

**New Wednesday Bible Study: The Old Testament book of Esther Begins September 20 @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

The book of Esther is a great story of powerful characters, surprising twists of fate, and justice (the good guys win). But it’s not just an interesting story; it’s about the survival of the Jewish people. The book of Esther is named after the central character of the story, a Jewish young lady who became queen of a foreign kingdom – Persia. It tells about how she was used by God to rescue the Jewish people from annihilation and preserve the Jewish nation. We will learn from the story of Esther how God works through all types of people and in all kinds situation to accomplish His will. We will also see how God sometimes puts us in places of influence for the specific purpose of advancing His agenda.

**Join a Discipleship Class this Sunday Night @ 6:00 PM**

It’s not too late to attend one of our discipleship classes. Look over the class options on display in the vestibule or watch a video overview of them on our church website: [pickensfbc.org](http://pickensfbc.org). Choose the one that most interests you and go to that class this Sunday night at 6 PM. You do not have to sign up to attend. The room location is listed in the information about each class.



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

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Church Phone: 864-878-6564      Website: [www.fbcpickens.org](http://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***

### **Sunday Night Fall Discipleship Classes @ 6 PM**

Please look over the classes listed below and go to the one that most interests you.

- **Tell Someone: You Can Share the Good News**  
Location: Sanctuary                      Facilitator: Fred Stone
- **Financial Peace University**  
Location: E150                              Facilitator: Andrew and Megan Shipman
- **Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation**  
Location: E102                              Facilitator: Jim Gilstrap
- **Praying With Paul**  
Location: E106                              Facilitator: Lisa Hiott
- **What Jesus Demands From The World**  
Location: E357 ?                              Facilitator: Jeff Rafferty

### **Men's Study**

- **Unfolded: The Story of God**  
Location: S111                              Facilitator: Boyce Couch

### **Women's Studies on Tuesday Mornings**

- **When Godly People Do UnGodly Things**  
Began Tues., August 29<sup>th</sup>                      Location: E357  
Facilitator: Ida Breazeale                      Time: 9:00 a.m.
- **Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts**  
This 8 session study retraces the steps of the apostles in the book of Acts. The Disciples did not have much of a road map after Jesus ascended to heaven, but God's grace and spirit filled in the gaps as they moved forward. It required their willingness to risk everything to establish a new community that would change the future world. Are you willing to risk everything?  
**Begins: Tues., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>**                      Location: E250  
**Facilitators: Judy Holder & Helen Batson**                      Time: 9:00 a.m.

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### **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.

### **Café Connections Need**

If you like to crochet, we need you! Cafe Connections needs simple mason jar covers for their tabletop Christmas decorations. Please contact Amy Sawyer (986-9653) for pictures/pattern.

### **September Mission Emphasis: PFBC Sunday School**

You might be surprised to see Sunday School listed as this month's Mission Emphasis. However, Sunday School is a major component of our strategy as a church, as well as, our Mission Development Council to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout our community. You may not be comfortable going on a mission trip or even sharing the plan of salvation with a stranger on the street, however we all can invite our friends, neighbors, co-workers, or even unchurched family members to Sunday School. Research shows that approximately 70% of the unchurched indicated that they would attend a worship service or a Sunday School class if someone they knew simply asked them to attend with them. Imagine the impact that we could have upon Pickens and the surrounding area if each of us simply asked a couple of people to attend Sunday School with us this month! Also, if you are not in a Sunday School class, let us help you find a class this week where you can meet friends and study the Word of God together!



## ***Student Ministry News by Mike***

### **Fifth Quarter**



After the PHS football game on Friday, September 22, our youth group will join a community-wide Fifth Quarter event at East Pickens Baptist Church. It will be from 10:00pm-12:00am and include games, prizes, and free food. Its purpose is to provide a safe place for teenagers to hang out after the game and hear the Gospel.

### **See You at the Pole Worship Rally**

On Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00pm, youth from all over Pickens County will be meeting at Pickens High School for our *See You at the Pole Worship Rally*. The youth groups of the Pickens Twelve Mile Baptist Association are hosting this rally. This rally will feature the North Greenville University Campus Band and Matt Steelman from New Spring Church. The purpose of this event is to bring students

together from all over our county to worship the Lord and promote *See You at the Pole*, which takes place the next morning on campuses all over our state. It should be a great time of worship! Our students should plan on meeting at the high school.



### **Prayer Points**

#### **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

Pray that God will raise up a group of trained Congolese disciples that will result in each person in the Congo to have an opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.

The population of the Congo is over 72 million. Pray that thousands will be baptized and thousands of churches will be started.

#### **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA PEOPLES**

The urbanization of Africa is expected to be the fastest in human history. Pray that God will bring believers into position as city leaders and that HE will equip them with the ability to develop an effective strategy for the Gospel to be proclaimed in these metropolises.

### **Counting Committee**

**September 17:** Andy Williams, Chr.; Lynn Fisher; Don Shuman

**September 24:** Andy Williams, Chr.; Lynn Fisher; Don Shuman

### **House Attendant, Prayer**

**September 17:** Jeff Turner

**September 24:** Mendel Stewart

### **Prayer Room Schedule - September 17**

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

9:15 am -

10:30 am - Jimmy Dickard

6:00 pm - Dena Hiott

### **Ushers For September**

#### **8:00 a.m. Service**

Bob Ward

Phil Stewart

Jim Alexander

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

Davey Hiott, Group Leader

Doug Hayes Boyce Couch

David Eller Lander Hiott

Len Newman Phil Payne

Gene Hinkle

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

**September 17:** Door #1, Elaine Murray & Kerry Harper  
Door #2, Tim & Susan Borow

**September 24:** Door #1, Larry & Martha Moore  
Door #2, Stan Butler

### **Security Team Rotation Assignment**

#### **The Month Of September**

##### **Team C (E)**

Stan Butler, Ldr.

Roger Smith

Michael Stone

Kyle Nimmons

##### **Team C (L)**

Don Shuman, Ldr.

Brent Cain

Mark Thomas

Philip Aguero

Cheryl Aguero

Josh Davis

Brett Satterfield

### **Preschool Worship Volunteers**

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

**September 17:** Babies, Jeanette Moody & Lynda Kelley; 1's, Jane Hendrix & Carolyn Dalton; 2's, Boyce & Loree Couch; 3's, Lori, Will, & Jake Alexander; 4's & K's, Kathy Mullis & Brett & Lauren Garrison

**September 24:** Babies, Mendel & Janice Stewart & Holly Newman; 1's, Len & Lori Newman; 2's, Amy & Sadie Sawyer; 3's, Austin & Olivia Blakley; 4's & K's, Pamela & Faith Clarkson

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

**September 20:** Paula Welborn & Kim Rogers

**September 27:** Erin Hunter & Mallie Couch

## Bryan's Notes

**Choir and Orchestra Invitation:** If you would like to be part of our Fall and Christmas Worship Leadership, please come to rehearsals on Wednesday's. Orchestra meets at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary, then the choir joins at 7:15 pm. Please contact me for more information: Bryan Hester, [bryan@fbcpickens.org](mailto:bryan@fbcpickens.org) or 878-6564.

### Senior Adult Dates....

**Thursday, October 12th:** *Apples and Lunch* - Go to the Justice Orchard in Hendersonville then to Lunch - Leave at 9:30 am Cost: Money for Apples and Lunch.  
Deadline to Sign Up: Sunday, October 8th.

**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.

**Thursday- Saturday, November 30th- December 2nd:** *Trip to Myrtle Beach to see 2 Christmas Shows.* Cost: Single \$297 pp/ Double \$223 pp/ Triple \$199 pp/ Quad \$167 pp. This would include breakfast Friday and Saturday mornings, Supper Thursday and Friday Nights, and 2 Christmas shows. Does not include breakfast on Thursday or lunch Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Deadline to Sign Up and Pay a \$50 per person deposit: Sunday, September 17th.

### Spring Trip to The Creation Museum and The Ark in Kentucky:

March 8-10 (Thursday- Saturday). The cost includes a Charter Bus, Lodging and Admission to The Creation Museum and The Ark. Does not include meals. Cost: (Based on 30 paying passengers)  
Single Room: \$454 pp/ Double Room: \$345 pp/ Triple Room \$309 pp/ Quad Room: \$291 pp.  
(Children's Prices for those 12 and under are \$217 pp staying in a room with a full paying adult)  
Deadline to Sign Up and Pay a \$75 per person deposit: Sunday, September 24th.



### Homebound Ministry Birthdays For September

**Emmett Gantt - Sept. 4th**

**Frances Durham - Sept. 18th**

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

### IN BRIEF

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for the many ways you have shown your love to me - cards, phone calls, hugs and encouraging words.*

*A special thanks for the painting, the reception on Saturday night, and the generous financial gifts.*

*I love you all.*

*Helen Batson*



### 2017 Season of Prayer For State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering For State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living

**CHURCH GOAL: \$3,000.00**

**Given To Date: \$600.00**

PRAY, PROCLAIM, PERMEATE  
Colossians 4:2-4

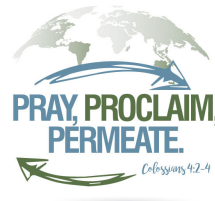
In Colossians 4:2-4, Paul is concluding his letter to the church at Colosse. Written from Rome where he is imprisoned, he encourages steadfast prayer, sharing the gospel, and proclaiming Jesus Christ. Just as the Colossians received direction from Paul's words, so are his words a challenge for South Carolina Baptists today as we pray for our state, proclaim the gospel to the lost, and permeate our state with opportunities to know God's love.

**PRAY** for the lost in S.C. and the many people who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Scripture says we are to pray steadfastly, being watchful with thanksgiving. Pray for those who have answered God's call to go and share and be his hands and feet as they serve.

**PROCLAIM** God's word any place you go whether it's in the supermarket, department store, or Bible Study group. Shout it from rooftops wherever you go.

**PERMEATE** your community with the love of Jesus. So many living in the state of South Carolina do not know Jesus Christ. This is our time, our opportunity to listen to where God would send us, get involved, and go to where God is calling you to serve.

When we give to the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions we are helping to send and share the gospel, as well as helping to start and strengthen churches in our state. Janie Chapman Offering envelopes are available in the Vestibule or designate one of the special offering envelopes.



# THIS WEEK AT PICKENS FBC

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 am - First Worship Service  
9:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Second Worship Service  
4:30 - Missions Meeting, FH  
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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:15 - Nursery (babies through age 2)  
Mission Friends (ages 3-5)  
Children (grades 1-5) GAs for Girls &  
RAs for Boys  
Student Discipleship (grades 6-12)  
6:30 - Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service  
6:45 PM: Orchestra Rehearsal  
7:15 PM: Adult Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:00 am - Men's Prayer Group, FH  
10:00 am - Roper-Turner Women on Missions  
Group Meeting

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:45 am - FCA Bkft, FH  
5th Quarter @ East Pickens Baptist Church After  
Game

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study, Room E357  
6:00 - Drama Team, FH

### Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Edwards who were united in marriage Saturday, September 16. Ashley and Alex wish to thank their church family for their prayers, love, and support.

### 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.

### FACTS & FIGURES

#### Septembe 3rd & 10th

Sunday School - 240; 262  
Offering - \$20,805.00; \$19,813.00  
Offering To Date - \$818,258.00  
Goal to Date - \$810,040.00

Building Fund: \$246,925.06

### 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, September 17, 2017

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Opening Song

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Congregational Song

*My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*

Prayer

Welcome and Greeting Of Guests

*Good, Good Father*.....PFBC Worship Team

Congregational Song

*Jesus*

Offertory Prayer.....Jeff Turner

Offertory *Christ Is Enough*.....Brent Cain

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

Song of Commitment Hymn

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Closing Song

Prayer

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, October 8, 9:15 AM**  
in the Parlor (near the church office)

or contact Fred Stone: 878-6564 or [fred@fbcpickens.org](mailto: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](mailto:fred@fbcpickens.org)) to schedule a time.

Please sign up for the next Discovery Class by Sunday, October 1 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 October 8 @ 9:15 AM in the Church Parlor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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