

## Sermon Series on Prayer



### Three Prayers Not to Pray

October 12, 19, 26

“Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1)

What do our prayers indicate about our faith? The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, and Jesus gave them *The Lord’s Prayer*. What prayers have shaped your relationship with God and your understanding of the nature of prayer?

Luke records *The Lord’s Prayer* in Luke chapter 11, but in the subsequent chapters of Luke, Jesus continues to teach – by example, through stories, and in lived experience – how we can engage with

God through prayer. While *The Lord’s Prayer* provides an example of words we can pray, Jesus’ teachings also offer models of how not to pray:

Oct 12 · Luke 17:11-19 · “The Prayer You Didn’t Pray”

Oct 19 · Luke 18:1-8 · “The Prayer that Quits”

Oct 26 · Luke 18:9-14 · “The Prayer of Comparison”

This sermon series invites us to consider our own prayer life as we explore Jesus’ teachings about prayer. How is Jesus teaching us to pray?

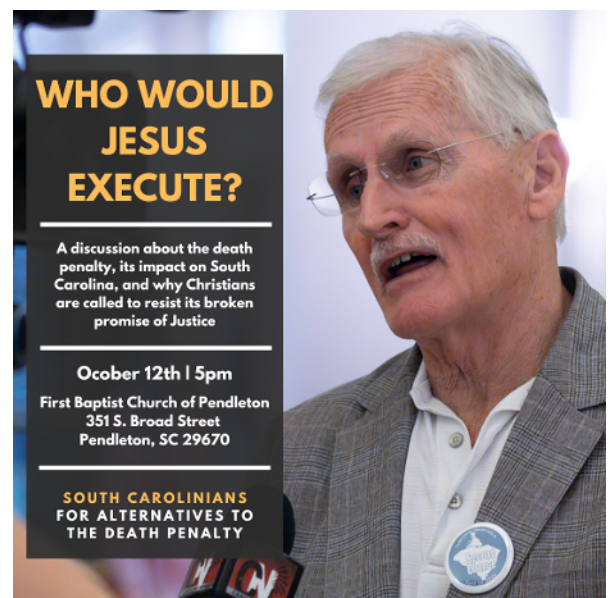
## Who Would Jesus Execute?

Rev. Jimmy MacPhee · Death Row Survivor

**Jimmy MacPhee**, a returning citizen from a forty-five year prison journey, is an ordained minister and has co-authored three prison writing books: *Letters to Our Sons*; *Didn't See It Coming*; and *Frankie San, a Burning and a Shining Light for Christ*.

Embracing life with God-inspired passion, he continues to write and speak to bring hope to those he meets and to minister to “the least of these” who remain incarcerated. Today, as an ordained minister, Jimmy serves God as Executive Director of On the Rock Ministries, providing funding for inmate college Bible correspondence courses. Their vision is to change violent prison culture to one of peace and purpose found in Biblical teaching and the redemptive power of Jesus Christ.

This event is sponsored by The Peace Church and is being hosted in the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Pendleton on Sunday, Oct 12 at 5:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.



## Notes from the Personnel Committee

We extend our gratitude to everyone who took time to participate in the recent **staff evaluation process**. There were **29 evaluations** submitted. Your thoughtful feedback, encouragement, and insights are deeply appreciated. This process helps us strengthen our ministry, support our staff, and continue growing together as a church family. Thank you!

October is **Clergy Appreciation Month**. Let us joyfully celebrate and give thanks for our clergy. We are deeply grateful for their faithful leadership, spiritual guidance, and the many ways they nurture our congregation. Please take a moment to express your appreciation for their dedication and care in serving FBCP and its community.

## Thank You from Cultivate Abundance



Dear Friends,

It was wonderful to be with you again in early September. We appreciate the opportunity to update you and to thank you for purchasing so many sets of bicycle lights to keep our Immokalee neighbors safe. We also thank you for your latest financial gift towards my operating funds.

We hope to see you in southwest Florida again. Please let us know how we can be of assistance as well.

Rick & Ellen Burnette

## Community Connections



Members of the Current Events Sunday School Class recently enjoyed another planning meeting with board members of the Pendleton Foundation for Black History and Culture.

## Fall Festival Planning



Children's Ministry is planning a **Fall Festival Event** for **Wednesday, Oct 29!** We still need **volunteers to run activities**, as well as to **set up, tear down, and decorate** before the event! We are also recruiting **bakers** to donate various baked goods for a **Cake Walk**.

Contact **Kiley Daniel** at [children@fbcpendleton.org](mailto:children@fbcpendleton.org) or (317) 627-0257.

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

Saturday, Oct 18 · Town of Pendleton Community Clean Up · 8:30 - 11:00 · meet at The Square

Sunday, Oct 26 · **Quarterly Lunch & Church Conference** · following worship

On Oct 5, **Peace Church**, a United Church of Christ congregation, began meeting in our sanctuary for their weekly worship service on Sunday afternoons. They will be here between 3:30 and 5:30 as they set up, worship, and put away their worship resources. This partnership allows us to offer a sister church affordable worship space and supports both our churches in seeking to bless and serve our community.

## Senior Adult Ministry



Senior Adult Ministry met Thursday, Sep 25, thoroughly enjoying the fall meeting. Our meet and greet time was extended and friends enjoyed talking and munching while catching up with each other. Such a happy buzz filled the Fellowship Hall, which definitely prepared all attending for the following devotional time, **Fall: A Season of Change**. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know I am God." Summer heat begins to slowly fade. Cold beverages are replaced with warm pumpkin spice lattes and sweet apple cider. As days grow shorter and a gentle crispness fills the air, we find ourselves once

again experiencing the embrace of Autumn, the season of change. We were encouraged during this devotional time to embrace the change. Isaiah 43:19 says, "For I am about to do something new." Autumn most vividly demonstrates to us that change is not just inevitable, but also beautiful. The beauty of Autumn lies in its subtle reminder that change is an ongoing part of God's design. Our devotional time ended with members sharing prayer requests and a prayer of gratitude for Autumn's gifts and for personal contentment during seasons of change in our individual lives.



We then enjoyed an art activity, BINGO, and lunch prepared by Bruce and Barbara Blackmon. It was a delightful morning of food, fun, and fellowship.

This Thursday, Oct 9 is our annual tailgate meeting. Dr. Tim Willis will be our program speaker. All Senior Adults are invited to be our guests! Wear your team's colors and plan to stay for lunch.

A very special thank you to FBCP and CBFSC for your continued support of this ministry in our community of Pendleton.

Senior Adult Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Jane Reynolds Huss is the lead volunteer and can be reached at [janereynoldshuss@gmail.com](mailto:janereynoldshuss@gmail.com) or mobile 864-979-2281.

Jane Huss · Lead Volunteer

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

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#### OCTOBER

**Coffee Hour:** Consider your church's coffee hour. Is there any single-use plastic being used? What changes can be made? Can mugs replace single-use cups? Can spoons replace plastic stirrers? Look for sustainable and/or local coffee brands as well.

**Recycled Halloween:** Host a recycled Halloween party. Challenge your child or adult guests to create a costume solely out of recycled items. Costumes can be eco-themed too (animals, bugs, recycle-monsters, native plant species, eco-heroes, etc.). Have fun!



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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  
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**PASTORAL EMERGENCY**

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