

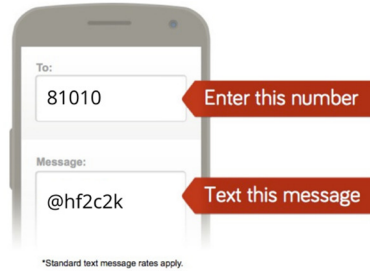


The pastor is setting up two text groups to communicate announcements, prayer concerns, updates, and reminders to you personally. Please sign up for only one group. Both groups receive the same texts. Here are the two groups:

Group 1: PFBC Pastor



Group 2: PFBC Pastor Too



This Remind system is primarily used for schools, therefore, if it asks your role, put parent and it will not ask for your birthday. You do not need to respond to these texts. They are not a group chat. You will normally not receive more than a text or two a week.

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

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear First Family,

One of my favorite passages of Scripture, that I also try to live up to, is Colossians 3.17, *"And whatever you do, in word of deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* We all have so much to be thankful for, and we ought to be quick to live out, and to share our thankfulness, as we have opportunity.

I am thankful to be your pastor. Making such a move, especially with the housing and moving market like it is, is not easy and can be stressful. However, the reassurance that God is in it and that He is at work, is worth the strain. God has truly blessed. Our worship hours together have a strong sense of His Presence, as my interaction with each of you has as well. I am blessed and thankful for our Spirit-filled church atmosphere. However, I am also thankful for a church staff that is dedicated to serve the Lord with honor, dedication, and diligence. It is encouraging. Therefore, I want you to help me to be encouraging to the staff. They, not only did a fine job during the interim, they have also helped me to settle in and learn the landscape. They have been nothing, but helpful. For that, I am most thankful. I want you to thank God with me, and help me acknowledge two of them the right way.

Jennifer Hendrix is soon celebrating fifteen years as our Preschool Director and Jeff Rafferty will be celebrating ten years. As one who has served eleven years and fifteen years in my last two ministry positions, I can tell you that it takes dedication of a staff member and the graces of a good church to allow that to happen. This church has a history of long tenures and that speaks volumes of the church, and those that you have leading her. Thank you, Jennifer and Jeff, for your faithfulness, and thank you, PFBC, for being a loving and appreciative people. We have a good thing here. Jennifer and Jeff are some of the fruit that gives evidence to that. For that, I am thankful.

As school starts back, our full schedule will be cranking up with some special events and some new things. The future is promising. God is moving. Be in your place. Share your faith. Give and serve your part. Let's be a part of something great. It is a joy to be your pastor.

Daniel

Deacon Selection Candidates

The following men have been selected to serve three year terms as deacons:

Lawrence Crenshaw
Doug Hayes
Michael Hendrix
Davey Hiott
William Reece

The church will vote to confirm these selections at the close of worship on August 7.

Discipleship and Missions News from Jeff



Heart4Schools is a network of churches serving students and teachers in South Carolina. The SC Baptist Convention's desire is to connect every school in South Carolina with a church that loves and serves them well. There are more than 1,270 schools and over 420 of these have churches serving through Reading Buddies, Teacher Support, and/or Backpack Buddies.

Pickens First Baptist would like to form a partnership with Pickens Middle School. We are in the beginning stages of forming a group to discuss a partnership to meet the needs of the school.

Would you be willing to be a part of this group? Please contact Robbie Tweito (864-884-1635 or rtweito@gmail.com) to express your interest. You may also contact the church office.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4: 10-12



Promotion Sunday For Sunday School Sunday, August 7

Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Attention Ladies of All Ages! Beginning August 9th, The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible study will begin studying The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. This is a 7 week Bible study that teaches you how to prepare for the attacks of the enemy . We meet from 9:00-11:00 am on the third floor. Free Childcare is provided. This is a great time for fellowship, food and studying God's word. Whether you are new to Bible study or have been studying for years this study is for you. For more info please call the church office. Come and bring your friends. This is a community-wide Bible study.

KY Disaster Relief Mission Trip

Plans are being made to go to Beaver Dam, KY and help with Disaster Relief from the Tornados that devastated KY back in December 2021. We will leave on Sunday, September 25th and will return on October 1st. The Ohio County Baptist Association and KY Baptist Convention are working with a number of families whose homes were damaged, and doing repairs. Therefore, the work we will be doing could involve painting, clean-up, sheet rock, electrical, roofing, etc. Don't worry if you don't have construction skills, we will find a place for you and a way that you can be used to help these families in need. If interested in participating in this trip, please contact Jeff at 878 – 6564 or Jeff@fbcpickens.org

Samaritan's Purse



For the month of August we would like to collect socks, t-shirts, and hats. Boxes are located in the Sanctuary and in the Welcome Center to collect the supplies each month.

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

July 31: Babies & 1's, Kim, Riley, & Tara Ann Rogers
Older Preschoolers, Brett & Lauren Garrison

August 7: Babies & 1's, Milledge & Linda Cassell
Older Preschoolers, Phillip & Cheryl Aguero

August 14: Babies & 1's, Sheila Dunn & Beverly Spivey
Older Preschoolers, Judy Edwards, Katie Shuman, & Natalie Turner

Safety Team Rotation Assignment

The Month Of August

August 7th - Team D
August 14th - Team A
August 21st - Team B
August 28th - Team C



Sunday School

We are going to be starting a new curriculum in Sunday School in August. I hope that this curriculum, the Gospel Project, will have a great impact on the lives of our youth!

Youth Worship – Sunday Evenings

Because of the impact that sports and school related activities have on Wednesday nights, we are moving our “big worship” service to Sunday nights. Over the course of an hour and a half, our youth praise band will lead worship, we will have large group teaching, and we will break into small groups.

Wednesday Nights

The youth will be using Wednesday nights for discipleship courses. We will first be going through the newest edition of “Experiencing God.” We will be starting the evenings together and will then break into small groups!



Football Season Starts Soon

We are going to be hosting 5th quarters in the Xchange after PHS home varsity football games this fall! I think this will be a great way to encourage youth to become acquainted with our youth ministry!

Fall Youth Retreat – Awanita

The youth ministry has partnered with East Pickens Baptist Church to host a joint Youth Retreat at



Awanita Valley

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Awanita. The retreat will be held Friday November 11 – 13. The cost is \$130. Please pay a deposit of \$30 when you register. The payment can be handed into the church office or can be given to Colton. Checks should be made out to PFBC. You can register at fbcpickens.org/awanita

Calendar

- Friday, August 5: Feeding PHS Seniors at the “Senior Sunrise” - (around 6AM)
- Sunday, August 7: Lunch for 6th grade families in the Xchange
- Friday, August 19: PFBC Providing Breakfast at PHS FCA
- Friday, August 26: PFBC Providing Breakfast at PHS FCA, Colton Speaking
- Friday, August 26: 5th Quarter following the PHS Home Football Game
- Friday, September 2: PFBC Providing Breakfast at PHS FCA, Daniel Speaking
- September 2, 2022 - Fifth Quarter in the Xchange (Home Game vs. Southside)
- September 18, 2022 – Youth Fellowship
- September 30, 2022 – Fifth Quarter in the Xchange (Home Game vs. Easley)
- November 11-13: Youth Retreat at Awanita Valley



Bryan's Notes

Come and Join Us for Lunch on Thursday, August 11th at 11:30 a.m. to hear about Missionary to China, Martha Franks, as well as Information on Martha Franks Retirement Home in Laurens, SC. The cost is \$12 per person for a great lunch. Please sign up on the sheet outside the Adult IV Sunday School area or email or call Bryan to sign up. Deadline to Sign up is Sunday, August 7th. bryan@fbcpickens.org or call 704-4802 (Bryan's cell).

Pickens First Baptist Church Schedule

Sunday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 2

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 3

11:30 a.m. - Midweek Prayer & Bible
Study, Adult IV (Room E200)

Sunday, August 7

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
(Promotion Sunday)
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
11:30 a.m. - 6th Grade Luncheon, Xchange
5:00 p.m. - Youth, Xchange

Tuesday, August 9

9:00 a.m. - Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible
Study, Room S310

Wednesday, August 10

11:30 a.m. - Midweek Prayer & Bible
Study, Adult IV (Room E200)
6:30 p.m. - Youth Bible Study, Xchange

Thursday, August 11

11:30 a.m. - S.A.M. Luncheon, FH



Daily Bible Reading Plan

July 31 – Isaiah 63-64; Psalms 107;
John 2

August 1 – Isaiah 65-66; Psalms 62;
John 3

August 2 – 2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33;
John 4

August 3 – Nahum 1-3; John 5

August 4 – 2 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 34;
John 6

August 5 – 2 Kings 23; 2 Chronicles 35;
John 7

August 6 – Habakkuk 1-3; John 8

August 7 – 2 Ephesians 1-3; John 9

August 8 – Jeremiah 1-2; John 10

August 9 – Jeremiah 3-4; John 11

August 10 – Jeremiah 5-6; John 12

August 11 – Jeremiah 7-9; John 13

August 12 – Jeremiah 10-12; John 14

August 13 – Jeremiah 13-15; John 15

FACTS & FIGURES

July 17, 2022

Sunday School - 215
Worship Service - 334
Offering - \$15,256.72
Offering to Date - \$554,160.97
Goal to Date - \$644,405.52

Building Fund: \$177,390.35

July 24, 2022

Information Not Available
Due to Early Deadline



Mary Lark - August 1st

Cindi Rowland - August 20th

Emily Edens - August 23rd

Please notify the church office if you or a family member would like to be added to our homebound or in-care facility lists.

We are in need of volunteers to work in three areas:



Decision Time Counseling

Would you help with those that are making decisions for Christ?

Worship Zone Leaders

Would you commit to welcome and encourage our guests that worship around you in the sanctuary?

Photo Takers

Do you love to take photos of events with your phone camera? Do it for the church!

If you are interested in any of these areas, text (662.542.3555) or email the pastor (daniel@fbcpickens.org) or fill out a pew card, write your area of interest on the back, and place it in an offering box.



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MyPFBC, our online portal, enables church members and guests to engage with Pickens First Baptist Church in many ways. Not only does this portal allow you to give offerings, but it will also be able to accept payments for mission trips, event registrations and more. A church wide directory can be accessed through this portal online, and even imported directly into a smartphone using the Church Life app.



Giving



Directory

Ready to sign up? Go to fbcpickens.org or call the church office to get an account! 864-878-6564

Download the Church Life app.



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