



## "Just Like Me" Weekend VBS Celebrates Inclusivity!

Join us in the Garden May 31-June 2



### Vacation Bible School

**Just Like Me** VBS is for children from preschool (age 3) to (completed) grade 5. This inclusive VBS uses a garden theme to invite kids to dig in and grow deep, celebrating their own identities as beloved creations of God—just as they are. VBS will run from **6-7:30 pm on Friday, May 31** and from **10 am to 1 pm on Saturday and Sunday, Jun 1 and 2**. (We will follow our regular Sunday morning schedule on Jun 2, with the addition of special activities for VBS.) See our website, [fbcpendleton.org/vbs](http://fbcpendleton.org/vbs) for more details and to register. For more info or questions about registration, contact **Kiley Daniel** at **317-627-0257** or [children@fbcpendleton.org](mailto:children@fbcpendleton.org).

We are decorating the sanctuary and some other areas of the church to look like a garden for VBS! We are looking for these items and would need them by May 26 (please label items with your name if want them back): white lattice panels; 1 or 2 shovels; artificial flowers, potted artificial trees, flower garland; artificial fruit or vegetables (especially apples and things kids would be familiar with); baskets (for flowers or fruit)

If you have any other ideas or if you'd like to help with decorating, please contact **Kiley Daniel**. Volunteers are needed to help decorate on **Tuesday, May 28 at 11:30**, **Thursday, May 30 at 10:30**, and **Friday, May 31 at 10:30**. If you'd like to volunteer during VBS, contact **Jane Massey** at [jmassey316@gmail.com](mailto:jmassey316@gmail.com).

## Welcome, New Members!

We welcome **Bridgette and Brittany Fordham** as new members. Bridgette is joining FBCP by transfer of letter, and Brittany is joining by Profession of Faith and Baptism. Bridgette is a high school teacher in Gwinnett County and Brittany works for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. They live in Toccoa, GA. Welcome, Bridgette and Brittany!



## May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

Resources to help children and teens build resilience, self-care strategies, and skills for managing life stressors in healthy ways.



Supportive families, communities, and resources can help youth build strong foundations for lifelong well-being.

- By teaching children and teens coping skills, we can empower them to take charge of their mental health.
- Know the signs of mental health issues in children and teens. Early diagnosis and treatment can save lives.
- Start the conversation early: talking about mental health can help children and teens build coping skills and feel comfortable with their emotions.
- Nurturing relationships and environments are important for helping children and teens develop good mental health and manage life stressors in healthy ways.
- Good mental health increases the ability of children and teens to practice self-care and face challenges with resilience.

In-person talks promote healthy mental development. This Mental Health Awareness Month, talk to your children and teens about mental health.

Need help getting started? Call or text **988** for support or go to [samhsa.gov/mental-health/how-to-talk/parents-and-caregivers](https://samhsa.gov/mental-health/how-to-talk/parents-and-caregivers)

#MHAM2024 #MentalHealthMatters

## CBFSC Recognizes Wayne Patterson

Wayne served over 10 years as CBFSC Disaster Response Coordinator

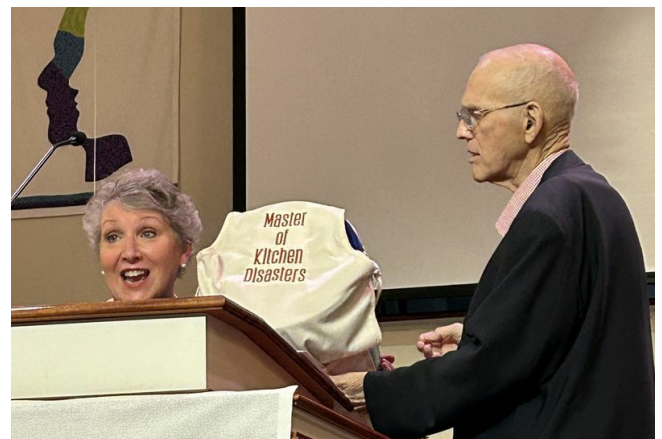
At the recent CBFSC General Assembly in Rock Hill, **Wayne Patterson** was recognized for his dedicated service to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina. Wayne has been part of CBFSC life for more than 25 years, including serving as CBFSC Disaster Response Coordinator for at least 10 years. He has also served on the Finance Committee, as Treasurer, and as the 2010-2011 Moderator.

In April, Wayne was recognized as he retired from his role as Disaster Response Coordinator, a role for which he has become affectionately known as "Master of Disaster."

CBFSC Coordinator Elizabeth Nance-Coker presented Wayne with a "flood bucket" of gifts, including an apron

reading "Master of Kitchen Disasters." Hopefully, the only disasters Wayne will encounter now will be nothing more serious than spilled milk on the kitchen counter!

Thank you, Wayne, for your long and faithful service to CBFSC and to FBCP!



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## Senior Adult Ministry

Jane Huss, Lead Volunteer

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated at our May 9 gathering. During the devotional, Pam Willoughby shared the history of Cinco de Mayo and reminded us about the personal victories each of us has in Christ. Sombreros, personal piñatas, maracas, bells, enchiladas, and cheese nachos were enjoyed by all of us. It was a festive day for the Seniors!

Special recognition was given to **Kitty Alverson** and **Randy Strickland** for perfect attendance this past year.



Rachelle Paris and Pam Willoughby show off a personal piñata.

During **National Volunteer Week** I recognized all our wonderful volunteers. They have demonstrated a labor of love which Christ has been honored and of which we have all benefited.

### THANK YOU to All Our Senior Adult Ministry Volunteers

**Kitty Alverson**

**Amy Braswell**

**Jan McCracken**

**Pastor Jennifer Rygg**

**Cindy and Skip Still**

**Pam and Warren Willoughby**

**Barbara and Bruce Blackmon**

**Kim Burgess**

**Jean Robinson**

**Evelyn Simpson**

**Randy Strickland**

## Called Church Conference

The new church year begins **June 1!** We will have a **Called Church Conference** on **Wednesday, May 29** at **6:30 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall** to vote on recommendations from the **Nominating Committee** for the new church year. Copies of the slate of nominees will be made available in advance.

## Preparation for Updated Church Directory

We will publish an updated **Church Directory** after the start of the new church year on Jun 1. Please call the church office with any updates or to fill in your contact information including home and mailing addresses, birthday, current photo, phone number, and email address. Thanks.



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Flock 05: Hu - Mc	Rick Massey	(864) 940-3515
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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  
**fbcpendleton.org**

**PASTORAL EMERGENCY**

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