

## He Is Risen · Easter 2024

After worship on a brilliant Easter Sunday, we had our traditional "flowering of the cross" on the front lawn of the church.



## Mission Partner Spotlight: Theological Education

This is the 10th article in this newsletter series highlighting the mission partners included in our general budget.

Our church mission partners include two institutions of theological education: McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University and the Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School.

By supporting theological education, we help fulfill Jesus' final instructions to his disciples, often referred to as The Great Commission:

19 "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 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
Matthew 28:19-20

Theological education equips followers of Jesus to teach others to be disciples, to nurture communities of faith, and to pass on the teachings Jesus entrusted to his disciples. FBCP supports theological education because we recognize the tremendous benefit of formal theological education for pastors, ministers, missionaries, and others serving in vocational ministry as well as for the churches and communities they serve.

Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology forms ministers and cultivates leaders who thrive spiritually, professionally, and academically in service with congregations, communities, and classrooms. Our vision is to inspire churches and communities to imagine, discover, and create God's loving and just world.  
(theology.mercer.edu)



Duke Divinity School's mission is to engage in spiritually disciplined and academically rigorous education in service and witness to the Triune God in the midst of the church, the academy, and the world. The Baptist House of Studies prepares students for Baptist ministry through theological education and participation in a supportive community as they are being formed for Christian ministry at the Divinity School. (divinity.duke.edu)

These two institutions are included in our church budget because of our direct connections.

- **Pastor Jennifer Rygg** is a graduate of McAfee, as is **Clayton Davis**, who grew up at FBCP and now serves as director of the Andrew P. Stewart Center, a faith-based nonprofit in Atlanta, GA. Jennifer recently completed a term of service on McAfee's Board of Visitors and has previously served on the Alumni Board.
- **Suzanne Morse** has served on the Board of The Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School. In addition, FBCP's longest-serving pastor (1996-2015), **Courtney Krueger**, graduated from Duke Divinity School.

By supporting theological education as part of our church budget, we help support ministers, churches, and faith-based organizations of the future. We do so in obedience to the instructions Jesus gave on the Galilean hillside so many years ago – to make disciples, baptize, and teach.

## Easter Egg Hunt

We had hundreds of hidden eggs, lots of fun crafts, cookie decorating, snacks, and a really great turn out at our 2024 Easter Egg Hunt! Fun was had by many kids from the church and community. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping to donate candy, stuff eggs, work during the actual event, and clean up - the event was a great success thanks to all of you!

– Kiley Daniel, Children's Ministry Coordinator



**Pastor Jennifer Rygg** read an Easter story to the kids.



**Esther Davis and Barbara Blackmon** helped with cookie decorating.



**Skylar Burton** was the Carrot and **Arden Taylor** was the Easter Bunny's helper.

## Equally Called · New Wednesday Night Bible Study

This resource from **Baptist Women in Ministry** and **CBF** invites us to consider how Scripture reveals God's plan for all of humanity—male and female together—to serve God's people. We will explore the Biblical and theological basis for affirming the calling of women, and reflect on how we can nurture a culture that more fully welcomes their leadership. Join us on Wednesday nights starting on Apr 17 from 6:30 to 7:15 in Room 306 and on Zoom.



Celebrating Women's  
Leadership in the Church

**EQUALLY  
CALLED**

## Next Quarterly Church Conference · Apr 28

Our next Quarterly Church Conference and Lunch will be **Sunday, Apr 28** following worship. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. **Committee Leaders** are asked to submit written reports to [office@fbcpendleton.org](mailto:office@fbcpendleton.org) by Thursday, Apr 25, or be prepared to make an oral report at the meeting. Please plan to attend the conference and lunch for both the fellowship and to stay informed of what's happening in the church.



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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  
**fbcpendleton.org**

**PASTORAL EMERGENCY**

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