



Opportunity to Continue the Work of Racial Justice

The phrase **racial justice** elicits a variety of responses. Some may feel angry because of the lack of racial justice in our society. Others may feel defensive, wanting to insist that we are not all that racist. We may feel overwhelmed, because the issue seems so complex that we do not know where to start. We may feel saddened at the recognition that racial injustice continues to permeate many aspects of our culture. When we hear the term **racial justice**, I hope that we can also feel hopeful.

In recent years, many of us have become increasingly aware of the need to have continuing conversations about racism in our country. While we would like to think we are past the time of extreme racism, listening to the stories and experiences of those with a different background than our own helps us recognize that we still have racial justice work to do.

Earlier this year, our church supported the Anderson Area Remembrance and Reconciliation Initiative's exhibit at the Pendleton library. Some members of our congregation joined the AAR&RI for a trip to the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. We also have members

who have been working with the Pendleton Foundation for Black History and Culture on other projects.

This fall, we have a new opportunity to engage in the important work of racial justice. The **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina (CBFSC) Pan African Koinonia (PAK)** is partnering with CBF's Emmanuel McCall Racial Justice and Leadership Initiative to offer a collaborative church cohort event. This program will pair churches together for a one year partnership to learn about and work on racial justice issues. One of the organizers of this cohort event is Rev. Jeffrey Howard, who preached and led a discussion at FBCP in April of this year.

The deacons have responded very positively to this opportunity, observing that it aligns with our identity as a church seeking to be inclusive. While many details of this partnership will be determined by the participating churches as the year progresses, we anticipate that it will involve quarterly opportunities to gather with our partner church. The cohort is scheduled to begin in late October.

We will have a called church conference on **Wednesday, Sep 20 at 6:30 pm** to discuss and vote on our participation in this partnership. May we approach this new opportunity with hopefulness!

Pastor Jennifer Rygg

9/12/2023



COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP
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Woodchucks Report

Woodchucks · Firewood Ministry · 2022-2023 Season

- Season ran from November 5, 2022 to May 12, 2023 (approximately 6 months)
- 48 truckloads of firewood delivered to folks in need
- 10 different clients/families served
- 18 workdays (typically Saturday mornings)
- avg 4 hours per workday, avg 9 volunteers per workday
- 648 labor-hours total (18 days x 4 hours x 9 people)
- approximately 36 truckloads stored to dry for next season



The Woodchucks is a community firewood ministry that uses space behind FBCP for processing and storing firewood to supply cut, seasoned, ready-to-use firewood to families whose primary source of winter heating is wood and who have difficulty affording or gathering firewood for their heating needs. If you would like to get involved, or if you are aware of a family struggling to heat their home with wood, contact the church office at 864-646-3913.

Offering Envelopes for 2024

It is time for the church office to order Offering Envelopes for the 2024 Church Year. Our church provides offering envelopes to anyone who would like to use them. Please call the church office at **(864) 646-3913** or email the church at office@fbcpendleton.org by **Sep 29** with any changes or if you received envelopes this year and DO NOT wish to receive them next year. Keep in mind that if you are using Realm eGiving, we can spare the expense of church envelopes.

Kids Decorate New Worship Bags

Our elementary student artists spent an evening painting new worship bags. These bags were filled with coloring pages, pencils, and small puzzles to work and reflect on during quiet times in the sanctuary.



Hands On Missions Ramp Project



This past July, our Hands On Missions team helped build a ramp for Max and Aileen Loyd to provide safer mobility.



Pictured right: Max Loyd, Wayne Patterson, Lesa Chandler, Visiting Pastor Dan Vincent, Dale Chandler, Dave Alverson. Photographer not pictured: Cheryl Patterson.





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**"Seeing Through the Eyes of Jesus"
 Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study**



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**As we aspire to keep Jesus at the center of our lives,
 we are Rooted in Faith, and Growing in Love.
 We endeavor to be a welcoming and affirming
 community of grace for all people, loving our
 neighbors because God first loved us.**

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.
 find worship posts on our website
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