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Proclaiming the Gospel, Making Disciples, Serving Others

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- 1 Sunday: Regular Worship Day
12:15 PM Monthly Deacon Meeting
 - 2 9:00 AM Home With a Heart
 - 3 Tuesday: 6:15 PM Churchwide
Spiritual Renewal Forum
10:30 AM HUB Staff Appreciation
Luncheon served at Sue Cleveland Elem
 - 4 Wednesday: 11:00 AM
Circle of Love Women on Mission
Regular Evening Activities
 - 8 Sunday: Mother's Day-Worship Day
Communion Service
 - 10 Tuesday: 6:15 PM
Circle of Joy Women's study
 - 11 Wednesday: 6:00-7:30 PM
Men/Women on Mission
Churchwide Supper & Mission
 - 14 Saturday: 9:00 AM Joyful Quilters
 - 15 Sunday: Regular Worship
2:00 PM Post Acute Rehab Center
Worship in Song & Devotional
 - 17 Tuesday: 6:15 PM Churchwide
Discipleship Forum
7:45 AM Woodmont High FCA
breakfast and devotion
 - 18 Wednesday: Evening Activities
 - 20-22 BLITZ Weekend -
Operation In As Much
 - 22 Sunday: Regular Worship Day
 - 24 Tuesday: 6:15 PM
Circle of Joy Women's study
10:30 AM HUB Staff Appreciation
Luncheon served at Ellen Woodside Elem
 - 25 Wednesday: Evening Activities
 - 28 Saturday: 9:00 AM Joyful Quilters
 - 29 Sunday: Regular Worship 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

A MESSAGE FROM REV. RONALD DEAN RALLIS, SR.

"Set Your GPS Destination for the Good Soil on Your Road of Life"

The transmission gearshift of your passenger vehicle has four basic operating positions – **"P-R-N-D"** (Park, Reverse, Neutral, and Drive or more commonly referred to as Stopped, Backwards, Free-Rolling, and Forwards). I think a "gearshifter" analogy could be made to the Parable of the Four Soils (Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15). Sitting in the driver's seat, you have the control to make your car respond and go anywhere you choose. When we hear the Word of God ("the Seed," Mark 4:14), God has given us the freewill to choose how we will respond as one of four soils.

On our road of life, we can remain in *"Park"* on the path, resulting in a failure to listen and stopped from receiving God's Word. If we engage the *"Reverse"* setting while driving on the rocky soil, when trouble or persecution come along, we become resistant, making a quick backward exit as fair-weather Christians. Sitting in *"Neutral"* gear is like your car is free-rolling amongst the worries, greed, and worldly desires offered on the thorny ground. Remaining in neutral because you do not want to "give up the world to gain Christ," you cannot bear any spiritual fruit. But, if we set our GPS destination for the good soil, when we intentionally place our gear in *"Drive"* as we go forward and accept God's Word and give up everything for Christ, our lives will bear much fruit.

For drivers on their road of life who want to grow and be true disciples of Christ, *"Park-Reverse-Neutral"* are not options. Only those who operate in *"Drive"* and choose to be the good soil are receptive to Jesus and obey His commands; for Jesus declared, "...whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33).

Matthew 6:28 & 30 "See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin...If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and gone tomorrow, will he not much more clothe and care for you—you of little faith?"
 May we all DRIVE to nourish our faith in Christ.



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

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.*

Annual Egg decorating, egg-hunt, hot-dog fellowship and family fun for all ages.



Woodmont High School Baseball Coach-Austin Smith, shared his life of faith in Christ and how simple Jesus makes it, but how complicated it can seem in high school. Three churches-pastors, 3 volunteers and 2 staff joined April's monthly GBA-HUB to serve 55 student breakfasts with a devotion and prayer. If you'd like to make burritos or serve and fellowship with these students at our last session on May 17 at 7:45 AM, please contact George O'Brien or Sherry Rallis.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| Barbara Greer | 1 st | | |
| Cathy Peck | 2 nd | | |
| Charles Crutts | 3 rd | | |
| Autumn Miller | 5 th | | |
| Nicholas Rallis | 5 th | | |
| Jennifer Whitmire | 5 th | | |
| Stephanie Caraway | 6 th | | |
| Cassidy Dickson | 8 th | | |
| Brenna McCann | 10 th | Mike Nelson | 20 th |
| Terry Watson | 10 th | Emilie Greer | 21 st |
| Crystal Selfridge | 15 th | Claire Higginbotham | 23 rd |
| Ken Allen | 17 th | Samantha Bejstar | 26 th |
| Jane McClain | 18 th | Al McAbee | 28 th |
| Paul Barbare | 19 th | Evelyn Roper | 31 st |



Congratulations on your WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:
 Brian & Jessica Few 1st Joey & Stephanie Caraway 4th
 Jesse & Debbie Adkins 17th



Palm Sunday's living flower bouquet was given by Harry Waldrop in memory of Larry and Mary Ayers, making a beautiful, aromatic visual centerpiece while the choir gave sweet fragrance in song, with their offering of the cantata, "Songs of the Cross," by Jay Rouse.



We are extremely grateful to our guest Cantata conductor, Amy Snyder and to Donna Porter, our guest pianist for Maundy

1 Timothy 4:2 "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe." Jackson Greer and our young people are an inspiring reflection of how we come unto Jesus, like a child. The tradition of the acolyte each Sunday morning lights our call to worship as a model of the ancient church, especially for a ceremony, symbolizing, "a follower of Christ," also meaning "server" or "champion" in Greek.





MAY is MY MONTH of PRAYER

You may pull this prayer-page out of the newsletter and consider placing it on your refrigerator, or in computer top, purse or notebook

In 1 Thessalonians chapter 5, the Apostle Paul is giving his final instructions to the church. In a long list of instructions (not suggestions) that we are to do—including respect one another, treat people with great love and care, show patience, be at peace with each another, encourage, strengthen, and so many other things—in that list, Paul gives this three-word instruction in verse

17: ***“pray without ceasing.”***

~ SUNDAYS ~

ADORE God in prayer for His attributes

Lord, awaken my soul to
praise You in prayer and song
and heart for the
Almighty God you are.

- **God is Infinite** "And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."
[Colossians 1:17](#)
- **Immutable:** never changes
- **Omnipotent:** all-powerful
- **Omniscient:** all-knowing
- **Omnipresent:** He is always everywhere
- **Loving:** Unconditional
- **Gracious & Merciful**
- **Creator** of all things
- **Holy Holy Holy:** is the Lord God Almighty
- **Wise:** He is full of perfect, unchanging wisdom
- **Glorious:** "His radiance is like the sunlight; He has rays flashing from His hand..." [Habakkuk 3:4](#)

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies>

~ MONDAYS ~

My Local Mission Field

- Friends, members and family who are recovering or undergoing health and healing issues from surgery or illness and their caregivers
- Friends, members and families under spiritual attacks
- Each neighbor on my street or block, next door.
- Local ministries who touch the people of Piedmont daily: PERC, Appalachian Ministries of the Carolinas and others
- Our Military and families
- Our First Responders and their families
- Our teachers, staff and students in each school
- God's word will not return void
- Our FBCP deacons, leadership, ministers, Bible teachers, trustees
- Unity in the local Body of Christ - the Church
- Jesus' salvation and a welcoming inclusion to the people in the thousand new homes in Piedmont

~ TUESDAYS ~

North America Missions Board

- Derek & Kristin Duvall, Salt Lake City, Utah- began the only evangelical church plant among 65,0000 people, amid spiritual warfare
- Jonathan & Melissa Parnell, Saint Paul, Minnesota- twin cities church plant to grow and flourish
- Chaplains, Volunteers retired missionaries around the continent
- Gospel message shared with care and compassion
- The Holy Spirit to move according to His will on the people who hear the good news.
- Children, parents and families of our missionaries
- God to raise up more laborers for the harvest is plentiful.

Find more at: Mission Mosaic Magazine, Women's Missionary Union, wmufoundation@wmu.org

~ WEDNESDAYS ~

World Missions

- Missionaries of the week
- Missionaries celebrating birthdays & anniversaries
- Financial fuel and supply of missionaries around the globe
- Compassion and care for their health, strength, stamina and God’s spirit revealed to them
- Angela Dawson, Asian Pacific Rim Peoples-discipleship to Thailand teenage girls
- Vivian Carter, Northern Africa & Middle East Peoples-using scripture to help women develop life-skills, support and healing from emotional trauma
- Jack & Prinna Wattanawongsang, Asian Pacific Rim Peoples “prayer-walking” ministries with the gospel of faith to people
- Salvation to many who hear the gospel and those who SEE Jesus in missionaries and mountains
- Ukraine and Russia believers’ faith and service to our Lord in the face a war

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~ THURSDAYS ~

THANKSGIVING for what God has done

- His Word
- His Son, Jesus as the Savior
- His death on the cross and RESSURECTION
- His Forgiveness
- His calling for His will in our lives
- Love
- Our church
- Financial provisions
- Family
- Neighbors and Friends
- The Body of Christ
- Creation- mountains, trees, animals, stars, moon, sunsets, beaches
- My specific answered prayers
- Our church’s rich history and pillars of servanthood in the people faith
- Baptisms of faith in this past year
- Clothing, food and provisions of care more than the birds of the air and lilies of the ground
- Parents & Grandparents, by name and what they mean to you
- The gifts and talents God gave you personally
- The gifts and talents God has given others in the Body of Christ

Find more by: creating your own personal prayer journal

~ FRIDAYS ~

Faith stretching prayers

My personal Prayers and answers for MAY and beyond

My scripture of the month

My Jesus-word of the month _____

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We extend our thanks to Rachele Hart with **Appalachian Ministries of the Carolinas** and our own ladies in Circle of Love, FBCP for the opportunity for Women on Mission to cook and share a meal at the community center. After the luncheon with volunteers and guests, Pastor Ron shared a devotion of hope, and then, Bunco games and prizes for all!

2022 Piedmont Area Operation Inasmuch

Building on the success of last year's Piedmont Area Operation Inasmuch, we have the following churches cooperating to bring acts of love and compassion to our community: Wesleyan, Piedmont Presbyterian, Porch Fellowship, Tabernacle of Faith, Piedmont Church at the Mill, Emmanuel Full Gospel and First Baptist Church. Be sure and volunteer for one of these 2022 projects: Ice Cream Truck, Free Car Wash, Handmade Blankets and Quilts for Newborns, Post-Acute Care Nursing Home and Highway 86 Cleanup & Grass Cutting. Just put your name and phone number on the signup poster outside the church office to receive a blessing from God! You will be contacted by the project leader of your project. The grand finale of the Blitz Days, **May 20 - 22nd**, will be a celebration with food, entertainment and an informal cornhole tournament held on the field across from the First Baptist Church of Piedmont.

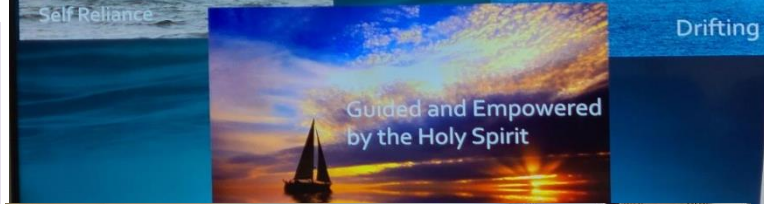
THE PROCESS FOR "MAKING DISCIPLES" – Monthly Study: What is true discipleship? Let's seek the Lord together. **Tuesday, May 3, 6:15-7:15 PM** and the **1st Tuesday monthly**.

FAMILY FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP – Sunday May 1, 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.

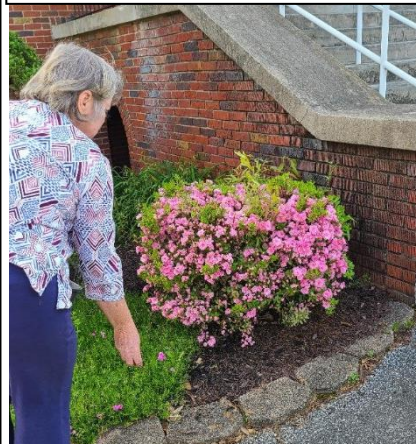
POST ACUTE DEVOTIONAL SERVICE – On May 15th and the 3rd Sunday monthly, from 2:00-2:30 PM, the Outreach Team hosts a singing and devotional service at the Piedmont Post Acute assisted living. Contact: George O'Brien, Outreach Team Leader.

CHURCH-WIDE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FORUM – Tuesday, May 17, 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.

Section Two – Holy Spirit's Influence



Above: Do you "thirst" after our Lord? Consider joining us for Sunday School at 10:00 AM for a life-application study of the Holy Spirit's life in us. **Center:** Each 3rd Sunday at 2:00 PM you may join us to share Christ's love for song and devotion at Post Acute Assisted Living. **Below Left:** Thank you, Ni O'Brien for sharing her "blessing-soil" for the lilies and azaleas, reminding us to nurture the soil of our hearts. **Below Right:** Our Women on Mission goal is May 29 to return the Baby-Bottle donations for Piedmont Women's Center. If your family or study group would like a new donation bottle, please contact Sherry Rallis.



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, May 4.**

CIRCLE OF JOY – Our devotional study, *The 52 Greatest Stories of the Bible*, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, May 10 and 24, 6:15-7:30 PM (light snack provided) All ladies are invited.

JOYFUL QUILTERS – Join us Saturday, May 14 and 28, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Howard Room, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, as we create comfort quilts for friends and for your family- beginners welcome.

SUPPER & MISSION MESSAGE – Church-wide supper and Mission message: Police Appreciation Wednesday, May 11, 6:00-7:30 PM.

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

Board of Deacons

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Debbie Adkins
Ken Allen
Robert Elrod
Jeff Garrison

2022-2023

Susan Allen
Gerald Caraway
Bettie Lown
Kenneth Selfridge

May 1 monthly **DEACONS MEETING** 12:15 PM
May 4 Churchwide **Business Meeting** 6:45 PM

Thank you to our MAY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Nursery:

1 Barbara Greer
8 Bryan Harvey
15 Tiffany Lister
22 Christy Rose
29 Dixie Caulder

Deacon of the Month:

Gerald Caraway

Counters:

Robert Elrod
Stephanie Caraway

Elevator:

Logan Selfridge



~MEMORIALS~

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Sallie Waldrop

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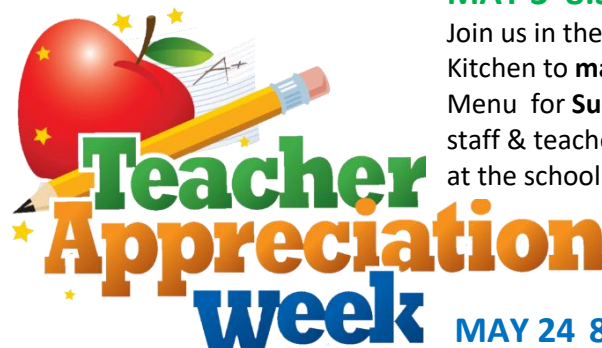
<http://fbc-piedmont.org/> If you have questions, please contact Ann Yerrick in the church office or Ken Allen.



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MAY 3 8:30 AM

Join us in the Morgan Bldg Kitchen to **make a Taco Bar Menu** for **Sue Cleveland** staff & teachers OR arrive at the school at 10:30 to serve the meal.



MAY 24 8:30 AM

Ellen Woodside Elementary Taco Bar is our 2nd school for the same schedule to cook and say, "Thank you," to all the staff. *This ministry is hosted by GBA HUB and FBCP Women on Mission.*



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