



## Resilient Faith for Future Generations

Perhaps you have wondered...

- How can our church build a stronger youth & children's ministry?
- How can we get more kids to participate?
- How can we get more volunteers?

What if instead we asked...

- How can our church better connect with children, youth, and their families?
- How can youth & children's ministry be a church-wide endeavor, rather than a separate ministry area?



**Harrison Litzell** of the Baugh Center for Baptist

Leadership of Mercer University is going to be working

with us to help us address these topics. We will have several sessions for different groups over the next few weeks. Please make plans to join us!

**Wednesday, February 26 · 6:30 – 7:30 pm (Adults + Youth · Fellowship Hall)**

### **Intro to Intergenerational Ministry**

How can the church effectively include children and youth in our ministry? This session is for all adults and youth, as we will explore some basic principles for expanding our view of traditional age-group ministries. Led by **Harrison Litzell**.

**Sunday, March 9 · 12:00 – 2:30 pm (Volunteers · Fellowship Hall)**

### **Teacher Training Session**

Children & Youth Ministry volunteers (as well as those interested in volunteering) are invited to stay after worship for lunch and a Teacher Training session (childcare will be provided). This time will be designed to assist you in your work with children and youth at church. We will talk about big picture topics of the theology and principles of children in church. By taking care of these big decisions together, volunteers will be more easily able to make the smaller decisions on a weekly basis. We will also talk about classroom management and adapting curriculum in ways that make the best use of our time and energy. Led by **Harrison Litzell**.

**Wednesday, March 12 & March 19 · 6:30 – 7:15 pm (Adult Bible Study · Room 306 & Zoom)**

### **A Resilient Generation**

How can our congregation nurture a generation with resilient faith? Ministering to youth, children, and their families is the work of the church, not just a few volunteers. Our Adult Bible Study will explore the role of the whole congregation in this work. Led by **Harrison Litzell** via Zoom.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jennifer Rygg** or **Kiley Daniel**.

**CARING FOR CREATION IN 2025**  
(Resource from Creation Justice Ministries)

**FEBRUARY**

**Write to your Elected Officials**

Write to your members of congress or local elected officials, asking them to support an environmental issue that you care about. Find your officials by entering your address at [usa.gov/elected-officials](https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials).

**Sing Hymns of Creation**

Listen to or sing creation-themed hymns such as *All Things Bright and Beautiful* or *The Ocean Is a Call to Worship*.

**Upcoming Events**

Save the dates for these upcoming events.

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
Mar 5 · 6:30 pm · Sanctuary

**FBCP hosts Lenten Lunch**  
Mar 12 · noon · Fellowship Hall  
help needed · more information to follow

**MLK Jr. Live Documentary**  
Friday & Saturday Mar 28 & 29 · Sanctuary  
ticketed event with free admission

**HOM Completes Another Ramp**



The Hands On Mission team of "rampologists" completed another successful project for a local resident in need of safer access to their home.



## Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Ministry had the first meeting of the year Thursday morning, February 13, in the Fellowship Hall. Although many regular attendees were absent due to illness, we were thrilled to see everyone, including new friends and visitors, showing interest in the group.

**Richard Baldwin**, a member at FBCP, was our guest speaker. Richard is a life-long photographer. His first published photos were in the Daniel High School student newspaper and the yearbook in 1978. He continued photojournalism into college and grad school, culminating that effort as Editor-in-Chief of the 1989 Clemson University TAPS yearbook. In the 2000's Richard switched to digital photography.

Richard joined the South Carolina Army National Guard in 1982 and retired in 2022. Most recently, Richard completed two deployments to the Eastern Air Defense Sector in Rome, New York. He liked Rome so much that he returned for two years while working remotely for Clemson University. He returned to Pendleton last summer. Thursday's presentation at our Senior Adult Ministry meeting is a tribute to "God's Handiwork in the Winter" of Rome, New York.



During the meeting we had our official kickoff for the "Love Your Neighbor" February Fundraiser. Many at the meeting chose a calendar date for their giving amount but there are more dates on the calendar for anyone wanting to participate this month. The calendar is on display in the Fellowship Hall next to the coffee table. Choose a day of the month and plan to give that amount (1st=\$1.00, 2nd=\$2.00, 23rd=\$23.00, etc). Take the sticky note from the date as a reminder and write your name on the blank space. Please turn in the donation to the church office by February 28. Please designate the donation to Senior Adult Ministry. As an extra incentive, one donor will be chosen at random to win a prize!

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 27, at 9:30. Our speaker will be **Ted Thomas**, a member of FBCP. All senior adults are invited to join us at our meeting and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship.

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*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

## How to End Christian Nationalism



Folks from First Baptist Church of Pendleton and the Pendleton Foundation for Black History and Culture were among the several hundred audience members at "How to End Christian Nationalism: a Conversation with Amanda Tyler" at First Baptist Greenville on February 11, 2025. **Christian Nationalism** is an ideology that merges Christianity with American civic life and threatens religious liberty and American democracy. You can learn more and read and sign a statement opposing Christian Nationalism at [christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org](http://christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org).



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**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**Mar 5 · 6:30 pm · Sanctuary**



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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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