



The Herald ~ The Monthly Newsletter of
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Proclaiming the Gospel, Making Disciples, Serving Others

FEBRUARY

- 1 Wednesday: 11:00 AM Circle of Love
6:15 PM Evening Activities
- 5 Sunday: Regular Worship Day
12:15 PM Monthly Deacon Meeting
- 8 Wednesday: Evening Activities and
Churchwide Business Meeting
- 12 Sunday: Communion Worship
12:15 PM Souper Bowl Luncheon
- 15 Wednesday: Evening Activities
- 19 Sunday: Regular Worship Day
2:00 PM Post-Acute Rehab Center
Worship in Song & Devotional
- 22 Wednesday: Evening Activities
- 26 Sunday: Regular Worship Day

Regular Sunday Worship Order:

9:30 AM Prayer
10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
11:00 AM Worship Service

Regular Wednesday Midweek 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

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

“Each tree is recognized by its own fruit.” [Luke 6:44]

If the tree quickly drops much of its fruit, is the tree bad? Should it be pruned, treated for blight, or cut down? When the fruit dropped because it was thrashed about by a storm, then no. The tree may need mending of broken branches but will bear fruit in the next season. One can assume the scattered fruit is gone from the tree never to return. That is true, unless that tree is the enduring oak. The fruit of the oak tree is the acorn. For the oak, the impossible happens, its scattered fruit is easily returned to itself by one of God’s perplexing creatures, the squirrel. If God so provides that means for an oak, you needn’t worry for His Church.

First Baptist Church of Piedmont is an enduring oak. Some sought refuge from the storm in other places, while others sheltered in place. With the winds calmed and the skies clear, please welcome back those who were reluctantly loosened from their tree for a time. Venturing back, they are hoping to find the warm shelter of their church home and inviting welcome of their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. For healing, for recovery, and so that no remnant of the storm remains, “Bear with one another and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.” [Colossians 3:13-15]

Kenneth Selfridge
Deacon Chair

Youth & Children

GROUNDING IN FAITH

Kids Sunday School: Join our Kindergarten through 5th grade class in February as we begin our new series *Fruit of the Spirit*! Our memory verse comes from Galatians 5:22-23.

Children's Church: Kindergarten through 5th grade will continue our *Journey through the Bible*.

Wednesday Night: Join us for dinner each Wednesday at 6:15 followed by age-appropriate activities and studies. Mission Friends for preschool-kindergarten, 1st-5th grade and youth.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dixie Caulder	2 nd
Cierra Selfridge	7 th
Grant Baggett	8 th
Justin McCann	12 th
Kimberly Shirley	20 th
Stephanie Patterson	21 st
Shery Nelms	26 th
Katie Baggett	27 th
George O'Brien	27 th
Ashlyn Shelton	28 th



Congratulations **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ken & Susan Allen 9th Jerry & Gloria Hooper 15th

MINISTRY GROUPS & EVENTS

CIRCLE OF LOVE/Group 4- 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, February 1.**

BACKPACK PROGRAM – Please see the weekly bulletin for food donations to Sue Cleveland Elementary School students. Regular food packets include: Mac & Cheese Cups, Chef Boyardee bowl, applesauce/ fruit cups, juice boxes, breakfast bars/pop tarts/oatmeal packets, small snack items (No nuts in any backpack items, please.) Contact: Crystal Selfridge for any questions regarding donations or packing dates of **February 12 and February 26.**



Communion Sunday February 12, 11:00 AM

We invite you to join us for communion service. Let us ask God to deepen our love for Him and for each other as we REMEMBER HIM in the ordinance of Communion.

LUKE 22:14-20 "And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, I have an eager desire to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise, also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, shed for you."



February 12 12:15 PM in the Morgan Building. Please sign up outside the church office to bring your favorite soup or dessert. Offerings accepted for PERC and the Piedmont Ministerial Association.

Ministry Visits

During this time of transition, if you need a ministry or hospital visit, please contact your deacon or the deacon of the month. If you do not have a contact number, please contact the church office at 864-845-7801 and someone will be in contact as soon as possible.

Below farewell luncheon: hosted by Pastor Ron and Sherry, as a “Thank you-meal,” brought enriching fellowship & food with more than 54 friends & guests. **Right Bill Johnson:** received a Certification of Completion for studying a one-year Discipleship class on the Holy Spirit. He also received a comfort-prayer quilt during his 3rd bout with cancer.



Below Nicholas Rallis and his “Nick of Time- Hospitality Cart” received a Certificate of Appreciation for his faithful servanthood, offering coffee, juice and treats each Sunday since September 2020. He even took a bow as a “thank you” to our Church. **Discipleship-Foundations Students** Emmaline & Annelise Few, Bella McDonald and Conner Smith received Certificates of Completion for their faithfulness and Sunday School study of 16 chapters of Christian character. **Right** Special thanks to these magnificent Seven-Sewers who offered stitches and encouragement to make stars with Joyful Quilters on Jan 8. **Below right Sunday School** members’ invitation to local ministry filled our hearts with 29 friends & members. **Ann Yerrick** received a Certificate of Achievement for her outstanding support to our Church as Ministry Assistant.



Board of Deacons

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Crystal Selfridge, Secretary Lewis Cowart
Kenneth Selfridge, Chair Al McAbee, Vice-Chair

February 5 Monthly DEACON MEETING 12:15 PM

February 8 Churchwide Business Meeting 6:45 PM

Deacon of the Month: Al McAbee

Thank you to our volunteers!

Sunday Nursery
11:00 AM

5 Gloria McAbee
12 Christy Rose
19 Bryan Harvey
26 Dixie Caulder

Children's Church
11:30 AM

5 Gloria McAbee
12 Crystal Selfridge
19 Barbara Greer
26 Crystal Selfridge

Counters: Al and Gloria McAbee

Elevator: Kenneth Selfridge

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

<http://FBCPiedmontSC.org/> If you have questions, please contact the church office.



~MEMORIAL Offerings~

In Memory of JAMES "JIM" MULLINS
(Tiffany Lister's Family):

Given by: Rev. Ron & Sherry Rallis

GENERAL FUND BUDGET & CONTRIBUTION REPORT

January 2023 Monthly Report

BUDGET: \$ 16,288

RECEIVED: \$4,675



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