

From the Pastor's Pen by Fred Stone

Thank you, Jennifer, for 10 Years of Faithful Service!

Jennifer Hendrix completed 10 years of faithful ministry as our Preschool Director on August 1. The Lord has obviously gifted her with a love of children, organizational skills, and a commitment to serving others. God has given her a special gift of patience to deal with the weekly, last-minute calls or discoveries that a volunteer won't be present to cover their assigned responsibility, which requires her to immediately find a replacement. While this is a part-time position, Jennifer puts in many hours during the week and on Sundays to make sure our children are cared for in the best way. She has truly been a blessing to our church family! Please make it a point to express your love and appreciation to Jennifer this week.

Church Vote on Legacy Square Recommendation – August 6

The church will vote this Sunday, August 6, in the morning worship services on the recommendation from the Deacons, presented in Church Conference on August 2, to redevelop Legacy Square.

Deacon Confirmation – August 13

The following men were selected by the church to serve as deacons for the next three years: Boyce Couch, Len Newman, Gil Stewart, Victor Whitworth, and Andy Williams. The church will vote to confirm these men as our new deacons on Sunday morning, August 13.



A Weekly Newsletter for the Family and Friends of Pickens First Baptist

- All Church Members.....Ministers
- Fred Stone (859-5853).....Senior Pastor
- Bryan Hester (704-4802).....Worship & Associate Pastor
- Jeff Rafferty (607-8306).....Discipleship & Missions Pastor
- Mike Sterlachini (395-5880).....Student & Family Pastor
- Jennifer Hendrix (449-5381).....Preschool Director
- Katie Freeman.....Financial Secretary
- Tricia McJunkin.....Church Secretary

Church Phone: 864-878-6564 Website: www.fbcpickens.org

Office Hours: 8:30 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Thursday

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Friday

Discipleship and Missions News from Jeff

Teachers Needed for Released Time Ministry:

Pickens County Christian Learning Center is now interviewing for both a full time position (Edwards Middle School) and for a part time position (Easley High School) for the coming year. We would prefer someone with a teaching certification for Easley High School but it is not a requirement. If interested, please contact Brian Hale at 864-414-0005.

Released Time Board Members Needed:

Pickens County Christian Learning Center is looking for new Board Members that have a heart for our youth and would like to be a part of this incredible ministry. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Piedmont Baptist Assoc. office in Easley. We are also currently looking for a Treasurer as well. If interested please contact Brian Hale at 864-414-0005.

Mission Opportunity:

Senegal, Africa: We have an opportunity to go to a stronghold of Islam to help an IMB missionary spread the gospel. We are trying to see if we have enough interest in going (summer of 2018) before we commit. This trip will be tailored to the talents and skills of the team members. If interested, please contact Jeff at 878-6564 or jeff@fbcpickens.org.

New Bible Study Opportunities Coming!

There will be two new Bible Study opportunities coming soon. We will be starting a Bible Study at Café Connections at noon on Thursdays beginning August 10th. A second Bible Study will be offered in conjunction with the Missions Breakfast. On the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. we will have a Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. Come get a good breakfast and study God's Word together! Both Bible Studies will begin by taking a look at the Commands of Christ. Everyone is invited, and please bring a friend. If you have questions, please contact Jeff at 878-6564.

Please consider serving an international student this summer.

It's as easy as driving!

Jon Varner, missionary to international students at Clemson University, has identified **the number 1 need** in his ministry as being arrival assistance. According to Jon, "To effectively share the Good News about Jesus, we must first serve during the time of greatest need. When we serve with the Love of Jesus, hearts are opened to the message of the Gospel. Assisting new students as they arrive is both **the number 1 need** of International Students and **the best way** to establish long-term, trusting relationships."

Students will be arriving soon! Please register TODAY! Help serve them well.

Here are 2 ways you can help:

- 1) Pick up students at the airport and help them get settled at their new apartment
- 2) Pick up at the airport and provide temporary housing and assistance navigating the Clemson area rental market, etc.

Registration Form: <http://bit.ly/ATLqsp2C> (Form allows you to describe availability, vehicle capacity, etc.)



Promotion Sunday!

This year's Sunday School Promotion Sunday will be August 20th!

August Mission Focus:

Pickens County Christian Learning Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to teach God's Word to local public school students through the Released Time Bible Education Ministry, introducing them to the person of Jesus Christ and sound biblical truth. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Released Time Bible Education programs in all states in 1952.

Last school year more than 370 students participated in Pickens County Released Time. On average 70% of these students do not attend any church on a regular basis. Throughout the year there were more than 100 students who made decisions for Christ, as well as several family members too! We have programs at Gettys, Dacusville, Liberty and Pickens Middle Schools. This school year we are adding programs at Edwards Middle School and Easley High School! The Pickens Middle School students are bused to PFBC five days a week and six periods a day.

If you would like to receive the name of at least one of this year's students in order to pray for them, please e-mail Jeff at Jeff@fbcpickens.org and we will send you the first name of a student in the Pickens Middle School program. For more info, log onto

www.pcreleasedtime.com

Student Ministry News by Mike

Back-to-School School Bash

On Sunday, August 13 from 4:00pm-7:00pm, our Student Ministry will be hosting a back-to-school bash for all youth, rising sixth graders, and their families at High Falls County Park. Each family is asked to bring an appetizer OR dessert AND a two-liter of soda. The Student

Ministry will provide all of the hamburgers and hot dogs you can eat! Activities will include water skiing, tubing, swimming, miniature golf, boat rides, volleyball, corn hole, and more! This is a free event but each vehicle will have to pay to park.



Nursery Rotations

for September 2017 - August 2018

If you are interested in volunteering in our preschool department, please keep reading! We need workers in all ages (babies - kindergarten) on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 a.m. service. We also need workers on Wednesday nights from 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. for babies to two-year-olds. All workers must have been a member of the church for at least 6 months and have a background check provided by the church. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please email Jennifer at jennifer@fbcpickens.org.



Counting Committee

August 6: Joe Dunn, Chr.; Milledge Cassell; Roger Smith

August 13: Joe Dunn, Chr.; Milledge Cassell; Roger Smith

House Attendant, Prayer

August 6: Lynn Fisher

August 13: Joe Dunn

Prayer Room Schedule - August 6

Prayer Room - 878-PRAY (7729)

9:15 am - Ann Cox

10:30 am - Mendel Stewart

6:00 pm - No Evening Service

Ushers For August

8:00 a.m. Service

Roger Smith, Grp Ldr

Mark Hunt

C. David Stone

Larry Martin

10:30 a.m. Service

Bobby Day, Grp Ldr

Brett Satterfield

Chip Dunn

Alan Warner

Chad Blackston

Chris Keasler

Jimmy Boling

Jerry Couch

Greeters - "Hello, How Are You Today?"

August 6: Door #1, Martha Banks & Sue Childs

Door #2, Jimmy & Georgia Dickard

August 13: Door #1, Mac & Yvonne Bolding

Door #2, Carolyn Stancell

Security Team Rotation Assignment

The Month Of August

Team B (E)

Gil Stewart, Ldr.

Joe Dunn

David Eller

Michael Hendrix

Team B (L)

Chad Brooks

Gene Hinkle

Alex Edwards

Zan Clarkson

Janice Clarkson

Billy Alexander

Preschool Worship Volunteers

10:30 a.m. Service

August 6: Babies, Kelli Hijar; 1's, Jane Hendrix & Carolyn Dalton; 2's, Leighanne Howard & Denise Day; 3's, Lori Alexander & Kim Rogers; 4's & K5's, Brett & Jessica Satterfield

August 13: Babies, Mendel & Janice Stewart; 1's, Vicky Hedden & Lisa Hiott; 2's, Tim & Susan Borow & Ashley Clardy; 3's, Tom & Jennifer Lehman; 4's & K5's, Pamela Clarkson & Erin Hunter

Wednesday Night Service & Choir (Babies - Two's) (6:15-7:15 p.m.)

August 9: Sadie Lee & Dena Hiott

August 16: Paula Welborn & Kim Rogers

Bryan's Notes

New Worship Team Forming: To expand our Worship Leadership here at PFBC in addition to our wonderful Adult Choir and Orchestra as well as other ensembles and soloists, we are reaching out to our church family to begin a new **Worship Team**. This **Worship Team** will lead worship in our services from time to time beginning in September.

We are looking to our church family and to you for those who are willing to use their talents to honor and serve our Lord through singing and playing instruments and to honor our Lord in a way that is consistent with our style of worship here at PFBC. If you or someone you know would be willing to be part of this new **Worship Team**, please let me know as soon as possible.

Here are some specifics:

1. One Two Hour Rehearsal Per Month
2. First Meeting and Rehearsal: Monday night, August 7th from 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary
3. If you play an instrument or sing or know of a church member who does, please get them to get in touch with me as soon as possible and I will fill them in about our meeting and first rehearsal.
4. Youth are welcomed but need to be 9th grade and above and able to commit to the rehearsals and preparation times.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested at 878-6564 (Church), 704-4802 (Cell), or bryan@fbcpickens.org

We will begin Adult Choir and Orchestra Rehearsals Wednesday, August 9th.

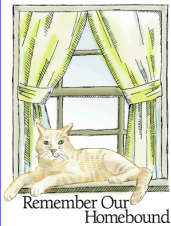
Orchestra begins at 6:45 pm and the Adult Choir joins at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary. We would love to have some new faces singing and playing music to lead our congregation in worship. If you would like to know more, please contact me as soon as possible!

The New Women on Missions Group (Hiott-Welborn-Farry WOM Group) Has Changed Meeting Times

The Hiott-Welborn-Farry Women on Missions Group will meet Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor and then will meet the 1st Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Please come join us!

Duffels for Foster Kids

Please donate duffel bags for our foster kids. A flyer is in your SS attendance folder and placed on bulletin boards & in the vestibule for ideas on what to put in the bag. Last year we donated 25 bags & \$100 to this special group of children. Collection will end August 31, 2017. Thank you for helping us!



Homebound Ministry Birthdays For August

Mary Lark - August 1st

Mary Foster - August 3rd

Please notify the church office if you or a family member would like to be added to our homebound or in-care facility lists.



**Prayer
Changes Things**

Prayer Points

Refugees in Turkey

Turkey is a country with instability and an uncertain future. To a growing number of Kurdish Syrian refugees, it is a country of purpose and joy. Two years before the war broke out in Syria a Bible was given to "Kenan" and his family and the "Jesus" film. One by one, the family came to faith. Ahmet, a brother, was the last to become a believer. He started reading the Bible to his family each night. Later when soldiers tried to recruit the boys to fight, Ahmet escaped to Turkey and began working as an auto electrician. Kenan later joined him. The night he fled Syria, he hid for hours at the border. "I prayed for Jesus to give me faith" he recalled. The boys faithfully attend a Bible study with other Kurds with similar stories. Ahmet is full of joy and Kenan shares his faith with anyone who will listen. We hate the war. Our friends and family are suffering but we know God has us in Turkey for a reason. Pray that God will save many refugees in Turkey. Consider a gift to IMB to send many "Jesus" films to be given to the Kurds in Turkey.

THIS WEEK AT PICKENS FBC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 am - First Worship Service
9:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Second Worship Service
6:00 - No Evening Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

6:00 am - Men's Prayer Group, FH
12:00 - New Bible Study @ Café Connections

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

5:45 - Youth @ The Hiott's (pool)
6:15 - Nursery, Mission Friends, TeamKid
6:30 - Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service
6:45 - Orchestra Rehearsal
7:15 - Adult Choir Rehearsal



*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

John 3:16

WELCOME!



Attention Everyone!!!

***** Missed a Sunday Morning Service? *****

Go to our web page, www.fbcpickens.org and click on the Sermons tab to listen to past Sunday Morning Sermons.

FACTS & FIGURES

July 30th

Sunday School - 258
Offering - \$21,602.00
Offering To Date - \$677,908.00
Goal to Date - \$678,682.00

Building Fund: \$245,285.06

Thank you for worshipping with us Today!

Please complete, tear off, and place in offering plate.

Name _____

Address _____

Today's Date _____ Single _____ Married _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Children's Names & Ages _____

I came as a guest of _____

My church membership _____

Age Group: ___ Middle School ___ High School ___ College
 ___ 20-29 ___ 30-39 ___ 40-49 ___ 50-59 ___ 60-69 ___ 70 +

Please check the appropriate box:

___ First Time Guest ___ Returning Guest ___ New to Area
___ Seeking Church Home ___ Would like to know more about Pickens First Baptist
___ Would like to know more about becoming a Christian

Welcome to Pickens First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 6, 2017

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Pre-Service Music

Opening Song *I Am Not Alone*.....Peyton Nimmons

Congregational Song

10,000 Reasons

Prayer

Welcome and Greeting Of Guests

Chorus

We Have Come To This Place To Worship

Congregational Song

I Surrender All

Offertory Prayer.....Lynn Fisher

Offertory

Oceans

Small Group Ensemble (8:00 a.m.)
Adult Choir and Orchestra (10:30 a.m.)
Soloist, Amy Sargent

Message From God's Word.....Pastor Fred Stone

Song of Commitment

Hymn No. 308 *Pass Me ot, O Gentle Savior*

Prayer

Closing Song

Helen Batson, Pianist Ladell Crenshaw, Keyboardist
William Reece, Organist

Pickens First Baptist Church exists to be a Worshiping, Evangelizing, Learning, and Loving (W.E.L.L.) family of faith to the glory of God. (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor. 10:31).

Considering Membership in Pickens FBC?

Attend the next Discovery Class: Sunday Morning, August 13, 9:15 AM in the Parlor (near the church office) or contact Fred Stone: 878-6564 or fred@fbcpickens.org

The Discovery Class is designed to help anyone considering membership "discover" more about Pickens FBC and what is involved in becoming a member. (Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church.) It is for adults and students (high school and middle school), but parents are welcome to bring their younger children with them. The class meets the second Sunday of each month. Sign-ups are required.

If you prefer to meet with the pastor in your home or his office, please contact him (878-6564 or fred@fbcpickens.org) to schedule a time.

Please sign up for the next Discovery Class by Sunday, August 6 using the form below or the pastor's contact information above.

Tear off and place in the offering plate

Discovery Class Sign-Up for August 13 @ 9:15 AM in the Church Parlor

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____