

**Called Church Conference
Sunday Morning, May 2, 2021
9:20 am in the Sanctuary
(No Sunday School on May 2)**

The Deacons will present a recommendation concerning the following matters on Sunday morning, May 2:

- Repair entryway outside the sanctuary and add portico
- Make connector between sanctuary vestibule and old educational building more accessible and add restrooms close to vestibule
- Make all ground floor entrances more accessible
- Add a Children’s Ministry hallway check-in room/station
- Replace educational building HVAC units

The church will vote on the recommendation on Sunday, May 9, in the morning worship services.

Deacon Selection – May 2

We will select 5 new deacons on Sunday morning, May 2. As set forth in our church bylaws, deacons are chosen from among the men of our church who are at least 21 years of age and have been a member of the church for at least one year. For the convenience of our church family, a list of men who meet this age and membership requirement is available in the vestibule. However, our church has higher qualifications for deacons than just age and membership requirements.

We require deacons to meet the biblical qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-7. Generally, these qualifications require that a man demonstrate Godly character, doctrinal soundness, and the spiritual qualities necessary to provide effective leadership in his home and the church. He should also be faithful to the church in attendance, service, and giving.

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Firs Focus

A Weekly Newsletter for the Family and Friends of Pickens First Baptist

- All Church Members.....Ministers
- Fred Stone (859-5853).....Senior Pastor
- Bryan Hester (704-4802).....Worship & Associate Pastor
- Jeff Rafferty (607-8306).....Discipleship & Missions Pastor
- Mike Sterlachini (395-5880).....Student & Family Pastor
- Jennifer Hendrix (449-5381).....Preschool Director
- Katie Freeman.....Financial Secretary
- Tricia McJunkin.....Church Secretary

Church Phone: 864-878-6564 Website: www.fbcpickens.org
Office Hours: 8:30 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Thursday
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Friday

Deacon Selection - May 2

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Please keep these qualifications in mind as you prayerfully look through the list of men in our church. On Sunday morning, May 2, be prepared to vote for 5 men who meet these qualifications. Keep in mind that this is not a nomination process. The top five qualified men who agree to serve will be presented to the church on August 8 for confirmation.

The men whose names are listed below are currently serving as deacons. Those rotating off this year are ineligible for re-election for one year.

Rotate Off in 2021

Milledge Cassell
Brett Garrison
Michael Hendrix
Davey Hiott
William Reece

Rotate Off in 2022

Joe Dunn
Lynn Fisher
Larry Martin
Roger Smith
Mendel Stewart

Rotate Off in 2023

Zander Clarkson
Jimmy Dickard
David Harper
Don Shuman
Jeff Turner

Parent-Child Dedication – May 9 in the 10:30 AM Worship Service

Parents who would like to participate in this dedication are asked to do two things.

1. Sign-up by calling the church office (878-6564) or email Jennifer Hendrix (jennifer@fbcpickens.org) by Monday, May 3.
2. Email 5 pictures of your child to media@fbcpickens.org by Monday, May 3. Please include the names of the parents, child, and the child's date of birth.

Student Ministry News from Mike

Graduate Recognition Service



Graduation is right around the corner! If your high school or college student (associate, bachelor, or graduate degree) is graduating, please let Mike know. Also, please email him five pictures of your graduate in a JPEG format. These photos should be a mix of baby, child, and graduation pictures. We will use these pictures at

our *Graduation Recognition Service* on Sunday, May 16 at 10:30am. All pictures need to be emailed by Tuesday, May 4th to mike@fbcpickens.org.

Terrific Thursdays During the Summer

On selected Thursdays throughout the summer, our preschool, children, youth, and their families are invited for a time of fun. All events are free and open to all family members and their friends/guests.

- June 10: Otter Creek Water Park in Greenville
We have rented the entire park for our church from 5:45pm-7:45pm. PFBC families and friends will have **FREE** access to all rides and pools. Families will meet at Otter Creek and are responsible for any food and drinks they buy while at the park.
- June 24: Table Rock State Park in Pickens
We will meet at the playground area from 10:30am-12:30pm. From there we will have access to the beach, hiking trails, waterfalls, canoes, pedal boats, grills, etc. Beginning around noon, a free picnic will be provided to everyone.
- July 8: Sliding Rock in Pickens
We will meet at Sliding Rock for a time of fun from 10:30am-12:30pm. A free picnic will be provided around noon.
- July 22: Pool party and cookout at Davey Hiott's house
We will meet at Davey Hiott's house from 5:45pm-7:45 to swim and have a cookout. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

If we get rained out on one of these Thursdays, we will go bowling at Rock Springs or roller skating in Easley. Make sure you are receiving the children and/or youth texting updates from Mike.

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of AWANA volunteers for the fall. If you are interested in serving in this very important ministry, you can sign up in the vestibule. Information on the volunteer positions is also posted there. Leaders must love children, be members of the church, and pass a background check. See Chad Blackston or Mike Steriachini if you have any questions.



Discipleship and Missions from Jeff

Mission Trip to Dakota Sonshine

We are making plans for a mission trip to Dakota Sonshine from June 26th – July 3rd. The trip will consist of either working with the Native American children in camp, or small work projects such as painting, etc. Cost of the trip will be \$500 for church members. Please contact Jeff at either 878-6564 ext. 105 or Jeff@fbcpickens.org if interested in participating or with questions. The deadline is May 1, 2021 to turn in a deposit of \$100.00.

Mission Focus: Please Continue Praying for Pastor Juan in Peru!

Cafe Connections is in need of the following:

1. Prayer Encouragers to "adopt" a client as a secret sister/brother for approximately 8-10 weeks as clients are in recovery. Encouragers are asked to commit to staying in touch with their "adoptee" once per month, if not weekly (most preferable). Encouragers are asked to pray, and on occasion provide a small gift like a candy bar, journal or maybe a \$5 gift card to a local eatery, for their "adoptee". BOTH the "encourager" and "adoptee" will remain anonymous to each other, and will ONLY be known by their first names. Cards and gifts can be dropped off at Cafe Connections. Please call for hours of operation.
2. A small group, individual, or business to provide a meal ONCE per month for 15-20 Behavioral Health Clients and Homeless thru October, 2021. This would be for a Monday OR Tuesday, during the 4th week of every month. For more info call Ann @ 201-1772.

Samaritan's Purse

We have an opportunity to go to the Samaritan's Purse processing center on Thursday, May 20th and help assemble shoeboxes that will be going to restricted countries! Instead of making their own shoeboxes this year many people paid online to have Samaritan's Purse build them a shoebox. Now Samaritan's Purse has all the contents but needs help putting them together. The exciting part of this is that every one of these boxes will go to countries who restrict the Gospel from entering in other ways. We only have a few spots available, so if you are interested in going and helping with this exciting opportunity then please contact Jeff at 878-6564 ext. 105. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and will return to the church at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Mission Trip to Honduras with Carpenters For Christ

The Carpenters For Christ has been asked to come to San Marcos de Colon, Honduras to help the Good Samaritan Ministry with several projects such as well digging, construction, teaching, VBS, evangelism, and many other opportunities to share the gospel.

Trip date: Saturday June 12 - Saturday, June 19, 2021

Trip cost \$1650.00

If you have any questions concerning this trip, please call Randy Atkins (864-612-0165) or Mike Ravan (864-621-0916).

Free copies of the book, *Pickens: The Town and The First Baptist Church, 1891-1991*, by Jane Morris are available in the church office. The book was written for the centennial celebration of the church in 1991.

Preschool Worship Volunteers, 10:30 a.m. Service

April 25: Babies & 1's, Jeff & Kelly Turner; 2's & 3's, Loree, Mallie, & Morgan Couch; K4's & K5's, Judy Edwards & Katie Shuman

Safety Team Rotation Assignment

The Month Of April

4th - Team B

11th - Team C

18th - Team D

25th - Team A

Welcome New Members!



Melissa Wimpey

139 Hagood St.
Pickens SC 29671

Michael Sterlachini

(son of Mike and Karen Sterlachini)
229 Saddlebrook Ave
Pickens SC 29671

Bryan's Notes

Hello Church Family,

I want to make you aware of 3 trips that we are planning again this year. 2 of them are in the fall and at Christmas and one is right around the corner in May. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these trips as soon as possible so reservations can be made.

Sign Up sheets are located outside Adult IV or you can call me or email me about signing up.

- **Thursday, May 6th: Trip to Eat Lunch at The Junction and to get Strawberries at Strawberry Hill USA**
Cost: Lunch and how many strawberries you buy
Deadline to Sign Up: Sunday, May 2.
- **October 11 - 14: (Monday - Thursday) Celebrators in Pigeon Forge, TN.**
Speakers include Dr. David Jeremiah, Phil Waldrep, Former Vice President Mike Pence, Dennis Swanberg. Musical Guest include Charles Billingsley, The Collingsworth Family, The Gaither Vocal Band, and Gordon Mote.
The Cost is:
* \$298 - 2 to a room
* \$224 - 3 to a room
* \$186 - 4 to a room
* \$522 - 1 to a room
*No meals are included except for breakfast at the hotel on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We are staying at the LaQuinta Inn in Pigeon Forge, TN, 125 Community Center Drive.
Deadline to Sign Up: Sunday, May 30th - \$100 per person due that day.
- **December 2 - 4: (Thursday - Saturday) Trip to Myrtle Beach to see 2 Christmas Shows**
The cost includes 2 Christmas Shows at the Alabama Theater and The Carolina Opry; 2 Dinners at Chuck's Steakhouse and Original Benjamins; breakfast at the hotel Friday and Saturday mornings; and lodging at the Beach Cove Resort. **Right now we are planning to take our church bus. If we get a good number to go, we could charter a bus. That would bring the cost per person up by \$50-\$75 per person. We will have to see how many people sign up.*
The Cost is: (Without a Charter Bus)
* \$227 per person - 2 two a room
* \$307 per person - 1 to a room
Deadline to Sign Up: Sunday, June 27th- \$100 per person due that day.

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING**
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
for North American Missions**
2021 theme is "The Mission Moves Forward"

Church Goal: \$7,500.00

Given To Date: \$4,855.00

Prayer guides are available in the vestibule and the
Welcome Center along with extra envelopes if needed.

Pickens First Baptist Church Schedule

Sunday, April 25

8:00 a.m. - 1st Worship Service
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - 2nd Worship Service

Wednesday, April 28

6:30p.m. - Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service, FH;
Preschool, Children's, and Youth Activities;
Adult Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanc.

FACTS & FIGURES

April 18, 2021

Building Fund: \$565,047.21

Sunday School - 205
Offering - \$29,830.79
Offering to Date - \$336,425.05
Goal to Date - \$349,392.96

CONTACT information

If you have an address, phone number, or email address change, please contact the church office to let us know so we can update your information (878-6564 or tricia@fbcpickens.org).



If you have a MyPFBC account, log in to update your information.

Thank you so much for your help! We want everyone included in the church's communications.



1. Monthly literature including *Home Life*, *Mature Living*, *Journey*, *Stand Firm*, and *Living With Teenagers* is available in the Welcome Center. Please feel free to come by each month and pick up a copy.
2. Offering envelopes are available in the church office, on the table in the vestibule, and on the desk in the Welcome Center if you are in need of any.
3. If you would like us to email you a newsletter each week, please provide us with your email address.
4. Please call the church office at 878-6564 if we can help you in any way!

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Welcome to Pickens First Baptist Church

April 25, 2021

Baptismal Service (10:30 a.m.)

Opening Songs

Good, Good Father

Holy Ground.....Worship Choir (10:30 a.m.)

Scripture

Colossians 3: 1-4

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Congregational Songs

Come Thou Almighty King

Your Name

Welcome and Prayer

Message In Song *Were It Not For Grace*.....Bryan Hester

Message From God's Word.....Pastor Fred Stone

Song Of Commitment

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Closing Prayer

8:00 a.m. - Don Shuman

10:30 a.m. - Roger Smith

Closing Song

Holy, Holy, Holy

Pickens First Baptist Church exists to be a Worshiping, Evangelizing, Learning, and Loving (W.E.L.L.) family of faith to the glory of God. (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor. 10:31).

Online Worship Service Available

* On YouTube: On your smart TV, smartphone, iPad, or computer go to:

fbcpickens.org/youtube

* On Pickens FBC Website: On your smartphone, iPad, or computer,

go to: www.fbcpickens.org