

This Week

For the month of January, First Baptist Church of Pendleton is the designated church to help supply **Clemson Community Care** with much needed canned and non-perishable food goods. Because we are the only church specifically designated for this month, please bring a generous amount of these foods to the "Green Giant" barrel located between the church office and the choir room.

Church Office: The Church Office will be open 9:00 a.m.- Noon Wednesday-Friday, January 25-27, as our Administrative Assistant takes comp and leave time. Thanks to volunteers *Evelyn Simpson, Marian Wright and Myrna Moore*, for office sitting.

Volunteer Opportunities and Church News

Last Sunday's sermon (including what may be the worst ever attempt by a pastor to sing a country song) is now available on our website www.fbcpendleton.org The most recent newsletters and calendars are on the Church News page of the website. **The January 26 newsletter & February calendar** are online and hard copies of the newsletter & calendar are on the announcements table.

SOUP is in need of a driver for a route on Monday afternoons and two drivers for routes on Wednesday afternoons. SOUP has a goal of having eight cooking teams who will serve one day a month (Monday or Friday). Food for the cooking teams will be purchased and provided by SOUP leadership. The team only needs to supply a menu and prepare the meal. Please contact Horace or Rosa Gibson (646-3724) with questions or to volunteer.

Infant Room Volunteer Needed: One volunteer is needed to serve in the Infant Room during Sunday School with three other rotating volunteers. Because our infant population is growing, we often need more than one worker in the infant room. Please contact Julia at 318-4369 or julia@fbcpendleton.org if you would be willing to help serve the youngest in our church family!

Wednesday Family Night Dinner Cooks are needed from February through May. Please sign up at the serving line at the church kitchen.

E-Giving is Here! Church members and guests may now give online with a credit or debit card and/or through checking/savings drafts. Go to <http://www.fbcpendleton.org/onlinegiving.html> to set up your profile and begin e-giving!

Youth Retreat to North Carolina is Friday, February 10, through Sunday, February 12.

Keenagers' Meeting is Monday, February 13, at 10:30 a.m.: Pastor Jennifer McClung will do the program for our February meeting of Keenagers. Be sure to bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch.

WMU Focus Week begins Monday, February 13.

Wednesday Family Night Dinner

Regular deadline for reservations/cancellations is Mondays by 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 for adults (13-up), \$1.50 for children (4-12) and toddlers 3-under free. First time visitors are free. Late cancellation results in full charge. Serving line opens at 5:45 p.m. Take out available. **January 25:** Cooks are the Baldwin-Robinson family. **Menu:** Chicken and Rice, Green Beans, Banana Pudding

February 1: Cooks are Trish Andrews & Amy Braswell Menu is lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert.

February 8: Cooks are the Fants. Menu: TBA **February 15:** Cooks & Menu TBA

Our Pastors' Schedules

Sundays through Wednesdays – Both of our pastors are working; feel free to call either pastor if you have a need.

Thursdays – Courtney Krueger is the pastor on call (933-4912).

Fridays – Jennifer McClung is the pastor on call (760-7135).

Saturdays – The church office is closed. If you have a pastoral need, please call either pastor.

Community News

Courtney Krueger Presents “Daniel” at Pendleton United Methodist Church:

Pastor Courtney Krueger will take his one-man play “Daniel” next door to Pendleton United Methodist Church Sunday, January 29, at 6:00 p.m. FBC Pendleton and all Alliance of Pendleton Area Churches (APAC) are invited to this free event. FBC Pendleton and PUMC have been publicizing weekly devotionals from the book of Daniel in preparation for the event.

APAC Lenten Lunches: February 22 is Ash Wednesday and it also means our community looks forward each year to this beginning of the Alliance of Pendleton Area Churches’ (APAC) Lenten Lunch series of services and light lunches at noon on Wednesdays. Be sure to mark your calendars for each Wednesday through Lent.

February 22	Pendleton Presbyterian Church
February 29	New Holly Light Baptist Church
March 7	Church Host TBA
March 14	Church Host TBA
March 21	Pendleton United Methodist Church
March 28	Peace Congregational Church

Look for the schedule soon of opportunities to worship together through Holy Week. Easter this year is Sunday, April 8.

Key Family in Need: Donna & Bobby Key, of Village Alterations on the Square, are facing financial difficulties due to Bobby’s battle with cancer. Community leaders have set up an account at the Palmetto Bank whereby donations might be made to help them with their basic needs. Mail donations marked for **Key Family** to: The Palmetto Bank, 901 S. Mechanic St., Pendleton SC 29670.

Rhodes Respite Care of First Presbyterian Church, Anderson: Gail Marion, formerly of the Alzheimer’s Association, is now program director of this group, which provides enjoyable activities for persons with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia two days a week. Caregivers are able to use the respite time for errands, rest and other activities. For more, please call 245-1694.



Library News

Thank You! The Library Committee wishes to thank Linda Breazeale and Myrna Moore for their donations to the Church Library.

Book Review: *Grace for the Good Girl* by Emily Freeman

Amazon Review by Ashley Pichea of Indiana

Being a quintessential “good girl,” I found myself agreeing with Emily—found myself in her description of herself: The girl hiding behind the mask—the girl who looked as if she had it all together on the outside, but desperately in need of grace on the inside.

Emily’s reference to the elder brother’s response to the prodigal son in the book was exactly what I would have expected and I needed to be reminded of it again. The elder brother wasn’t excited about the Father showering the prodigal son with His grace. Instead, he was upset. As a “good girl,” I have seen myself react in a similar manner to God’s free grace, given to all who will accept it. Being a “good girl” who avoided bad consequences for most of my life by working hard, I found it difficult to see the “bad girls” seemingly get away “Scot free” because of grace.

As I got deeper into the book, I found myself agreeing more and more with Emily’s assessment of the “good girl’s” predicament—hiding behind her masks—and her call to come out of hiding and, instead, find identity in Christ.

This book is definitely not a one time read. I plan to read this book again and again, taking a notebook along for the journey as I seek to come out from behind my masks and seek to find my identity in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior.