

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear First Family,

What a wonderful blessing this past Sunday was! You are a gracious and kind people and your welcome to me as your new pastor could not have been better. I look forward to our days ahead!

Sunday is Mother's Day. We will take time during worship to allow parents to dedicate their children to the Lord. This is a time for, not only the parents, but the church as a whole to enter into a commitment to do all we can to help these children come up in the love and admonition of the Lord. As parents invest their lives in our church, where they will raise their children, we, as a body of believers, should be careful to come alongside the family and do our part to help and guide their children in the ways of the Lord. May our every action encourage and strengthen them in their walk to know Christ at an early age!

I have appreciated your prayers and encouragement during my time of finishing one ministry and arriving as your pastor. As an update to your prayers, now please pray that God will bless our efforts as we strive to move forward together in His Name. My family will be here in the coming days as they finish up the school year. We anticipate our move in June, and we seek His discernment and some open doors (literally) as we strive to secure housing.

We are blessed to be here. We look forward to the days ahead. 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

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.



Awanita Valley

CAMP. RETREAT. ADVENTURE.

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

Sunday School:

**Discovering God's Word
Connecting With Other Believers
Growing In Our Faith**



Find where you belong this Sunday!



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

Please plan for your family to attend these upcoming events:



- June 2 - Otter Creek Water Park (more information to come)
- June 20 - 23 - Vacation Bible School (more information to come)
- 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 (more information to come)

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

May 8: Babies & 1's, Milledge & Linda Cassell
Older Preschoolers, Judy Edwards & Katie Shuman

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

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



John 1-3 - Week Seven

This session, we'll study Jesus' first miracle. This first miracle—which John refers to as a “sign”—represents the reality that the old way had passed and a new way had come (John 2:11). New beginnings are exciting, but there's always a temptation to fall back into familiar patterns and old habits.

Great Time Last Sunday

We had a great time at the youth fellowship last Sunday! We had a good crowd of students.... but apparently not enough chicken! The youth cleared out a couple hundred nuggets and chicken tenders before the adults got to eat (sorry about that Daniel!). I want to thank the adults who were at the fellowship: Justin, Amy and Sophie Sawyer; Becca and Quincy Newman; Tonya Wilson; Jeremy Simmons; Bryan Hester, Daniel Heeringa, and Brian Kolat.

Graduate Recognition Service

CELEBRATE



Our graduate recognition service will be Sunday, May 15, 2022.

This is for high school, post-secondary, graduate, and post-graduate degrees! Please send Colton Ashley five photos of the graduate, the graduate's full name, the degree/diploma earned, and the name of the school from which the student is graduating. We will have a luncheon in honor of the graduates in the Xchange following the service. Parents, siblings and grandparents are invited to the luncheon!

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 fcpickens.org/ottercreek.



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

IN BRIEF

Dear FBC Pickens Church Family,

Thank you so much for the opportunity you gave me to serve as your interim for the last 9 months. It has been a complete joy! We have been made to feel so loved and appreciated by everyone! I've never preached anywhere that I felt more freedom and more well received! I really love all of you.

When we saw the check you gave us we were completely blown away! You were so generous to us! We couldn't believe it!

Thank you from the depth of our hearts.

Ralph and Regina

Pickens First Baptist Church Schedule

Sunday, May 8

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service



Tuesday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

6:00 p.m. - Awana, FH
6:15 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service, Room E250; Youth Activities, Xchange; Preschool Activities; Adult Choir & Small Groups Rehearsal

Thursday, May 12

10:00 a.m. - S.A.M. Trip to The Junction and Strawberry Hill

Saturday, May 14

7:00 a.m. - Blue Ridge View Baptist Church Youth Yard and Bake Sale, Legacy Square



Our Church Goal: \$7,000

Given To Date: \$5,210.00

Your gifts to this offering will go to missionaries in the US and Canada. This year's theme is UNITED...we are invited to unite with churches all over North America to reach our continent for Christ.

Brochures with more information and missionary stories are located in the Fellowship Hall and Welcome Center. Offering envelopes are available also.



FACTS & FIGURES

May 1, 2022

Sunday School - 216
Worship Attendance - 360
Offering - \$22,498.00
Offering to Date - \$350,893.02
Goal to Date - \$399,975.84

Building Fund: \$269,919.75

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 8, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Announcements

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Song *O Praise The Name*.....Choir and Orchestra

Congregational Song
Cornerstone

Parent/Child Dedication

Prayer of Dedication

Message In Song *By The Grace of God*.....Kitty Kolat

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

Song Of Commitment
I Surrender All

Closing Prayer.....Lynn Fisher

Closing Song
Trust and Obey

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