



Mission Partner Spotlight: BWIM

This is the 8th article in this newsletter series highlighting the mission partners included in our general budget.

This past Sunday night, five of us from FBC Pendleton watched the documentary, *Midwives of a Movement*, at Boulevard Baptist Church in Anderson. The film was produced by **Baptist Women in Ministry** and chronicles the history of the organization and some of its early founders.

In the early 1980s, Southern Baptist women serving in ministry began meeting together, sharing their stories, supporting one another, and seeking to increase the support available for women ministering in Southern Baptist Churches. One of the ways they did this was through publishing a newsletter entitled *Folio*.

At first, this group of Southern Baptist women were supported by Southern Baptist organizations. In 1983, the Convention even adopted a resolution expressing support for women in ministry. Unfortunately, the support was short-lived. By the 1984 Convention, momentum was building to limit opportunities for women in ministry. As the Southern Baptist Convention moved sharply away from supporting women ministers, Baptist women continued to hear God's call. The organization, Baptist Women in Ministry, has continued to offer support and encouragement for women serving in various ministerial roles. In 2023, BWIM celebrated its 40th anniversary!

First Baptist Church of Pendleton has historically been a strong supporter of women in ministry. We elected our first woman deacon in 1975. In 1979, the church called a woman to serve as minister of Education and Youth, then ordained her to the gospel ministry in 1983. Women have served in many positions of the church, including volunteer and staff roles.

In 2009, the church called me as Associate Pastor, making me the first woman to serve on staff at FBC Pendleton with the word "pastor" officially included in the title. In 2017, the church went a step further in calling me as Senior Pastor. In 2019, we began including BWIM in our annual mission budget.

Baptist Women in Ministry is included in our budget because we understand supporting women in ministry to be an important part of our calling to make disciples. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus gives his disciples what we call the Great Commission: **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**

For Baptists, the Great Commission has often formed an important part of our identity and calling. In the film, *Midwives of a Movement*, several of the early organizers of BWIM share how their Southern Baptist Church experiences, especially GA's (a mission-focused program for girls), influenced and shaped their calling. They learned to be disciples of Jesus and accepted the calling to go and make disciples.

BWIM provides resources, support, and opportunities to help women answer this call. By advocating for the full affirmation of women in ministry in Baptist life, BWIM inspires and challenges women and the churches they serve. I am deeply grateful for the work of BWIM and for the many ways this church has supported me and other women in ministry.

Rev. Jennifer Rygg, 2/26/24



Lenten Devotional Resources

Our Lenten theme this year is **Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith with Peter**. Lenten resources include a **devotional booklet** oriented to a weekly devotion; a devotional activity suitable for families with young children called "**Family Talk Time**;" a collection of 62 daily **devotional cards** for Ash Wednesday through the second week of Easter; and finally, the **Emmanuel McCall Lenten Devotional series**. Released by CBF in 2024, it features wonderful reflections on God's Word, thought-provoking questions, prayers, art, noteworthy information, resources for action, and a Spotify music playlist.

Senior Adult Ministry

Over the past year, our senior adult ministry programs have been in a season of discernment and transition. For many years, we had two separate senior adult programs: **Keenagers** (the seniors of FBCP) and **Senior Fellowship** (a community senior adult ministry). While we have always had some seniors participate in both groups, the groups have generally had different schedules and activities. Both groups have offered wonderful programs, connections, and fellowship.

During 2023, the leaders of both programs began working together to offer more opportunities to both groups. **THANK YOU** to **Jane Huss**, **Evelyn Simpson**, and **Pam Willoughby** for your dedication, creativity, flexibility, enthusiasm, and hard work!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY - MARCH MEETINGS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Monday, March 11, 2024
9:30 - Noon
Devotional
Special Guest:
Connie Whiteside, Singer
Lunch

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024
9:30 - NOON
9:30 - BREAKFAST SNACKS
10:00 - DEVOTIONAL
10:15-10:55 - CANVAS ART
PAINTING WITH MARTHA
PASSAILAIGUE
11:00 - BINGO
11:30 - LUNCH
12:00 - CLOSING

* Note that the start time for the Monday meeting has been moved to 9:30 am for the sake of consistency. A light breakfast will be offered.

Lenten Lunch

We hope you can attend one or more of the **Alliance of Pendleton Area Churches Lenten Lunches**, held on Wednesdays from 12-1 at area churches. The host church provides a lunch of soup and sandwiches as well as a Lenten devotional. Here is the remaining schedule:

Feb 28 - First Baptist Church of Pendleton (351 South Broad St, Pendleton)

Mar 6 - Zion United Methodist (5708 Hwy 187, Anderson)

Mar 13 - Mount Zion Presbyterian (1501 Sandy Springs Rd, Sandy Springs)

Mar 20 - King's Chapel AME (135 Vance St, Pendleton)

Deacon Nominations

This year, we will elect **one deacon to fill the remaining year of an unexpired term** (rotating off in 2025) and **three deacons for a 3-year term** (rotating off in 2027). This will put our nine-member Deacon Council into a rotation with three Deacons rotating off per year.

Deacon Nominations will be accepted from **Mar 1 to Mar 15**. Nominations may be dropped in the nomination box on the table outside the church office or submitted online. Copies of the relevant section of the church bylaws will be available to review the qualifications and responsibilities of Deacons. **Please prayerfully consider being a Deacon if asked, or you may nominate yourself.**



We thank these Deacons for their service as they rotate off the Deacon Council on May 31, 2024:
Wayne Patterson, Bruce Blackmon, Randy Strickland, Kim Burgess

Current Deacons

Rotating off May 31, 2025: **Rick Massey, Dave Alverson**

Rotating off May 31, 2026: **Jan McCracken, Shelby Quattlebaum, Warren Willoughby**

Children's Ministry

Save the dates for these upcoming Children's Ministry events.

Easter Egg Hunt · Saturday, Mar 30 · 3:00 pm · Fellowship Hall

VBS · "Just Like Me" · Friday, May 31 - Sunday, Jun 2 · Fellowship Hall

We are asking for donations of **bags of candy** or **small toys/items** that will be used to **stuff Easter Eggs** for our Mar 30 Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop them off at the church office by Wednesday, Mar 20. Thank you for your generosity!





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Next Senior Adult Ministry Event
Monday, Mar 11 · 9:30 am



Deacons for the 2023-2024 Church Year

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Flock 02: Bre - Cl	Bruce Blackmon	(864) 653-0228
Flock 03: Co - Fa	Randy Strickland	(864) 360-6071
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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