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New Year, Same God

As the new year has begun and people are thinking about resolutions, plans, hopes, and expectations, you may have heard the phrase “new year, new you.” This phrase reminds us that the new calendar year is an opportunity for other new beginnings as well — an opportunity to give up old habits or to take on new ones, an opportunity to change something about ourselves, an opportunity for a fresh start. While new beginnings can be exciting, they can also be overwhelming. I often find that January is when I realize just how often I said or thought, “I will do that after the holidays.”

As we begin the year 2019, and as we dive back in to the activities, projects, and work that fill our days and weeks, may we begin with a deep sense of thankfulness. God is faithful. “**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever**” (Hebrews 13:8). The same God who has been with us in the past goes with us (actually, ahead of us!) into the new year. We have nothing to fear!



As you consider your goals and plans for 2019, I want to encourage you to remember your spiritual life and the community life of your church family as part of your preparations for this new year.

- Perhaps this is the year you are able to begin attending Wednesday night Bible Study. (We are starting a new study on **Proverbs** beginning Jan 16!)
- If you are looking for a daily devotional, pick up a copy of “**Reflections**” or “**Open Windows**” from the literature rack outside the church office.
- Join us in worship on Jan 20 for our first observance of **communion** in the new year.
- Consider a new volunteer role! We need a **children’s Sunday teacher** for the elementary age group (contact Keleigh for more info). We also need volunteers for **video tech** during Sunday morning worship (contact Jane Massey for details).

The opportunities are many! Whatever your resolutions for 2019, may you be guided by the words of Colossians 3:23 —

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Blessings, Grace, and Peace to you in 2019!
Pastor Jennifer Rygg

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DEACONS

At FBCP, the deacons are spiritual leaders. They are concerned with the spiritual welfare of the Church and serve with the Pastor as co-laborers. Deacons “shepherd” their flock by praying for, communicating with, and offering encouragement to members of their flock. If you have a prayer request, spiritual need, or concern, please contact your deacon.

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JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

9:00-9:25 · Coffee, Tea, and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall
9:30-10:30 · Sunday School
10:45 · Worship

Please check the monthly calendar for events:
www.fbcpendleton.org

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 6:00
Closed from 12 - 1 for Lunch
Friday 8:30 - Noon

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**Baby Shower Honoring
Kristina, Andrew, and Baby Hill**

Please join us for a drop-in baby shower honoring Kristina, Andy, and Baby Hill on Sunday, January 13 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All are invited, and no RSVPs are necessary. Questions can be directed to Lou Wood, Suzanne Morse, Laina Calhoun, or Cara Morgan.



QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Save the date for our next Quarterly Church Conference and Luncheon: **Sunday, January 27,** in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Better Angels

- Better Angels is a citizens' organization uniting red and blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America.
- We try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we don't agree with it.
- We engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.
- We support principles that bring us together rather than divide us .



Better Angels Event Red/Blue Workshop

Sat, Jan 19 or Sat, Feb 23
9:30 am - 4:30 pm

hosted at First Baptist Church of Pendleton
by the Current Events Sunday School Class

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who helped clean up and put away Christmas decorations! We had 17 volunteers: Kim Burgess, Paul & Timothy Schultz, John & Suzanne Morse, Sam & Donna Taylor, Jim & Lou Wood, Cara Morgan, Sean Nolan, Gloria Lowe, Rebecca Thomas, Liam & Missy Cotten, and Jennifer & Thomas Rygg.

Dear Friends,
After much prayer and struggle, I am officially resigning from my position as Senior Fellowship Coordinator, effective January 31, 2019. I have decided to retire so Roy and I can enjoy more travel, take care of necessary home projects, and be more involved in the ministries and mission of our church at Crosspoint. I have grown personally and spiritually, and am very encouraged by the opportunities that First Baptist Church of Pendleton continually provides to the community's senior population.



Starting as a volunteer in 1998 and then assuming responsibilities as a paid First Baptist Church of Pendleton staff member in 2003, my work in this ministry has always been a wonderful experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with not only Senior Fellowship participants, but also the amazing team of volunteers, and other FBCP staff and friends who have supported and encouraged me over the past 15 years. These years have been extremely rewarding, and the memories I have will stay with me forever.

Be assured that Pastor Jennifer Rygg and the FBCP Personnel Committee are working hard to continue the Senior Fellowship ministry. Above all, be in prayer as God's plan is revealed to those who lead this effort.

Love in Christ,
Diane Scott

We are happy to announce that effective January 17, **Laina Calhoun** will begin assisting Diane Scott, and will then take over as interim coordinator of Senior Fellowship while the Personnel Committee conducts a formal search.

ADULT MINISTRY

- Every Monday @ 9:30 — Knitting / Crochet (open for any handwork) (Fellowship Hall)
- 2nd Monday (Jan 14) — Keenagers @ 10:30 (Fellowship Hall)
- 3rd Sunday (Jan 20) — Merry Widows' Lunch @ Noon (location TBD)
- 4th Tuesday (Jan 22) — Ladies' Lunch @ 11:30, (Red Bowl, Clemson)
- Thursday, Jan 31 — Ladies' Night Out — Women's Basketball Clemson Tigers (#7) v. Notre Dame (#1)
- Sunday, Feb 10 — Young Adult Game Night, 4—8 pm (Fellowship Hall)

A Red/Blue Workshop is an all-day event that focuses on small group listening and expression that is directed by a moderator. Many small sessions make the day go by fast. It is NOT A DEBATE! There is no arguing or back and forth. There is talk about the stereotypes and positive traits on your side. If you are not comfortable being a participant and talking about your political stance, I would encourage you to be an observer. The Better Angels website has videos of previous workshops if you would like to have an idea of what to expect (<https://www.better-angels.org/>).

Space is Limited!!! 7 Red and 7 Blue participants and a maximum of 14 observers per event. Please RSVP for observation or participation. The first event is only half full!

If you have any questions or want to RSVP, contact **Laina Calhoun** at mobile **(217) 722-8414**.

RUNNING GROUP FORMING

Here in the New Year, a group resolving to encourage and be encouraged for healthful living is organizing a running group at church. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to do so -- teens and adults of all ages and levels of ability, even children being pushed in a baby jogger. The group plans to meet Saturdays at 9:00 am. Please contact **John Morse** for more information (jmorse@clemson.edu).



SAVE THE DATE

Musica Ecclesia, Friday, February 15 at 7:30 at SWU. We'll plan to go to Central early and meet for dinner (those who can) before the concert. We would love for the entire church family to come! This concert benefits **Clemson Community Care**.

The **2019 Flower Calendar** has been posted on the bulletin board near the church office. You may sign up for weeks you are interested in sponsoring flowers in memory of or in honor of someone. Flower arrangements are \$33, payable to the church. The church will contact the florist.