

Celebrate Church on Pentecost Sunday, June 5



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On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit -- God's presence and power poured out on ALL believers. Pentecost is often considered the birthday of the church. The church (universal) was born when the Holy Spirit came into the midst of the assembled worshipers and shook things up!

Birth can be painful, messy, and life-changing -- much like life. Just as the birth of the church was met by skeptics and doubters, so is the church today. And sometimes, the church critics have a point. Sadly, churches are sometimes more concerned with their own power than with the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by our religious structures, but breaks in like a mighty wind and like fire.

One of the traditions of Pentecost is to wear red, the color of fire. So on **Sunday, June 5**, wear red to worship as we give thanks for the powerful gift of the Holy Spirit!

One of the gifts of the church is community -- people with whom we can pray, play, eat, grow, laugh, grieve, and celebrate. Join our church family for a picnic at Twin Lakes at 4 pm on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.

Picnic Details:

- The church will provide chicken, rolls, picnic salads, tea, ice, and paper goods. Please sign up (at church or online) so we will know how much food to order, and bring a dessert, fruit, or bag of chips to share.
- Don't forget to wear your new FBCP t-shirt (Shirts are expected to arrive by June 1. If you did not order one, we will have a limited quantity of extras available.)
- Bring \$5 per car for entry to Twin Lakes, or let us know if you'd like to ride the bus and we can carpool.
- There is a playground and lake swimming area. You are also welcome to bring yard games.



We will be at the Twin Lakes Day Use Area, Picnic Shelter 2.
The address is **189 Shelter Drive, Pendleton, SC 29670**.

We look forward to celebrating church on Pentecost Sunday!

Youth Are Heading to PASSPORT Camp

The Youth trip to PASSPORT camp will be June 12 - 17. This year's theme is **BIG**. Students will celebrate our **BIG** Creator God, God's **BIG** love for us, and the opportunities we have to make a **BIG** impact on the world.

To raise funds for camp, youth will have a spaghetti supper on Wednesday, May 25; all proceeds from this week's Wed night supper will support the youth.

Donations may also be made directly to the youth camp fund through the church. You can mail a contribution to PO Box 187, Pendleton, SC 29670 or go to fbcpendleton.org and click "**GIVE NOW.**" Be sure to designate your contribution for "Youth Camp."



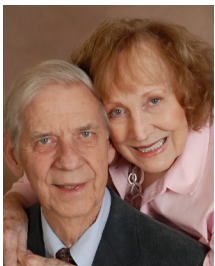
Chris Gladson Member of Program Staff at PASSPORT

PASSPORT has announced their program staff and Chris Gladson will be serving as Worship Coordinator again this year, in Greensboro, NC and Berea, KY. In his FB post he says: "So excited to finally share how I'll be spending my summer! I'll be serving as the Worship Coordinator on the PASSPORT youth team in Greensboro, NC and Berea, KY. It's gonna be a **BIG** summer!"



Please be in prayer for Chris as he uses his time, talents, and energy to serve Christ and kids this summer. If you would like to send Chris Gladson a letter or postcard of encouragement, our own youth will be attending the first session of camp, June 12-17, and would love to deliver him your greetings and well-wishes. Please bring cards to Chris Cottingham on or before **June 8** so they can be packed and ready before camp starts! This should primarily be notes of encouragement, but if you feel led to throw in a gift card of some kind to supplement Chris's summer income, he surely won't object!

Deacon of the Month · Max Loyd



Our Deacon of the Month is **Max Loyd**. Max is usually busy working in his step-daughter, Cynthia's, daylily gardens, at his tree farm, or doing yard work. He does manage to spend some time playing the banjo, reading, and working SODUKU puzzles. He especially enjoys his fellowship with the members and staff of First Baptist Church of Pendleton.

Children's Ministry · Summer 2022



Wednesday Night VBS

This summer, instead of trying to fit Vacation Bible School into just a few days, our children's ministry is going to spread out the fun and have VBS every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30 pm starting June 1. Our theme will be **Rocky Railway**, where we will explore how Jesus' power pulls us through! Each week, children ages 4-11 will grow in their faith through various activities such as crafts, games, Bible stories, and more!

Volunteers Needed; Dates Flexible!

If you would like to volunteer to lead a craft, games, Bible story, or video lesson for one or more Wed nights this summer, please contact **Jane Massey** (jmassey316@gmail.com) or 864-940-3156, or **Jennifer Rygg** (jennifer@fbcpendleton.org) or 864-760-7135.

Train-themed Special Activities

Our children's ministry is also planning several special activities for more fun with our summer theme! We will kick off the summer with a **Children & Families Picnic** at the SC Botanical Garden (including a visit to the Caboose Garden!) on Sunday, May 29 after worship. Pack a picnic or stop on the way from church to pick up lunch. Park at the main entrance and meet us at the picnic garden (just past the Caboose Garden). If you have trouble finding us, call or text Jennifer Rygg at 864-760-7135.

New Curriculum for Children's Sunday School, beginning June 5

As the new church year begins, our children's ministry is expanding our use of a resource called **Seasons of the Spirit**. We have been using this material for children's chapel and nursery/preschool during worship, and our teachers and children have found it meaningful and engaging. In June, we will begin using *Seasons of the Spirit* during **Sunday School (9:30-10:30 am)**. We will continue to use resources from this material for children's chapel and for nursery/preschool during worship, which will allow more time for exploring and learning with these materials.

Seasons of the Spirit explores meaning and mystery in the Bible, is grounded in thoughtful theology, nurtures the imaginative spirit, and empowers children to be transformed in Christ. Coordinating Editor Susan Burt writes, "*Seasons [of the Spirit] continues to nurture faith through liturgy, ritual, imagination, and to encourage Christian growth through worshipping, learning, and serving together. Our true curriculum is how we live our lives together.*"

At this time, we will have one Sunday School class for children of all ages, which will meet in room 101. Our volunteers are prepared to provide care for nursery-age children as well, and we have additional volunteers willing to step in, if we are able to divide children into groups for older and younger learners. We are looking forward to a new church year of growing in faith for all ages!





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CHURCH PICNIC
at Twin Lakes
Sunday, Jun 5 · 4:00



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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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