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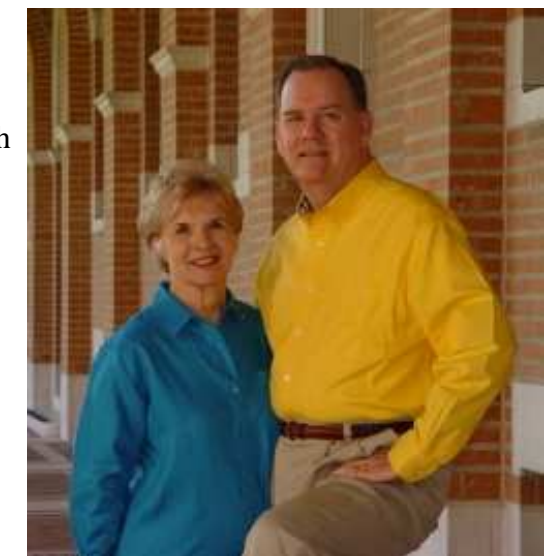
January 26, 2012



## Greek Mission Day at First Baptist Church Sunday, January 29, 2012

**Bob and Janice Newell,**  
missionaries to Albanian Immigrants in  
Athens, Greece, will lead us in worship.

At NOON we will have a Greek Flavored covered-dish  
luncheon in our Fellowship Hall.  
Please bring a dish to share with your church family.  
Feel free (or not) to make it Greek-Themed.



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### **TEAM OF MINISTERS: Every member a minister**

Phyllis Boykin.....Minister of Music & Senior Adults  
Frank Breazeale .....Organist  
Rose Cuddy ..... Administrative Assistant  
Julia Day.....Minister to Children  
Courtney Krueger .....Senior Pastor  
Jennifer McClung.....Associate Pastor  
Steve Cureton.....Building Manager  
Diane Scott.....Sr. Fellowship Coordinator  
Lynne Sumerel.....Sr. Fellowship Food Coordinator  
Christy L. Williamson.....Dayclear Worship, Mentoring,  
Christy L. & Marcus Williamson.....Ministers to Youth

### **DEACONS**

Jim Wood, Chair (654-3129)

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**Wi-Z** Cheryl Patterson (654-4249)

*Our Deacons are ministers to the church and as such as available to the  
members and friends for ministry needs. Please call the deacon who's  
assigned by the first letters of your last name if you have a need.*

Church Office: 864-646-3913

Cell Phone: Senior Pastor Courtney Krueger, 933-4912

Associate Pastor Jennifer McClung, 864-760-7135

Pendleton Community Counseling Center: 1-888-293-7585  
or 864-442-7585.

### Join Us for Sunday Services

8:45 a.m. Dayclear Contemporary Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Activities vary on Sunday evenings. Please  
check the monthly calendar for events.

*In case of ice or snow, we will have one  
11:00 a.m. service for those who can make  
it to church safely. Please check the  
church phone message at 646-3913 or  
website for updates on other activities.*

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday: & Friday:

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

### Our Newsletter

The newsletter is published twice a month.  
The calendar is published once a month.  
The next Newsletter and deadline is **Noon,  
Tuesday, February 7.**



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## All Aboard! *By Courtney Krueger*

The first question our consultant, Marinn Bengel, asked the Long Range Planning team was, “If FBC was a car, what kind of car would it be?” Everyone answered the question, but the answer that resonated most with the team was not an automobile, but the image of a train.

We arrived at that image because we realized that one of our greatest strengths is the diversity we have within our congregation. Just as a train has many different cars, each with its own particular purpose, we have many differences in our congregation, but all have a particular purpose.

Since 2004, we have had diversity in **worship** as we offer two worship services on Sunday mornings. I read recently that different worship styles are like languages. We all have a native or first language. It is in that language that we best communicate and understand. Some of us have a traditional worship language, others a contemporary worship language. One isn’t better than the other, they are just different “languages” that we use to best communicate with and understand God. We have two different worship cars as part of the FBC train.

We have a diversity of **theological perspectives**, which lead us to different expressions of our faith. A year ago, we offered a church-wide retreat on the five theological worlds. Those who participated were pleased to see that we tend to be well-represented among all five of the theological worlds. Churches that are mainly comprised of members in only one or two of the worlds tend to miss out on the richness of God’s diversity among people. Our church has at least five theological cars as part of the FBC train.

We have different **missional passions**. Last fall, when I produced our On Mission Booklet (see it on the missions page of our website [www.fbcpendleton.org](http://www.fbcpendleton.org)) it took me 24 pages just to give a brief overview of some of the ways we are on mission! Everyone doesn’t participate in every mission (that would be impossible). Instead, we empower our members to explore their individual passions for ministry. It is hard to count exactly, but we have at least 30 missions cars on the FBC train!

Colossians 1:17-18 reminds us who the engine for our train must be: *Jesus is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning...*

If we put Jesus at the front where he belongs, he will continue to unite us with all of our diversity and differences. It is in following Jesus that we find all things do hold together – the train moves forward with different cars, but on the same track in the same direction, with the same engine.

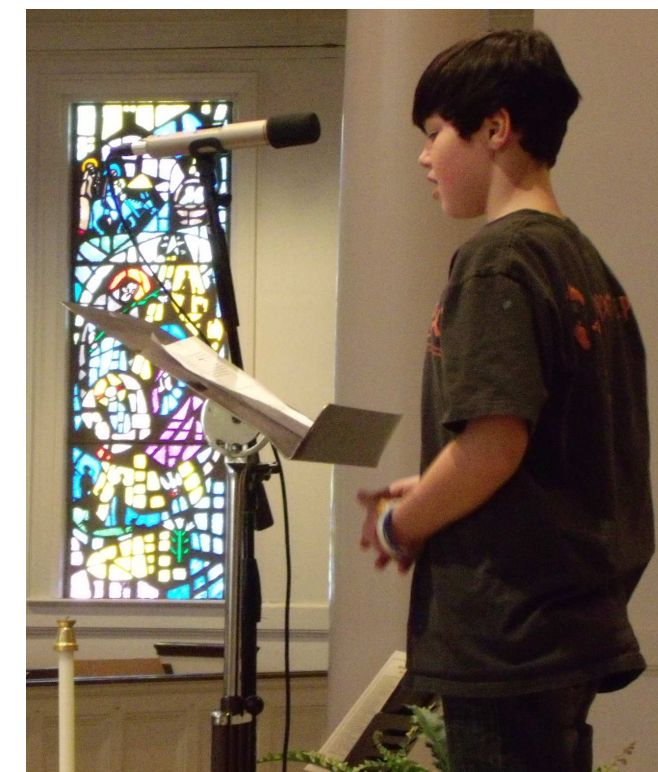
Our travel itinerary for the Long Range Planning process includes:

**February 26** at noon: our first congregational meeting

**April 15** at noon: our second congregational meeting

**June 3** (time TBA): our third congregational meeting

God is calling “All Aboard” as we continue our Long Range Planning process. See you on the train!



Top left, Kristopher Cleveland plays guitar. At left, Tsono Khishighbold plays piano. Above, Brock Fant sings.

*Photos by Frank Breazeale*

## Youth Sunday at First Baptist

Our Youth led in both morning worship services and held a Coffee House open house in the Youth Room in the evening January 15. A big thank you goes out to our Youth, the Youth Council and Ministers to Youth Christy & Marcus Williamson for organizing a wonderful Youth Sunday!

## More on Long Range Planning!

### ***Congregational Planning Meeting & Lunch is Sunday, February 26***

**Join us** at noon is our **first congregational meeting for the Long Range Planning process.**

This is a meeting for the whole congregation and it includes a luncheon. Committee members Cheryl Patterson (chair), Randy Strickland, Suzanne Morse, Al McCracken, Tammy Gladson, Ben Day, and Monty Murphy invite you to plan to participate as we celebrate and dream for our church.

### ***Spiritual Preparation for Long Range Planning***

Sunday, February 26, we will have the first congregational meeting of our long range planning process. As we prepare for this important gathering, we will be spending February’s sermons exploring some Biblical stories of how God’s people responded to God’s call, how they moved forward into the future, and how they sought God’s guidance throughout the process. Please be in prayer for our church as together we discern God’s call for the future of First Baptist Church of Pendleton.

<b>February 5</b>	Exodus 19:1-8	A Call that Requires the Response of the People
<b>February 12</b>	Numbers 13	A Call that Outweighs Discouraging Rumors
<b>February 19</b>	Luke 4:14-30	A Call that Includes the Outsiders
<b>February 26</b>	Acts 15	A Call for the Whole Church