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OF PENDLETON
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Lunch & Quarterly Church Conference Sunday, October 24 after Worship

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meeting**

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The church will have lunch and our **Quarterly Church Conference** this Sunday, October 24 after worship. Childcare will be provided during the church conference. We will serve a lunch of chicken tenders, mac & cheese, green beans, and dessert, and are requesting a suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child (like Wednesday Night Supper). Reservations for lunch are very important and it's not too late to make a reservation.

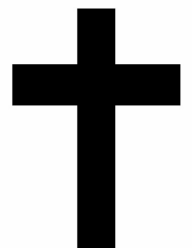
Please use the online form (links are in the weekly emails) or you can call or email the office.

All Saints' Day Remembrance Sunday, October 31



Our annual All Saints' observance will take place during worship on Sunday, October 31. We will remember the men and women of faith who have departed this life during the past year and celebrate that they have now joined the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on in our own faith journeys.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2



Children & Families Fall Gathering



Join us for a **Children & Families Fall Gathering** at Rick and Jane Massey's farm (316 Murphy Rd, Pendleton) on Sunday, November 7 from 3-6 pm. We'll enjoy Hot Dogs, S'mores, a Hay Ride, Games, and Devotion.

*Thank
you*

I am deeply grateful to be a part of this special church family. Thank you so much for the kind words and gift for Clergy Appreciation Month. I was certainly surprised when the chairs of our personnel committee and deacon council jumped up to make an announcement at the end of the worship service this past Sunday! During the unique challenges of the past two years, the support and encouragement of this church family has truly been a gift. Thank you for the many ways you have loved my family well. Travis and I

are looking forward to using the gift certificate for a special dinner, and we are so appreciative of your thoughtfulness in offering baby-sitting as well! We are truly blessed.

Jennifer Rygg & family

Deacons, Personnel Committee, and all of my FBCP Family: thank you. Thank you for the kind words and gift card which you gave this past Sunday for Clergy Appreciation (it will go to a combination of household goods and books, my favorite!). Thank you for all the ways you show appreciation and support, day in and day out. There are not many congregations that would have stood by me as you have these past 18 months. I love you and am grateful for you.

Rev. Chris Cottingham

Youth Group Work Night

The Youth Group will have a **Work & Play Night** on Friday, October 22 from 6:30-9:30. We'll do some work on the Youth Room -- assembling our new air hockey table and ping pong table, reorganizing, removing clutter and getting the walls ready to paint! (No actual painting this time -- just preparation for a future Youth Work Day.) Wear comfortable work clothes. We'll have pizza and snacks and stop halfway through the evening for fun and games.

-- Rev. Chris Cottingham

On Mission in Pendleton and Beyond

Our October Wednesday Night Bible Study, **The Church on a Mission**, has focused on Acts 1:8:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

As we have studied Scripture and reflected on our own experiences, we have considered how God might be empowering us to bear witness for Jesus in these different places. We have reflected on what each of these places might represent for us:

- **Jerusalem** means where we currently are; in our case, Pendleton.
- **Judea** refers to the surrounding area; for us, this is South Carolina and our neighboring states.
- **Samaria** reminds us of those who are different from us and perhaps overlooked, avoided, or devalued.
- **To the ends of the earth** includes every place and every person.

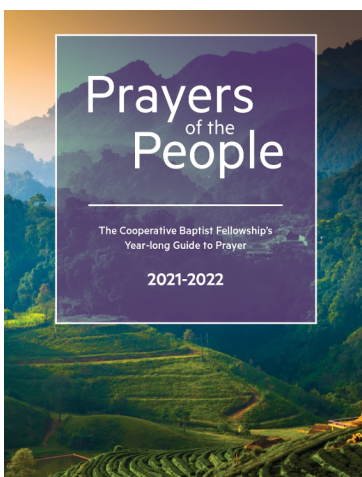
The Holy Spirit sends and empowers us to share the love, good news, and grace of Jesus in all of these places. Through our church's mission and outreach efforts, we are doing this in a variety of ways.

- We recently sponsored a breakfast for staff at Pendleton Elementary School to express our appreciation for the ways in which they serve children and families in our community of Pendleton.
- We recently sent a gift of \$5000 from our Hands on Mission fund to the Welcome House in Raleigh, a CBF ministry which provides housing and other assistance to refugees. The recent arrival of refugees from Afghanistan has greatly increased the need for resources and support for refugees.
- Our deacons recently asked for congregational feedback on a possible inclusivity statement, which would help communicate to our neighbors that they are valued by God and welcomed by our church family even if they have previously felt left out of Christian community.
- We regularly participate in CBF's Offering for Global Missions, which truly seeks to share the good news of Jesus at the very ends of the earth. We recently received the current prayer guide, **Prayers of the People**, which provides a weekly prayer focus for CBF missions and ministry. Be sure to pick up a copy from the literature rack or table outside the church office, or call or email the office and ask for a copy to be sent to you by mail.



These are just a few of the ways that FBC Pendleton is committed to sharing the love of Jesus. May we continue to grow in faith and love together.

Rev. Jennifer Rygg
October 19, 2021



Jeffrey Simpson, Principal of Pendleton Elementary School, is pictured with Jennifer, Thomas, and Caleb Rygg, who recently delivered breakfast to the teachers and staff on behalf of FBCP.





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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Coffee, Tea, & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live

We hope you can join us for in-person worship, but if you can't come or aren't ready to attend in person, worship will also be on Facebook Live using our live streaming system.

visit our website
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PASTORAL EMERGENCY

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