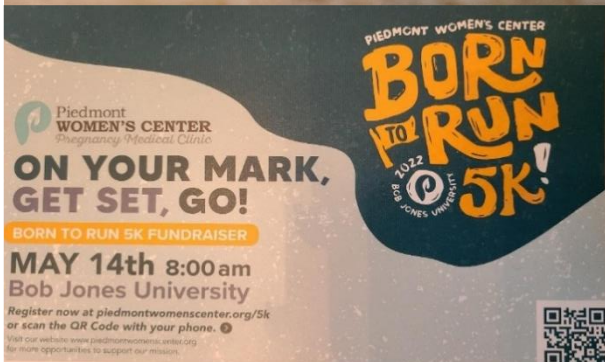


We are the Hands & Feet of Jesus

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During our March monthly supper and ministry message, Kayla Sulaiman from **Piedmont Women's Center** shared the many blessings of this ministry. We saw many ways to volunteer and support their moms, babies, nurses and staff. If you'd like to join the coin challenge prayer team or add a donation baby bottle to your Sunday School room, kitchen or mission group, become a trained-team counselor, Bible coach or sew a baby quilt, please contact Kayla.



piedmontwomenscenter.org 1143 Grove Road, Greenville 864.233.3823

Do you or someone you know want to find comfort and guidance with pregnancy loss counseling and compassion? PWC's biblical, confidential counseling may be just what your heart needs.

THE PROCESS FOR "MAKING DISCIPLES" – Monthly Study: What is true discipleship? Let's seek the Lord together. **Tuesday, April 5th, 6:15-7:15 PM** and the **1st Tuesday monthly**.

FAMILY FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP – Sunday April 10, 5:30-7:00 PM
Pastor Ron & Sherry invite your family to join in around the backyard firepit at their home for singing, fellowship, cornhole and snack.

POST ACUTE DEVOTIONAL SERVICE – On April 17th and the 3rd Sunday monthly, from 2:00-2:30 PM, the Outreach Team hosts a singing and devotional service at the Piedmont Post Acute assisted living. Contact: George O'Brien, Outreach Team Leader.

CHURCH-WIDE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FORUM – Tuesday, April 19, 6:15-7:15 PM, and each **3rd Tuesday**, Pastor Ron facilitates a Church-wide open forum discussion on living an abundant spirit-filled life.

NEW SERVANT PARTNER: Greenville Baptist Association launched a new arm of local ministry called, "South Greenville County H.U.B." whose mission is to **Help-Unify-Bless** 10 South County schools under the consortium of more than 10 local churches. Watch our bulletin for more HUB event opportunities. Nick Elliot, Fellowship of Christian



Athletes, (FCA) Club Sponsor and Pastor Ron and Sherry share hot burrito breakfast while Reedy Fork Pastor, Chris Huff shares a ministry challenge with the students. Contact George O'Brien if you'd like to help fill breakfast bags, pray, or serve FCA, Woodmont High School, **TUESDAY APRIL 19th or MAY 17th 7:40 AM.**



WOMEN'S MINISTRY GROUPS

CIRCLE OF LOVE – Meets the **1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM** "For God so loved us that we want to share that love." All ladies are invited. Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 6.**

CIRCLE OF JOY – Our devotional study, *The 52 Greatest Stories of the Bible*, meets **Tuesday April 12, 6:15-7:30 PM** (light snack provided) All ladies are invited. This month, ladies are invited to register for the **April 19, Tuesday Greenville County Women's Power Dinner as a replacement for our regular 4th Tuesday study.**

JOYFUL QUILTERS – Join us **Saturday, April 23, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** in the Howard Room, as we create comfort quilts for friends and for your family- beginners welcome.

SUPPER & MISSION MESSAGE – Join us for a Church-wide supper and Mission message from George O'Brien with Operation InAsMuch BLITZ projects **Wednesday, April 13, 6:00-7:30 PM.**

BACKPACK PROGRAM – Please see the weekly bulletin for food donations to Sue Cleveland Elementary School students.

COMMUNITY MEAL – Saturday April 16, Appalachian Ministries and Circle of Love (Women on Mission) invite you to join us to cook a meal in the Morgan Kitchen at 8:30 AM or come serve the meal at the Community Center at 11:00 AM.

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2022-2023

Susan Allen, Vice Chair
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Kenneth Selfridge

April 3 monthly **DEACONS MEETING** 12:15 PM

April 6 Churchwide **Business Meeting** 6:45 PM

Thank you to our APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Nursery:

3 Christy Rose
10 Dixie Caulder
17 Sherry Rallis
24 Gloria McAbee

Deacon of the Month:

Jeff Garrison

Counters:

Edd Hiott
Barbara Greer

Elevator:

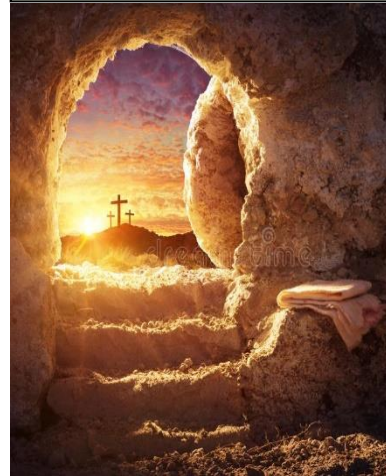
Bettie Lown

To make online tithes/offerings/donations, options include credit card, debit card, or Paypal account. Click the QR code or the link on our website:

<http://fbc-piedmont.org/> If you have questions, please contact Ann Yerrick in the church office or Ken Allen.



Would you like to receive this **NEWSLETTER** in **FULL COLOR** by **EMAIL**, saving our church the cost of postage and printing? fbcpdmnt@bellsouth.net with the Subject: FBCP Newsletter so we may add it to the Email Newsletter List.



Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Very early on the first day of the week, the women went to Jesus' tomb. What did they find? All of our Piedmont Community are invited to join with Piedmont Presbyterian Church for an **EASTER SON-RISE SERVICE APRIL 17, 7:00 AM** followed by an indoor **breakfast**.

Image
Bearers
of God

WWW.CLCSPRINGEVENT.ORG

April 19th 6:30pm

**Free Dinner Worship
Fundraiser at Greenville
Convention Center**

Speaker: Alex Kendrick

Call FBCP office to sign up. Reedy Fork Baptist Church has invited us & other churches to share fellowship and tables.



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