

**Mission Conference on Sunday Morning, October 22  
Mission Banquet Following 10:30 AM Service**

Next Sunday will be a special day for our church as we focus on what God is doing to advance His kingdom throughout this world. We will have missionaries from many countries with us on Sunday morning. They will be speaking in our Sunday School classes, and one missionary will be preaching in both morning worship services.

We will have lunch right after the 10:30 am service in the Fellowship Hall (around 12 noon). Tickets for this banquet are only \$3 each or a maximum of \$15 per family.

Please look inside this newsletter under Jeff’s column for more information about this special weekend at PFBC.



**Fall Family Celebration on Sunday, October 22  
5:00 – 7:00 PM @ Larry Looper’s Barn  
Location: 101 Laurenwood Drive, Pickens, SC**

This is a church-wide event designed especially for families with elementary age children and pre-schoolers. There will be food, games, activities, and fellowship for the entire family. Please look inside this newsletter under Jennifer’s column for more information. Please sign up for this event at <http://fbcpickens.org/connect-with-us/fall-celebration-at-larry-loopers/> to help us with our food and other preparations.

# Firs Focus

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

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

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Friday

## ***Discipleship and Missions News from Jeff***

### **Saturday Evening Missions Gathering:**

On Saturday evening, October 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m., we are planning to have several of our missionaries meet with us at the Xchange for a time of food and fellowship. We will have a time for our missionaries to share briefly about themselves, their ministries and what God is doing amongst their people groups. We will then have a panel discussion where you are able to ask questions of any of the missionaries. God is truly doing some great things around the world and Saturday evening will be an opportunity to hear from more of our missionaries than just the one couple meeting with you on Sunday morning in Sunday School.

### **2017 PFBC Mission Conference October 22**

Our annual Mission Conference will be on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>! We will have missionaries here from all over the world, many who are working in areas where they are seeing Muslims converting to Christianity in record numbers. You will truly not want to miss this weekend and hear what God is doing throughout the world! Missionaries will be sharing with our Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes.

### **Mission Banquet**

Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be having a catered lunch with the missionaries. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and will be sold in the vestibule between the morning worship services, and after the 10:30 a.m. service. The cost is \$3/person or a maximum of \$15/family. Tickets will only be sold up through October 15<sup>th</sup> so get your tickets as soon as possible.

### **Bible Study at Café Connections**

Come out and join us each Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. as we enjoy a time of fellowship, food and Bible Study. Our Bible Study topic will be on The Commands of Christ. All are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Jeff at either 878-6564 or [Jeff@fbcpickens.org](mailto:Jeff@fbcpickens.org)

### **Pickens Gardens Home Work Center:**

Pickens Twelve Mile Baptist Association sponsors a Home Work Center during the school year at the Pickens Gardens apartment complex. This has been a great time to connect with the children living there and to share bible lessons as well as share the Gospel with them. There is a need for volunteers to help with this ministry on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. If interested in helping, please contact Jeff at 878-6564 or Rick Hayes at 878-2456.

### **Informational Meeting for Vision Trip to Senegal, Africa**

PFBC and Pickens Twelve Mile Baptist Association are planning a Vision Mission Trip together to Dakar, Senegal, Africa. Dakar is a city of 4 million people and 95% are Muslim. We would be working with IMB missionaries (Josh and Trisha Dickenson who were at last year's Mission Conference) to help strengthen their ministry to communicate the gospel there. If interested in being a part of this trip there will be an informational meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in room E250 (right beside Welcome Center), or contact Jeff at [Jeff@fbcpickens.org](mailto:Jeff@fbcpickens.org).

**Café Connections**  
cordially invites you to our  
2<sup>nd</sup> annual ladies

**“T’WAS THE BRUNCH BEFORE  
CHRISTMAS”**

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am – 12noon  
319 E Main Street  
Pickens, SC 29671**



**Come and see what Jesus is doing thru the ministry of Café Connections!**

**Please R.S.V.P. by October 28<sup>th</sup> to Ann Corbin at  
[cacorbin57@gmail.com](mailto:cacorbin57@gmail.com) or call (864) 201-1772**

**\$5.00 per person. Seating is limited. Register early. Casual dress.**

**Speaker will be Ann Corbin, Co-Owner of Café Connections  
“Pick Up That Rock – An Adventure in Faith”**

## Student Ministry News by Mike



### Disciple Now 2017

Hey students! D-Now 2017 is October 20-21 here at PFBC. This year we will be partnering with East Pickens Baptist and Secona Baptist for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and worship. North Greenville University's Praise Team and Impact Team will be leading the weekend. The total cost of \$35 is due on Wednesday, October 11. See Mike if you have any questions!

## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS From Jennifer

### Fall Celebration at Larry Looper's Barn



Please join us for fall games and activities, food and fellowship at Larry Looper's on Sunday evening, October 22 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We will serve hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert for dinner. Please sign up at <http://fbcpickens.org/connect-with-us/fall-celebration-at-larry-loopers/> so that we can prepare enough food. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Jennifer.



### Counting Committee

**October 15:** Gene Hinkle, Chr.; Boyce Couch; Len Newman

**October 22:** Gene Hinkle, Chr.; Boyce Couch; Len Newman

### House Attendant, Prayer

**October 15:** Don Shuman

**October 22:** Len Newman

### Prayer Room Schedule - October 15

**Prayer Room - 878-PRAY (7729)**

9:15 am -

10:30 am - Gene Hinkle

6:00 pm - Ann Whitworth

### Ushers For October

**8:00 a.m. Service**      **10:30 a.m. Service**

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Al Hiott, Group Ldr. | Bob Hendricks, Group Ldr. |
| Roger McJunkin       | David Stone               |
| Marty Harris         | Jerry Couch               |
| Chuck Abercrombie    | Matt Petty                |
| Scott Batson         | Jeremy Simmons            |
| Scott Garrett        |                           |
| Bruce Anders         |                           |

### Greeters - "Hello, How Are You Today?"

**October 15:** Door #1, Mac & Yvonne Bolding  
Door #2, Carolyn Stancell

**October 22:** Door #1, George & Shirley Lovinggood  
Door #2, Ellen Brown

### Security Team Rotation Assignment

#### The Month Of October

#### Team D (E)

Phil Stewart, Ldr.  
Andy Tweitto  
Frances Stewart  
Carol Dickard

#### Team D (L)

Zander Clarkson, Ldr.  
Jon Wilson  
David Stone  
Michael Welborn  
Brett Garrison  
Rebecca Brown

### Preschool Worship Volunteers

#### 10:30 a.m. Service

**October 15:** Babies, Jim & Linda Alexander; 1's, Len & Lori Newman; 2's, Tim & Susan Borow & Ashley Clardy; 3's, Kim & Riley Rogers; 4's & K5's, Erin Hunter, Chase Williams, & Nathan Payne

**October 22:** Babies, Susan Williams & Frances Stewart; 1's, Sadie Lee & Hanna Watson; 2's, Philip & Cheryl Agüero; 3's, Judy Edwards & Danielle Yother; 4's & K5's, Amy Stone & Rebecca Newman

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

**October 18:** Lisa Stone & Mallie Couch

**October 25:** Sadie Lee & Dena Hiott

## ***Bryan's Notes***

### **Senior Adult Dates....**

**Monday- Thursday, October 16-19:** *Celebrators in Pigeon Forge, TN - Still Room. Please see Bryan ASAP.*

**Thursday, October 26th:** *Trip to the Jarrett House in Dillsboro, NC - Leave at 9:00 am and return around 4:00 pm - Cost: money for lunch. Deadline to Sign Up: Sunday, October 22nd.*

**Thursday, November 9th:** *Trip to A Taste of Home in Laurens, SC. Leave at 10:00 am and return early afternoon. Cost: Money for Lunch. Deadline to Sign Up: Sunday, November 5th.*



### **GLOBAL HUNGER RELIEF OFFERING:**

If you missed the offering collection last week, you can still give. Mark your envelope and/or check for "Global Hunger" and it will go to feed the millions of hungry people around the state, nation, and world. Given To Date: \$200.00

### **IN BRIEF**

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for all the cards, visits, phone calls, and prayergrams. May God bless you all for every remembrance during my time of recovery. Hope to be back in church soon.  
Love,  
Martha Banks*

### **Operation Christmas Child**

**Are you searching for the perfect gifts to put in your shoebox?**

**Here are some suggestions:**

- Soap and washcloth (in a plastic baggie)
- Toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE!!), comb, brush, barrettes, etc.
- School supplies (some children cannot attend school unless they have their own!) (Include a large eraser—some children re-use their paper!)
- Stuffed animal - for all age groups
- White socks (for school), flip-flops, mittens, hats
- Fishing supplies for boys, sewing kits for girls
- Duct tape (some children live in boxes- the duct tape helps hold them together)
- Small toys are great!

**\*\*Remember—no candy, toothpaste, or liquid items\*\***

**For more suggestions, see the table in the vestibule.**

**THANK YOU FOR PACKING BOXES AND SPREADING THE LOVE OF JESUS!!!**



### **Prayer Points**

Conakry, Guinea

Workers recently completed some evangelism and discipleship training with members of their local church. Pray for these local believers that they will reach out to those around them.

Northern African and Middle Eastern Unengaged Peoples.

The island of Bahrain has a majority of Shia Muslims, but are ruled by the minority, who are Sunni. Pray that the Sunni Arabs of Bahrain will hear, believe, and be people of peace. Saudi Arabs of Saudi Arabia

Saudi students studying abroad have lots of opportunities to meet believers and hear the gospel while they are outside their countries. Pray that believers will reach out to them with the love of Jesus and that they will become Christians.

# THIS WEEK AT PICKENS FBC

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00 am - First Worship Service  
9:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Second Worship Service  
6:00 - Nursery (babies through age 2)  
Joyful Noise Preschool Choir (ages 3-5)  
Truth Journey and Children's Choir (grades 1-5)  
Student Worship @ the XChange (grades 6-12)  
Adult Discipleship Classes  
7:00 - Youth Dinner @ Fuddruckers in Anderson

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:15 - Nursery, Mission Friends, GA's, RA's,  
Student Discipleship (grades 6-12)  
6:30 - Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service  
6:45 - Orchestra Rehearsal  
7:15 - Adult Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:00 am - Men's Prayer Group, FH  
10:00 am - Roper-Turner Women On Mission  
Group Meeting at Martha Bradley's Home

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00 am - S.A.M. Leaves For Celebrators in  
Pigeon Forge, TN

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:45 am - FCA Bkft, FH  
DiscipleNow Weekend Begins  
6:30 - Bible Study @ Café Connections

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 am - Ladies' Bible Studies, Rooms E357 &  
E250

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:00 - Missions Gathering, Xchange

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# WELCOME!

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**Attention Everyone!!!**

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

Go to our web page, [www.fbcpickens.org](http://www.fbcpickens.org) and click on the Sermons tab to listen to past Sunday Morning Sermons.

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## FACTS & FIGURES

### October 8th

Sunday School - 259  
Offering - \$22,653.00  
Offering To Date - \$911,443.00  
Goal to Date - \$897,612.00

**Building Fund:** \$247,925.06



**Janie Chapman Offering:**

CHURCH GOAL: \$3,000.00  
Given To Date: \$2,203.00

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**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, October 15, 2017

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Preservice Music

Opening Song *Worthy Is The Lamb*.....Mainline

Congregational Song

*Glorious Day*

Prayer

Welcome and Greeting Of Guests

The Children's Choir (10:30 a.m.)

Scripture Reading Psalm 8.....Morgan Couch

*This I Believe*

Soloists, Lily Clarkson and Lynnlee Wilson

Congregational Song

*Just As I Am*

Offertory Prayer.....Don Shuman

Offertory

*Jesus Saves*

Small Group Ensemble (8:00 a.m.)

Adult Choir and Orchestra (10:30 a.m.)

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

The Lord's Supper

The Bread

*At The Cross*.....The Mainline Quartet

The Cup

*Jesus Paid It All*.....Bryan Hester

Closing Song

Hymn No. 175 *Man Of Sorrows*

Postlude

Ladell Crenshaw, Pianist                      Beth Dalke, 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, November 12, 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, November 5th using the form below or the pastor's contact information above.

Tear off and place in the offering plate

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**Discovery Class Sign-Up for November 12th @ 9:15 AM in the Church Parlor**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_