

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear First Family,

What a wonderful day of worship on Sunday! It is wonderful to acknowledge Godly ladies that make a difference in our lives and in our church. It is my hope that ladies were honored and God was glorified.

Deacon Election is this Sunday. Names of male members that are eligible to be considered have been made available this month. You have been encouraged to use that sheet as a prayer list for God to lead you to the right men to lead us through deacon ministry. It is wonderful when God has placed good leaders in the church that are faithful and knowledgeable in the multiple matters that the church needs insights on. We are blessed to have men that come from many walks of life. However, the most important part of being a deacon is not a man's knowledge and know-how of a walk of life, but a man's walk with God. I am fully convinced that God can give us all the guidance that we need when we rely on Him. We need servant leaders that will rely upon the Lord. We need men that support faithfully, worship faithfully, pray faithfully, and seek the Lord through His Word faithfully. I am thankful that this church has good, Godly deacons that are wonderfully faithful. They bless my heart as we pray together every Sunday morning before worship. Let's make sure the men that will serve next in this capacity are faithful as well.

We will also honor our graduates this week. Be sure to encourage them as they accomplish this major step in their education, and begin their walk into the next stage of life. Our encouragement at this point could be crucial for their walk with the Lord and our ability to minister to them in the future.

Thank you again for being so kind to us. It is a joy to be your pastor.

Daniel

First Focus

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

- All Church Members.....Ministers
Daniel Heeringa (662-542-3555).....Senior Pastor
Bryan Hester (704-4802).....Worship & Associate Pastor
Jeff Rafferty (607-8306).....Discipleship & Missions Pastor
Colton Ashley (420-6454).....Interim Youth Minister
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

Discipleship and Missions News from Jeff



VBS will be the week of June 20th – 23rd from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for children who have completed K4 – 5th grade (There will be preschool classes for children of volunteers). You can register children on our web-site at www.fbcpickens.org. We are still in need of volunteers, so please sign up in the Sanctuary foyer.



PFBC is reserving Otter Creek Water Park on June 2nd from 5:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. for a time of Fun and Fellowship for all ages! Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring guest! Otter Creek is located at 101 W Darby Rd., Greenville.

Backyard Bible Club

We are planning to do a Backyard Bible Club at Windwood Gardens Apartments the week of July 11th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. If interested in helping, please contact Jeff at 878-6564 or Jeff@fbcpickens.org.



For the month of May, we would like to collect flashlights, batteries, combs, brushes, hair bows, etc.

There will be boxes located in the Sanctuary and in the Welcome Center to collect the supplies each month.



Bryan's Notes

Celebrators 2022

October 10-13, 2022
Pigeon Forge, TN

Hello Everyone,

Here is the Celebrators 2022 Information for this years trip. Limited space is available, so please let me know as soon as you can if you plan to go.

Celebrators 2022, October 10-13: (Monday- Thursday) in Pigeon Forge, TN.

The Cost is:

- \$372 - 2 to a room per person
- \$294 - 3 to a room per person
- \$256 - 4 to a room per person
- \$604 - 1 to a room per person

*No meals are included except for breakfast at the hotel on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We are staying at the Quality Inn in Pigeon Forge, TN 2708 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

Guests Include: Dr. David Jeremiah, Sandi Patty, Charles Billingsley, The Collingsworth Family, Greater Vision, Ken Davis, and Michael W. Smith

*Deadline to Sign Up and Pay a Non-refundable \$100 deposit is Sunday, June 5th.

Sign-Up Sheet is located outside the Adult IV area or you can call me or email me to reserve your spot. 704-4802 or bryan@fbcpickens.org

In Christ,
Bryan

Deacon Selection – May 15

We will select 5 new deacons on Sunday morning, May 15. 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.

Please keep these qualifications in mind as you prayerfully look through the list of men in our church. On Sunday morning, May 15, 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 14 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 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

Rotate Off in 2024

Colton Ashley
Boyce Couch
Gil Stewart
Victor Whitworth
Andy Williams



Awanita Valley

CAMP. RETREAT. ADVENTURE.

Children, Youth and Family Fall Retreat
Mark Your Calendars! October 7-9, 2022
More Information to Come!



Please plan for your family to attend these upcoming events:

- June 2 - Otter Creek Water Park
- June 20 - 23 - Vacation Bible School
- July 15 - 17 - CentriKid camp (for 1st - 5th graders)
- July 24 - Powdersville YMCA Pool Party (more information to come)
- October 7 - 9 - Children's Fall Retreat at Awanita Valley

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

May 15: Babies & 1's, Sheila Dunn & Jennifer Hendrix
Older Preschoolers, Doug & Jeanine Hayes

May 22: Babies & 1's, Frances Stewart & Susan Williams
Older Preschoolers, Loree, Mallie, & Morgan Couch

Safety Team Rotation Assignment

The Month Of May

May 1st - Team B
May 8th - Team C
May 15th - Team D
May 22nd - Team A
May 29th - Team B

Graduate Recognition - May 15, 2022

CELEBRATE



High School Graduates

- **Sara Jessie Lee Gilstrap** – Graduating from Pickens High School
To attend Clemson University - Major: Education
- **Libby Renae Howard** – Graduating from Pickens High School
To attend Tri-County Technical College and transfer to Anderson University
– Major: Graphic Design
- **Riley Elizabeth Rogers** – Graduating from Pickens High School
To attend Clemson University - Major: Nursing
- **Katelyn Elizabeth Shuman** – Graduating from Liberty High School
To attend Charleston Southern University - Major: Nursing

Post-Secondary Graduates

- **Jacob Lewis Alexander** – Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Electronics Technology from Tri-County Technical College
- **William Talton Alexander** – Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Clemson University
- **Russel Eugene Stafford** – Associates of Applied Science in Aviation Technology from Greenville Technical College
- **Addelin Grace Welborn** - Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Clemson University
- **Jacob Nathaniel Williams** – Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Clemson University



Otter Creek Water Park

Both children and youth will be going to Otter Creek Water Park on June 2. Please note that the following information only applies to the youth.

The youth can ride the PFBC bus to Chick-Fil-A and Otter Creek. The bus will be leaving the Xchange at 4PM on June 2, 2022. We will be back around 8:30 PM. **Please send money with your youth for Chick-Fil-A. There is no cost for Otter Creek.** Students should dress appropriately for both Chick-Fil-A and Otter Creek. Students should bring a change of clothes for the ride back from Otter Creek. They should also bring sunscreen and towels. Please sign up at fbcpickens.org/ottercreek.



- May 15 – Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 15 – PHS Baccalaureate Service in the Sanctuary at 4PM
- June 2 – Otter Creek Water Park
- June 20-23 – Youth Summer Worship Week (in conjunction with kids VBS)
- October 7-9 – Fall Retreat at Awanita Valley

IN BRIEF

Congratulations to Brian and Jennifer McGuffee on the birth of their daughter, Ellie Grace McGuffee, on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Congratulations to big brother, Colton, also!

Thank you, church family, for the many expressions of love you have shown to Ann and our family during her illness and death. All of you loved her well over the years and she loved her church family. We appreciate every act of kindness during this difficult time.

The Whitworth family

Pickens First Baptist Church Schedule

Sunday, May 15

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
 11:30 a.m. - Graduate Luncheon, FH
 4:00 p.m. - Baccalaureate Service, Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 18

6:00 p.m. - Awana, FH
 6:15 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service, Room E200; Youth Activities, Xchange; Preschool Activities; Adult Choir & Small Groups Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 a.m. - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Room E357

Thursday, May 19

10:00 a.m. - WMU Mtg, Church Parlor

Friday, May 20

Hester Wedding Rehearsal, Sanc. & FH

Saturday, May 21

Hester Wedding, Sanc. & FH



The rosebud is placed in the church today in honor of Ellie Grace McGuffee, daughter of Brian and Jennifer McGuffee, who born on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.



FACTS & FIGURES

May 8, 2022

Sunday School - 205
 Worship Attendance - 350
 Offering - \$21,611.79
 Offering to Date - \$372,504.81
 Goal to Date - \$422,196.72

Building Fund: \$269,504.75

Annie Armstrong Offering: \$5,335.00

Thank you for worshipping with us Today!

Please complete, tear off, and place in offering plate.



Connect with Us Here at PFBC!

Name
Email
Phone Number

I would like to know more about becoming a Christian.

I would like to know more about Pickens First Baptist Church.

Welcome to Pickens First Baptist Church

May 15, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Announcements

Welcome and Prayer

Graduate Processional

Scripture

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23.....Choir and Orchestra

Congregational Song

This Is Amazing Grace

Graduate Recognition

Prayer for the Graduates

Message In Song *By Your Grace*
Brett Satterfield and Brent Cain

Message From God's Word.....Dr. Daniel Heeringa

Invitation

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Closing Prayer.....David Harper

Closing Song

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