



Making Life Good

My children love to ask “family questions” around the dinner table. After the blessing, very often one of them will immediately announce “I have a family question!” Often these questions involve guessing games or hypothetical scenarios beginning with the phrase “Would you rather...” or “If you were...” Several of these questions have asked what we would take with us if we were stranded on an island or in a desert or in outer space. These types of questions prompt us to think about what we value. What is most important to us?



What is important to us affects the decisions we make and the habits we cultivate. These decisions and habits impact our lives. In preparing for our current sermon series, I came across a question that resonated with me: **“How can we live in a way that will allow us to look back on the lives we’ve lived and pronounce them good?”** (*A Preacher’s Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series, Volume 2*).

At Creation, God saw all that God had made and pronounced it good. We are God’s good creation, created in God’s image. We, too, are creators. We create meaning in our lives as we work and live and share our gifts with the world. One day, we hope to look back on our lives, see all that we have created, and pronounce it good.

In the meantime, what choices and habits will build that good life to which we aspire? Our fall sermon series explores this topic, using wisdom literature and stories from Scripture. Part of building a good life includes making space for God, carving out time in our busy lives to listen, being aware of God’s presence, and connecting with a community of God-followers. The habit of regular worship helps us build a good life. I hope you will join us for weekly worship as we reflect on how we can live good lives. If you are unable to join us in person, online worship is also available, both on Facebook (live and recorded) and YouTube (recordings are uploaded a day or two after the worship service.)

Life can be hard, complicated, and painful, but life can also be good – deeply, truly good. Thanks be to God for this good life.

Fall Sermon Series

“A Good Life – Wisdom for Living Well from Proverbs, Job, and Esther”

Sep 1 · A Good Name · Proverbs 22:1-9, 22-23

Sep 8 · A Good Mind · Proverbs 1:20-33

Sep 15 · A Good Community · Proverbs 31:20-31

Sep 22 · A Good Cause · Esther 7:1-6, 9:20-22

Sep 29 · A Good Practice · Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Senior Adult Ministry

Fall is certainly in the air! Senior Adult Ministry is coming off an eventful summer experiencing many blessings! Much of this season of growth and refreshment is a direct result of the extravagant generosity of our membership, FBCP, and CBFSC. You have borne witness to Jesus Christ by supporting this endeavor and helped us continue to cultivate a beloved community in our Senior Adult Ministry in Pendleton.

This Thursday, September 12, we "kickoff" our fall meeting schedule with a traditional tailgating party celebrating our favorite teams while enjoying a lunch of tailgate favorites prepared by Kim Burgess. During the next few months our meetings include a field trip, a fall carnival, and several other activities our seniors will enjoy.

Senior Adult Ministry wants to thank EVERYONE who participated in our first fundraiser during August! It was a HUGE success. We collected over \$550!! The gift card winners from the August Fundraiser were Skip Still, Gwen Richey, Cynthia Yates, Pam Howarth, and Becky Milam.

Senior Adult Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month and is open to anyone in the community. Volunteers from the community are also welcome. **Jane Reynolds Huss** is the lead volunteer and can be reached at janereynoldshuss@gmail.com or mobile 864-979-2281.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. — 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Offering Envelopes

It is time for the church office to order Offering Envelopes for 2025. Our church provides offering envelopes to anyone who would like to use them. Please call the church office at (864) 646-3913 or email the church at office@fbcpendleton.org by Monday, Sep 30 with any changes or if you received envelopes this year and DO NOT wish to receive them next year. Keep in mind that if you are using Realm eGiving, we can spare the expense of church envelopes.

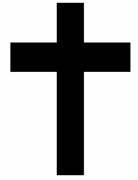
Read & Rise Fest

Pendleton Area Advocates for Intellectual Freedom are sponsoring the "Read & Rise Fest," a family event to celebrate **Banned Books Week** and the freedom to read on **Sunday, Sep 22** from **3:00 - 6:00 pm** at the **Pendleton Community Center** (145 Town St -- just off W Queen St). The event will feature live music by The Gypsy Sallies, children's storytime, speakers including a local author, local indie bookshop owner, and a local librarian, Voter Registration, Library Card signup, book giveaways, and Freedom to Read displays.



Ice Cream Social

Our Ice Cream Social hosted by the Deacons was held on Sep 1 in the Fellowship Hall. This was an event for all ages and was a great opportunity to enjoy desserts and conversation as a church family.





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 "A Good Life"**



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Flock 03: Che - Fi	Barbara Blackmon	(864) 903-3739
Flock 04: Fo - H	Suzanne Morse	(864) 643-9909
Flock 05: J - Me	Rick Massey	(864) 940-3515
Flock 06: Mi - Ra	Jan McCracken	(864) 934-4574
Flock 07: Re - Ta	Shelby Quattlebaum	(864) 934-6086
Flock 08: Th - Z	Warren Willoughby	(864) 940-5471
Deacons & Spouses	Dave Alverson	(864) 617-2449

**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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