



## Blessing of Backpacks

God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you. In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations.

There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring—

of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become. God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.

Be with us as we ride the bus.

Be with us as we walk.

Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.

However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new.

For the grown-ups going back to school, With-Us God, be with them too.

Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow.

God, our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands. Amen.

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## Drive-Thru Food Drive Benefits CCC



Benefits Clemson Community Care

The Flamingo Sunday School Class is sponsoring a **drive-thru Food Drive** to benefit **Clemson Community Care** on **Saturday, Sep 3** from **1 - 3 pm**.

Needs include: **canned food: vegetables, fruit, spaghetti sauce, potatoes, and pork & beans. Also shelf-stable milk, sugar, cooking oil, crackers, peanut butter, jelly.**

Non-food items in short supply are **shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, and razors.**

Thank you for your extravagant generosity!

**Saturday, September 3 · 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

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## Fall Sermon Series

WHAT  
DISCIPLES  
~~BELIEVE~~ DO

Jesus said, "Follow me."



Fall Sermon Series  
begins September 4, 2022  
Worship Sundays 10:45 am

## Cultivate Abundance

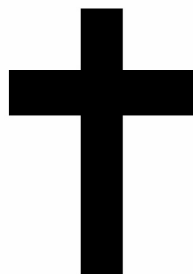
One of our on-going mission projects is the **CBF Encourager Church Ministry Partnership** headed by Rick and Ellen Burnette of Immokalee, FL. The next few weeks are crucial related to the **Cultivate Abundance operating budget**. While this year has resulted in an abundance of food, like everyone else, the unexpected inflation has taken its toll on the operating budget. If you would like to help the Encourager Church operations, a **Designated Contribution** will be appreciated by the Missions Committee. All contributions will be forwarded to the Encourager Church ministry in September to help with their third quarter financial obligations. As usual, you can place a contribution in the offering, mail a check to the church, or use e-giving (select "**Encourager Ministry**" from the drop-down menu). Thank you for your extravagant generosity!

## Flood Buckets Delivered to Kentucky



Thanks to the great participants in prepping clean-up buckets for Kentucky on Friday, Aug 12. **Dave Alverson, Dale and Lesa Chandler, Randy Strickland, Rick Massey, Anna Leavitt, George Milam, and Cheryl Patterson** were here at 7:30 am to count out 300 buckets and then load them at 8:30 when the truck arrived to transport them to KY. Our bucketeers are A+.

**Wayne Patterson**  
CBF SC Disaster Response  
Coordinator



## Last Stop on the Rocky Railway

Our last summer adventure aboard the Rocky Railway was Saturday, Aug 13, when children and families visited the Central Railway Museum followed by lunch at Skin's.



## Ice Cream Social · Aug 28



We will have a church-wide Ice Cream Social hosted by the Deacons on Sunday, Aug 28 at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Blood Drive · Aug 31

# BLOOD DRIVE

 **THE BLOOD<sup>®</sup> CONNECTION**  
Your Community Blood Center

**First Baptist Church - Pendleton**

351 South Broad Street  
PENDLETON, SC 29670

**08/31/2022 | 03:00 PM-08:00 PM**

A \$20 charitable donation will be made for every blood donor!

The Blood Connection Bloodmobile will be here **Wednesday, Aug 31** from **3:00 pm - 8:00 pm** to accept your blood donation. You can walk in or make an appointment on the church website. In addition, \$20 will be donated to CCC for each blood donation. Please give the gift of life!



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**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Wed, Aug 31**  
**3 - 8 pm**



**Deacons for the 2022-2023 Church Year**

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Flock 02: Br - Ca	Bruce Blackmon	(864) 653-0228
Flock 03: Ch - Dob	Randy Strickland	(864) 360-6071
Flock 04: Dov - Ha	Anna Leavitt	(864) 430-1814
Flock 05: He - Ke	Rick Massey	(864) 940-3515
Flock 06: Ko - Mi	Suzanne Morse	(864) 643-9909
Flock 07: Mo - Ro	Jim Davis	(864) 207-0656
Flock 08: Ry - Ta	Pam Willoughby	(864) 940-5470
Flock 09: Th - W	Dave Alverson	(864) 617-2449
Deacons & Spouses	Kim Burgess	(864) 940-6902

**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 aren't able to attend in person, you can worship on Facebook through our live streaming system.

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**PASTORAL EMERGENCY**

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