



Update on Pan African Koinonia Cohort

In September, FBC Pendleton voted to participate in a racial justice cohort offered by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina.

In late October, Pastor Jennifer Rygg traveled to the historic city of Charleston to meet with ten other church leaders from throughout the state of South Carolina. The group spent time in conversation, worship, fellowship, and learning, including visiting historic sites such as the Avery Institute and the International African American Museum (IAAM).

The IAAM is located at Gadsden's Wharf on the Charleston Harbor. The significance of this site is that from 1683 until 1808, over 200,000 men, women, and children arrived on slave ships at Charleston Harbor, making Charleston and our state of South Carolina the first place that many enslaved Africans saw in America.



PAK Cohort at IAAM, October 2023

Photos & Reflection from Pastor Jennifer

In 2007, I had the opportunity to visit the **Elmina Castle** on the coast of Ghana, the point of departure for many Africans who were captured and forcibly removed from their homeland. The photo on the left is one I took from Elmina, looking out over the water.

The photo on the right is one I took at the **International African American Museum** in Charleston, also looking out over the water. These photos depict places of departure and arrival for many enslaved Africans.

This history is a difficult one, representing untold stories of hundreds of thousands of people who were created in God's image. As we engage in this work of racial justice, I recognize it is difficult work. My hope is that this work will benefit future generations. May future residents of our community of Pendleton and our state of South Carolina benefit from the racial justice work that we will do over the coming months.

I am grateful for a community of faith and for colleagues across our state who are willing to engage this challenging yet important work.

Pastor Jennifer Rygg

**Commit your way to the Lord! Trust him!
He will act and will make your righteousness
shine like the dawn, your justice like high
noon.**

Psalm 37:5-6



Children and Families Fall Event



We have a great Children and Families Fall Event planned for **Sunday, Nov 12** in the Fellowship Hall following worship. The Fellowship Hall will be adorned with festive decor reflecting the Thanksgiving season. We will serve a lunch of ham with mac & cheese and of course, dessert! We will have games including "Pin the Feathers on the Turkey" and "Candy Corn Bowling." There will be a craft table with coloring sheets and mini canvas painting. There will also be a "turkey cookie" decorating table for gastronomic and artistic delight!

And in this season of thankfulness, we will have a station set up with thank you notes which we will place as leaves on a tree displayed on a **Wall of Thankfulness**. We will leave this up through the Thanksgiving season and will invite others who attend Wednesday Night Supper or other events at church to contribute to it with their own notes of what they are thankful for.

With so many activities, we are in need of the help of several volunteers. If you can help with this event, please contact **Kiley Daniel** at children@fbcpendleton.org or call her at (317) 627-0257.

Special Guest for Current Events Sunday School Class

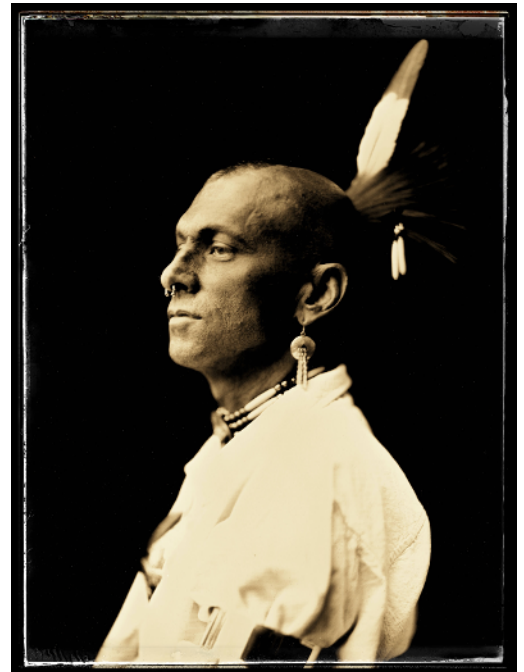
The Current Events Sunday School Class will have a special guest speaker on **Sunday, Nov 12**.

Gator Lone Wolf is a Cherokee spiritual leader and an ordained Baptist minister. He was born in Greenwood, SC and now lives in Louisville, KY with his husband, Dominique, and son, Josiah.

Gator and Dominique were two of the plaintiffs in the SCOTUS 2015 Marriage Equality Case. In addition, Gator has worked within CBF for 15 years to bring about LGBTQ inclusion and affirmation. He's co-founder of the **CBF Affirming Network** and continues to consult churches on how to integrate LGBTQ inclusion into their faith community.

Lastly, Gator continues activism for the Native/Indigenous community through education and workshops across the country. His spirituality is a combination of ancient Keetoowah teachings and Christianity.

The Current Events Sunday School Class meets from 9:30 - 10:30 in Room 309 but may move to Room 313 this week if additional space is needed. Everyone is invited and welcomed to attend this special class.



Immokalee Mission Team

We have five volunteers in south Florida to work with **Rick and Ellen Burnette, Cultivate Abundance**, and their partners. Our group will be helping with a renovation project at a nearby church to allow them to host future volunteer groups, visiting the community gardens, and helping with the weekly food distribution at **Misión Peniel**. Please pray for our team and the ongoing work in south Florida.

(pictured L-R: **Pastor Jennifer McClung Rygg, Warren Willoughby, Rick Massey, Cindy Still, Skip Still**)



Called Church Conference



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We will have a Called Church Conference at the end of worship on **Sunday, Nov 19** to vote on the **Annual Ministry Plan** (budget) for 2024. Copies of the proposed plan are available on the table outside the church office and will be included in upcoming church emails.

Congregational Inventory of Mission Involvement

First Baptist Church of Pendleton supports a number of mission organizations in our general budget. The Mission Committee would like to gather information from the congregation regarding **your personal mission involvement with our mission partners** as well as with other organizations and causes. A copy of the inventory was included as an insert in the worship guide but is also available on the church website as an electronic survey. Please return completed inventories to the table outside the church office by **Sunday, Nov 19**.

Senior Fellowship and Keenagers



Monday, November 13
10:30 - noon

- Warren and Pam Willoughby will present a slideshow from their recent trip to Wyoming
- Followed by lunch

All Seniors are invited to attend!



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 Nov 19 · to vote on Ministry Plan**



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Flock 04: Fi - Ho	Dave Alverson	(864) 617-2449
Flock 05: Hu - Mc	Rick Massey	(864) 940-3515
Flock 06: Me - Pe	Jan McCracken	(864) 934-4574
Flock 07: Po - Tab	Shelby Quattlebaum	(864) 934-6086
Flock 08: Tay - Z	Warren Willoughby	(864) 940-5471
Deacons & Spouses	Wayne Patterson	(864) 710-8239

**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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