

Why Marriage Equality Matters

On Sunday, June 9, **Gator Lone Wolf** spoke to several of our adult Sunday School classes. Gator is a Cherokee spiritual leader, ordained Baptist minister, and personal friend of several FBCP members. He has been a long-time faithful advocate for LGBTQ inclusion. Gator and his husband, Dominique, were two of the plaintiffs in the SCOTUS 2015 Marriage Equality Case.

Last month, Gator graciously shared with us his story about the struggle for marriage equality, including how personal faith motivated and sustained him. Part of what inspired Gator and others to push for marriage equality was the experience of a friend whose partner was seriously injured in an accident. Though the couple had been together for 10 years, because they were not legally married, the partner was not allowed to see his loved one in the hospital or receive any updates on his condition until another family member arrived. By that time, the partner had been in the emergency waiting room for hours, and his loved one had died alone. Gator reminded us that this is why marriage equality matters. Thank you, Gator, for your advocacy and your willingness to share your story with us!

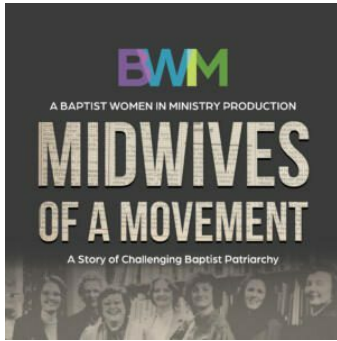


Brittany Fordham Gets Baptized

Bridgette and Brittany Fordham joined the church on May 12, with Bridgette joining by transfer of letter and Brittany by Profession of Faith and Baptism. We celebrated Brittany's Baptism on June 9. Rev. Jennifer McClung Rygg offered a prayer and Bridgette Fordham read Brittany's story of her faith journey. Brittany was then immersed in the waters of Baptism. Congratulations, Brittany!



Midwives of a Movement



On Wednesday, Jul 17, Adult Bible Study will continue viewing the documentary, *Midwives of a Movement*, produced by Baptist Women in Ministry, with discussion led by Jennifer Rygg. This film chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in the 1970s and 1980s. Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists over the last 40+ years. **Adult Bible Study will not meet via Zoom, but the film is available on YouTube if you cannot join us at church.**

Quarterly Church Conference & Lunch



Our next Covered Dish Lunch and Quarterly Church Conference will be on July 28 following worship. The church will provide chicken tenders; please bring a side or dessert to share. Committee Leaders can email their reports to office@fbcpendleton.org by Jul 25.

Blood Drive · Wednesday, Aug 7

The Blood Connection Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot on Wednesday, Aug 7 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Please give the gift of life and **DONATE BLOOD** as you are able.



Supper at the Park

We look forward to getting to know our neighbors and building relationships in our community when we celebrate our first Supper at the Park with the congregation of King's Chapel AME Church on Saturday, Aug 10 at 5:00 pm under the pavilion at Veterans Park. More details will follow.



Clemson Community Care

With school out for the summer, demand is way up at Clemson Community Care. They need cans of mixed vegetables, beans, green beans, corn, canned pasta, salmon, tuna, shelf-stable milk, and juice. Toiletry needs include shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and toilet tissue. They have many requests for laundry detergent and dish detergent.

Senior Adult Ministry

Jane Huss, Lead Volunteer

We are so grateful for this ministry that's such a help and encouragement to the Seniors in our community. We hope to see you at our next meeting, Thursday, July 11, as we chill out and enjoy our adult coloring activity! **Senior Adult Ministry** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month and is open to anyone in the community. Volunteers are also welcome from the community. **Jane Reynolds Huss** is the lead volunteer and can be reached at janereynoldshuss@gmail.com or mobile 864-979-2281.



At our meeting on June 27, The **Electric City Shag Club** stole the show with an hour of beach music and shagging. They charmed and encouraged all members to participate in our State Dance. Some members were naturals and others continued to learn the moves but all had an enjoyable time! Many thanks to **Barbara and Bruce Blackmon** for preparing a delicious lunch. A very special thank you to **Chloe Black**, granddaughter of Bruce and Barbara, who helped serve our lunch donning her fun flamingo apron!





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 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**

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