



## Summer Update from FBCP | June

Summer is in full swing, and our church calendar is filled with camps, vacation dates, and special activities. June also marks the beginning of our new church year, so many of our committees have already been busy meeting to select a chair and starting to work on plans for the coming year.

### Deacon Ordination

On Sunday, June 22, we will ordain four new deacons to serve on our Deacon Council:

**Jane Huss · Hayden Maxey · Heather Mullinax · Cindy Still**

The word deacon means **servant**. Daniel Vestal, director of the Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership, writes:

Deacons are called, chosen, ordained to be servants – of God, of the church, and of people in need. Servanthood is to be their way of life because deacons' lives are modeled after the One who said of himself, "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve" (Matthew 20:28).

On Sunday, as we ordain our new deacons, the entire congregation will have the opportunity to participate by offering our prayers, encouragement and support to our new deacons as they embark on this new role of service to our congregation.

### Summer Camp

**PASSPORT**<sup>sm</sup> This summer, both youth and children are headed to PASSPORT Camps! For most of our campers, this is their first time to attend PASSPORT. (Our youth group last attended camp in 2023, and our children's group has not attended camp since 2019!) If you'd like to send our groups a note of encouragement, be sure to mail it early to the addresses below. Please pray for a safe, meaningful, and enjoyable experience at camp as our students explore the **Wide Open Spaces** to which God invites us.

June 29-July 4 | PASSPORT Choices at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC  
(youth completed 6th - 12th grade)

First Baptist Church of Pendleton / PASSPORTchoices at Converse University  
580 East Main St, Spartanburg, SC 29302

July 7-10 | PASSPORT Kids at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, SC  
(completed 3rd - 5th grade)

First Baptist Church of Pendleton / PASSPORTkids at Camp Bob Cooper  
8001 M W Rickenbaker Rd, Summerton, SC 29148

Deacon  
ORDINATION

## Summer Reading Challenge



### THE BAPTIST IDENTITY

*Four Fragile Freedoms*



WALTER B. SHURDEN

Join our summer reading challenge: check the table outside the church office to see if we have an available copy of **The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms** by Walter Shurden. If you don't see a copy, add your name to the request list and we will let you know when one becomes available.

## Summer Holidays

Please note that the church office will be closed for the following holidays:

**Thursday, June 19** in celebration of Juneteenth  
**Friday, July 4** in celebration of Independence Day



## CARING FOR CREATION IN 2025

· from Creation Justice Ministries ·

### JUNE

#### Beach/Watershed Clean-Up

Plan a beach clean-up or trash pick-up for a nearby river or lake! Record the trash you collect in the app "Save Our Shores" to contribute to data that monitors which types of trash cause the most problems in your area.

#### Ocean Reflection

Whether you live in a land-locked state or on the coast, everyone is connected to the ocean.

Ecclesiastes 1:7 reminds us  
"all streams run to the sea."

## Summer Wednesday Nights



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25



Since there is no Wednesday Night Supper on Jun 25, meet us on the Village Green to enjoy **Groovin' on the Green** with our neighbors. Local favorites **The Gypsy Sallies** will perform!

## Summer Giving

Thank you for your generosity to our church, which makes all of the work of the church possible. This church would not exist without the generosity of so many faithful givers through the generations. We are a positive presence in the community, a place of welcome and inclusivity, a church on mission to love our neighbors, because of your extravagant generosity.

<https://onrealm.org/fbcpendleton/-/form/give/now>

In the midst of summer schedules, traveling, and different routines, your support is still needed! Online giving is a great option for when you are not able to be present on Sundays. You may also set up a recurring gift, which gives you one less task to remember! Thank you for your faithful support.

Blessings for a restful and meaningful summer!



## Senior Adult Ministry

"Come let us have some tea and continue to talk about happy things."

— Chaim Potok

Senior Adult Ministry experienced a morning of beauty and enjoyment at our Tea on Thursday.

After **Tammy Garland** read our devotional from James 3:5-12, members enjoyed an informative and delightful time during the presentation by **Sharon Smith**. Sharon is a florist, caterer, tablescaper specialist, and owner of On Top of The Table which is now offering traveling tea parties.

Each attendee made a fresh flower arrangement including beautiful hydrangeas gathered from **Cindy and Skip Still's** yard. The arrangements were absolutely beautiful. Of course no Senior Adult Ministry meeting would be complete without BINGO!

Tea Party BINGO was definitely a hit with our group and the winners were given assorted teas and tea canisters. Our lunch was so delicious and was enjoyed while Sharon lead an informative talk about Tea Etiquette and explained each layer of the tiered trays.

The kitchen volunteers, **Heather Mullinax, Bruce and Barbara Blackmon, Kitty Alverson, and Sally Kammer** did an excellent job preparing the finger food and stacking the layers for a breathtaking display for each luncheon table. Thank you volunteers! A very special thank you for the beautiful bakery fresh pastries prepared by Heather Mullinax. Thank you, Heather!

All seniors are invited to join us Thursday, June 26, when our friends from the **Electric City Shag Club** present our program. Please contact **Jane Huss** at 864-979-2281 or [janereynoldshuss@gmail.com](mailto:janereynoldshuss@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up just as in fact you have been doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11



## Summer Sermon Series: Called In

If someone disagrees with our words or actions, they may call us out - challenging us, possibly in a way that feels shaming and critical. Another approach would be for someone to call us IN - to invite us, through conversation and relationship, to consider a better way.

Our Summer Sermon Series is based on the understanding that God takes the latter approach, using our mistakes, weaknesses, and experiences to help us grow. Join us on Sundays this summer, in person or online, as we seek to learn and grow together as a community of faith.

**June 22 · 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 · Called to Connection**

**June 29 · 1 Kings 19:1-15a · Called to Self Care**

**July 6 · 2 Kings 5:1-14 · Called to Humility**

**July 13 · Amos 7:7-17 · Called to Truth**





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**Summer Community Social**  
**Jun 21 · 1 pm · Fellowship Hall**



**Deacons for the 2025-2026 Church Year**

Flock 01: A - Bl	Warren Willoughby	(864) 940-5471
Flock 02: Bo - Cha	Hayden Maxey	(843) 246-4858
Flock 03: Che - Da	Heather Mullinax	(864) 221-7651
Flock 04: Do - Hen	Cindy Still	(864) 324-6203
Flock 05: Her - McCo	Jan McCracken	(864) 934-4574
Flock 06: McCr - Pa	Shelby Quattlebaum	(864) 934-6086
Flock 07: Pe - Ta	Barbara Blackmon	(864) 903-3739
Flock 08: Th - Z	Jane Reynolds Huss	(864) 979-2281
Deacons & Spouses	Suzanne Morse	(864) 643-9909

**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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**PASTORAL EMERGENCY**

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