

## Mission Partner Spotlight: Rick Burnette/Cultivate Abundance

This is the fourth article in this newsletter series highlighting the mission partners in our general budget.

In January of 2020, FBC Pendleton signed a covenant agreement to be an **Encourager Church** for **Rick Burnette**, CBF Field Personnel. A few months later, COVID restrictions drastically altered our hopes for engaging in person with Rick's work in South Florida. For nearly four years now, we have partnered with the Burnettes and Cultivate Abundance through financial support, prayers, and learning about their work. Earlier this month, we finally had the opportunity to take a group from the church to volunteer in Florida. Our team of five included **Pastor Jennifer Rygg**, mission committee chair **Skip Still** and **Cindy Still**, **Warren Willoughby**, and **Rick Massey**.



**Cultivate Abundance** seeks to address the needs of low-income migrant farmworkers in Immokalee. These workers harvest a significant amount of produce for the rest of the country, but they often experience food insecurity. Through community gardens and partners, Cultivate Abundance increases access to healthy food. You can support this work by becoming an Abundance Partner and making a monthly contribution —\$25 a month makes a meaningful difference to a farmworker family. Learn more at [cultivateabundance.org](http://cultivateabundance.org).



Our volunteer team also spent a day at Misión Peniel in Immokalee, Florida helping with the weekly food distribution. Misión Peniel is one of the partners of Cultivate Abundance.



The team spent two days working at Primera Iglesia Bautista in LaBelle, Florida where they are renovating their education space in order to house future volunteer groups. This will be especially helpful following hurricanes, when lodging for relief workers can be nearly impossible to find.

*Thank you*

In this season of Thanksgiving, we are deeply grateful for the gift of our church family! Thank you especially, to the deacons and congregation, for your kind recognition and gift at our October church conference in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month. What a lovely surprise and kind gesture! Thank you!

—Jennifer Rygg and Chris Cottingham

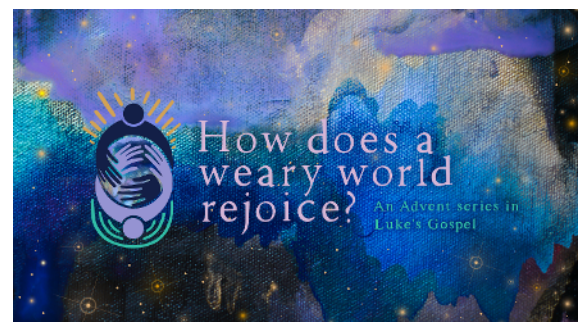
## Children and Families Fall Event

We had a great turnout and a lot of fun at our Children and Families Fall Event. We are thankful for all of our families!



## Advent Begins Sunday, December 3

This year, our Advent worship theme will be **How Does a Weary World Rejoice?** based on texts from the gospel of Luke. Whether you are feeling overwhelmed by the weariness of life, joyful with anticipation for the future, or somewhere in between, make plans to join us for worship this Advent season. Luke's gospel invites us into a story of surprises and ultimately, great joy.



## Holiday Giving Opportunities

With the holidays upon us, we have many opportunities for holiday giving. Start by giving your time helping to **decorate the church** for the Christmas season! We will decorate after worship on **Sunday, Nov 26** and will have a **pizza lunch** for all volunteers.

All the **MAGI Giving Tree** tags have been selected! Please wrap your gift, attach the gift tag to it, and place it in the Library (Room 209) by **Sunday, Dec 3**. Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

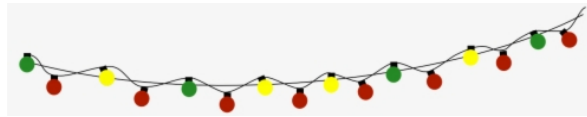
We will be collecting money **through Sunday, Dec 10** to **buy meat for the Collins Children's Home**. You can use eGiving, or make your check payable to FBC Pendleton and include "Meat Offering" on the memo line, then place it in the offering or give your check to **Wayne Patterson**. Last year our offering was over \$3,075 so let's see if we can top that amount.



**Clemson Community Care (CCC)** will be distributing holiday food through Christmas. They are asking for **donations of turkeys!** Turkeys may be purchased at Publix or Ingles in Clemson and the store will hold them for CCC to pick up. Or, the turkeys may be dropped off at the food pantry Monday - Thursday mornings from 9:00 - noon. CCC will distribute many holiday turkeys so all donations will be greatly appreciated!

**Clemson Community Care Holiday Food Drive Wish List** includes 2 lb. bags of sugar, canned vegetables, canned beans, pork & beans, canned/instant potatoes, soup, canned meat/fish, shelf-stable milk, grits/oatmeal, pasta sauce (in plastic jars), dry pasta/spaghetti, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, peanut butter, jelly, 2 lb. bags of flour/cornmeal, canned fruit, dried beans. Any in-date, non-perishable items are accepted and appreciated!

## Senior Fellowship and Keenagers Events



On **Thursday, Nov 30** at **9:30** in the **Fellowship Hall**, Senior Fellowship and Keenagers will have a holiday celebration. Martha P. will have a craft sale table with items under \$5. We'll have Christmas **BINGO** and sing **Christmas carols**, then enjoy fellowship and a holiday feast! All senior adults are invited to attend.

On **Wednesday, Dec 6**, Pendleton High School will sponsor the popular **Sounds of the Season** concert featuring the Pride of Pendleton Band and the PHS Singers followed by a traditional holiday lunch. All senior adults interested in attending should **RSVP** to **Pam Willoughby** (864-940-5470) by **Nov 26** (the school needs an accurate lunch count). The concert starts at 9:30 and the **bus will be leaving FBCP at 9:00 am sharp**. Please let Pam know if you wish to ride the bus to the high school.

On **Friday, Dec 8** at **11:00** we will have a special treat as the **Riverside Singers** come to FBCP for a warm-up concert and lunch before heading to a regional competition. All senior adults are invited to attend the **concert** (in the Sanctuary) and **lunch** (in the Fellowship Hall).

## Young Voices of the Foothills Concert

You are invited to hear a free concert by the **Young Voices of the Foothills**, a community choir for children in grades 1-6 who rehearse at FBCP, on **Sunday, Dec 3**, at **2:00 pm** in the **Sanctuary**.



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**please donate a turkey to  
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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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**PASTORAL EMERGENCY**  
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