



Mission Partner Spotlight: Metanoia

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

The New Year is often a time when we feel inspired to make changes in our lives. We resolve to exercise more, spend more time in prayer, make healthier choices, or learn a new skill. A new year represents a new beginning. We buy a new calendar, open a blank page, and make a fresh start.

The gospel writers tell us that when John the Baptist came preparing the way for Jesus, he called people to repentance: *[John] went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.* (Luke 3:3)

The Greek word for repentance, metanoia, is defined as “a change of mind.” Metanoia refers to more than a new habit or skill, but suggests significant, meaningful, and lasting change. You may recognize the word metanoia from our church budget. One of our mission partners is a non-profit, asset-based community development ministry called Metanoia. For over 20 years, Metanoia has invested in the Chicora-Cherokee community of North Charleston, helping to bring about significant, meaningful, and lasting change.



METANOIA

The History of Metanoia (www.metanoiasc.org/history)

In 2002, Urban Ministers Evelyn Oliveira and Bill Stanfield were hired by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina to spend a year listening to residents and leaders within South Carolina’s North Charleston neighborhoods with the highest concentration of childhood poverty. Metanoia was born out of this year of listening and maintains to this day a deep commitment to listening to neighborhood residents and families, who hold the true expertise about community challenges, aspirations, and solutions.

Metanoia Today

In 2024, Metanoia’s initiatives include youth leadership, affordable housing, and economic development. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina and many partner churches, including First Baptist Church of Pendleton, continue to support the transformative work of Metanoia.



Building Hope Weekend

CBF South Carolina is hosting a **Building Hope Weekend** on **February 16-18** (President's Day weekend) in the lowcountry. Volunteers are invited to work on housing projects for residents in Allendale, Bamberg, and Barnwell. This is an intergenerational event with opportunities for all skill levels. If you would be interested in participating, please contact mission committee chair, **Skip Still** at **864-903-1576**. Additional details are available at cbfsc.org.

JOIN US
FOR A WEEKEND
OF CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS
IN SOUTH CAROLINA
LOWCOUNTRY

South Carolina and Florida
churches and individuals
will serve side by side,
Building Hope in the
Lowcountry of South Carolina.



Staff Epiphany Party

Our church staff and families enjoyed a holiday lunch on Epiphany (January 6). Thank you to **Joe & Karel Reed** for hosting us!



Senior Fellowship 25th Anniversary

Senior Fellowship is celebrating its 25th Anniversary on **Thursday, January 25, 2024** from **9:30 - noon**. Everyone in the church is invited. The schedule includes a welcome at 9:30, a devotional led by **Rev. Courtney Krueger** (former pastor of FBCP); entertainment by the **Gypsy Sallies**, lunch, and closing remarks by **Rev. Jennifer McClung Rygg**. A love offering will be taken to continue the mission of Senior Fellowship into the next 25 years. If you would like to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom, email **Jane Huss** at janereynoldshuss@gmail.com.



Children's Ministry

This winter begins several new classes for all ages in the children's ministry!

During the month of January, the preschool-elementary aged Sunday class is learning about the Global Church and how communities around the world gather to worship God and grow in faith. This study includes stories and activities from Japan, Venezuela, Spain, and Belgium.

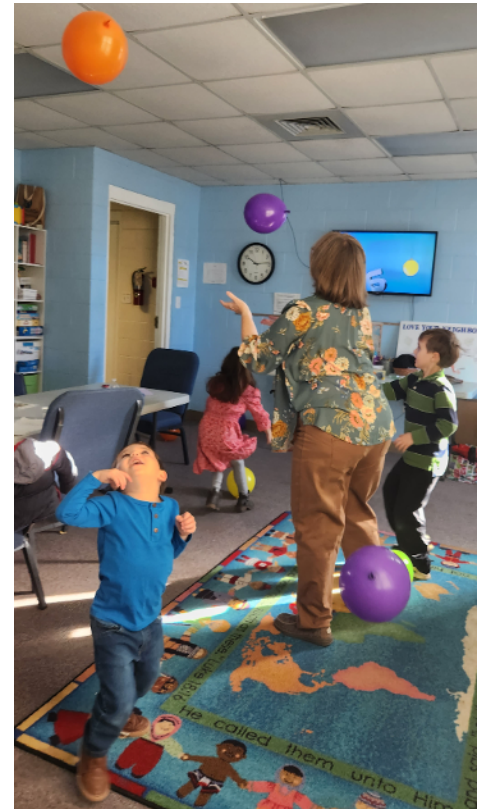
On Wednesdays, our preschoolers will begin studying missionaries across the world and all they do to spread God's word with the "Mission Friends" class, and the elementary class will channel their love of video games for a Minecraft-themed class called "I'm Crafted" to learn how they are God's favorite creations.

We are always looking for extra volunteers in our teaching schedule. If you are interested in assisting during the Children's Chapel or Sunday School hour, either by teaching a class or lending a helping hand, please contact **Kiley Daniel** at children@fbcpendleton.org!



The 4th - 6th grade Sunday School class learned about the armor of God in Ephesians 6. Thomas Rygg, pictured, is armed with the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, sandals of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit.

The Preschool-3rd Grade Sunday School class had an early New Year's celebration on Dec 31! We danced and played with balloons, had snacks, and talked about keeping in touch with God with prayer during the new year.





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Quarterly Church Conference & Lunch
Sunday, Jan 28 following worship



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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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