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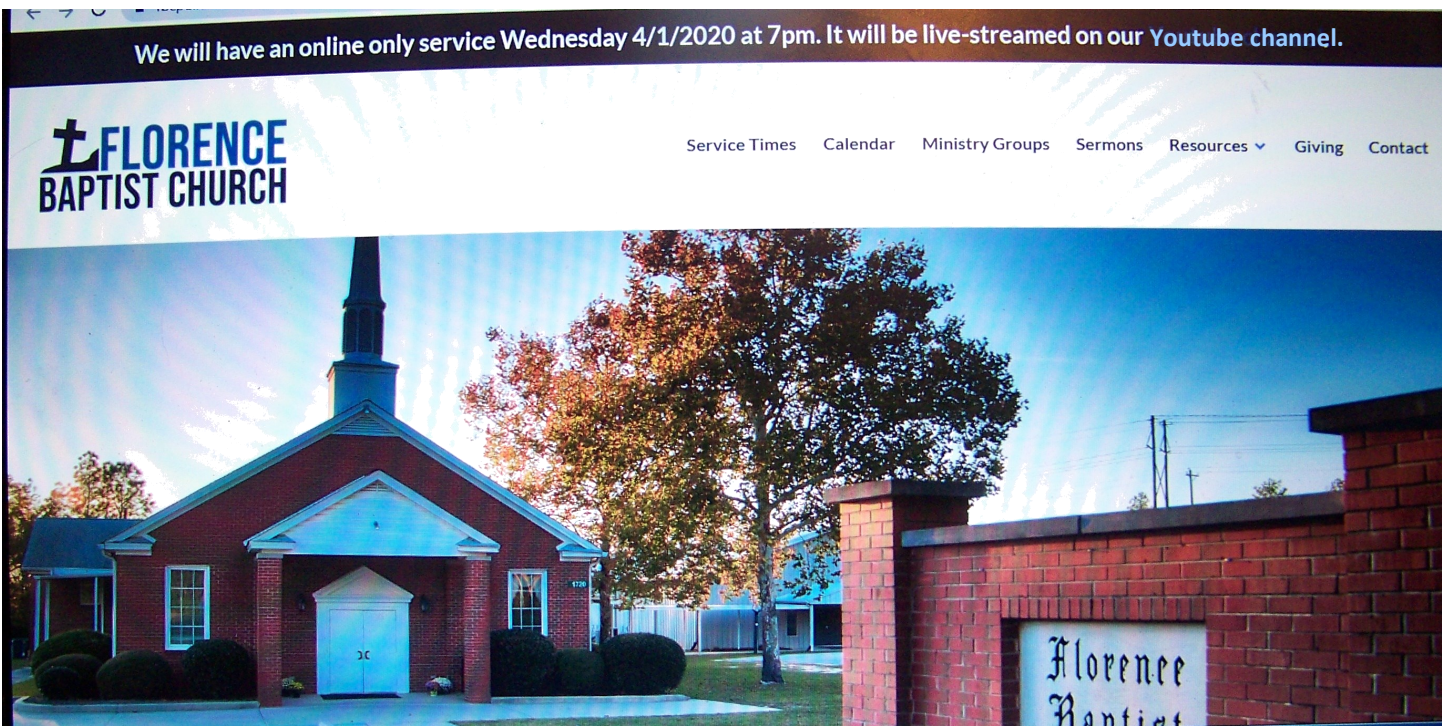
Florence Baptist Church News

Uncharted Waters

We are experiencing troubling times — uncharted waters. As the coronavirus engulfs not only our nation but the world, these words seem appropriate:

***“If my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves and pray
and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven,
and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”
(2 Chronicles 7:14)***

The Church website will help us keep in touch! The picture below shows the homepage of the church’s website. At the very top is the link (in blue) to Youtube where our services are live-streamed. The list of menu items above the picture allow you to click to find out more information. The newsletter and the children’s church information are under “Resources.” The “Giving” tab allows you to send your tithe electronically. Instructions are included. Let’s stay in touch during these trying times.



Church website: fbcpelion.com



Attention Parents:

The publisher of our children's church materials is adapting the lessons so parents can use them at home with their kids. The lessons are emailed weekly and will be available on the FBC website at fbcpelion.com. Click on the "Children's Church" tab under "Resources."

There are two lessons already posted. If you have any questions or have difficulty getting the lessons, call or text Carri Lybarker @ 803 767-1140.



To keep everyone safe and healthy, we are modifying the **Spring Festival** scheduled for Sunday, April 5th from 4-6 pm. Instead of the traditional Easter Egg hunt and games, we'll do a "drive-thru" Easter bag pickup.

The bags will include activities for kids to do throughout the week, Easter eggs, prizes and food. Hope to see you then! Questions? Call or text Carri Lybarker @803-767-1140.

A children's storytime is being planned for April 5th also. A link to it will be posted on the website. All families are encouraged to participate.

From Amanda Bannister:

Youth News: The Youth will meet on Zoom at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays for Bible study, fellowship and games. Please text Amanda for the Zoom room number.

Parents: We will have a Zoom meeting on Sunday, April 5th, at 7 p.m. to discuss Summersalt.

Life Connections Class: The Life Connections Sunday School Class meets on Sunday at 5 p.m. on Zoom. If you need help getting on Zoom, please call me. I am positive I can walk you through it. Amanda



Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering - 100 percent—goes to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada and their territories. Our partnership with Southern Baptist convention churches and individuals makes this work possible. Our church's goal is \$1000.

The offering is named for a woman who had a passion for missions. Annie was born in Baltimore in 1850 at a time when there was little opportunity for women. Yet, her devotion to Christ led her to a life of service and leadership. She organized women to pray, to give, and to meet the needs around them. She challenged pastors and churches to action and rallied vital support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer for her visionary leadership that still inspires millions today.

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How Your Gifts Equip and Encourage North American Missionaries

- \$5 Bus fare for travel in the local community
- \$25 Meal with an unreached person
- \$85 Subscriptions for training resources
- \$100 Anniversary gift for a missionary couple
- \$175 Laundromat fees for a family of four
- \$300 Training and conferences for a church planter's wife
- \$500 Food and supplies for a neighborhood outreach event
- \$1000 Emergency travel assistance for a missionary family
- \$1200 Bibles, gospel tracts and discipleship materials for a church plant
- \$1400 Monthly worship facility rent
- \$5000 Worship equipment for a new church plant

Let's stay connected!

Because of the coronavirus, all regular services and activities of our church have been canceled or modified. We may not be able to be together; however, we can stay connected through technology.

Sunday Service: Every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. we will have our church service live-streamed online. To view the service, go to the church website at fbcpelion.com and click on the link at the top of the page. The "Services" option on the menu also has information about past services.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting is also being live-streamed on Youtube at 7 p.m. Click the link at the top of the church webpage. Access this service in the same way as the Sunday service.

On-line giving is now available. The webpage has a "Giving" tab with instructions for how to use it. There is a transaction fee that will vary depending on the amount given. You may use this option or mail checks directly to the church address at **PO Box 716, Pelion, SC 29123**.

Prayer requests may be sent by text to 803 317-8260. You may also call that same number to leave your request with Darlene Edgell. Bulletins may soon be added to the Resources option on the website, so check there frequently to view the prayer list.

Check the church webpage frequently to keep up with changes.



Special thanks to James Shumpert for making our online worship opportunities possible. We could not make services available online without the extra effort from James and Justin Shumpert.

Special thanks to Pastor Kurt, Russ, and the deacons for their diligence and leadership in guiding our church family through this period of social distancing.

Special thanks to Nicole Shumpert, Lynette Sharpe, Amanda Bannister and Darlene Edgell for doing a "deep cleaning" of the sanctuary and Family Life Center to sanitize these areas in an effort to keep folks attending in person as safe as possible.

Special thanks to all of you who stayed home who have health issues etc. that cause you to be at high risk of infection. It's hard to stay home on Sunday when one is used to attending regularly; however, your health and safety are of prime importance during this pandemic. Hopefully, the risk will be gone soon and we can get back to normal. We can spend time in prayer for those who are on the front lines in the war against the virus, such as nurses, doctors, and other health care workers, law enforcement and first responders, food and agricultural workers, energy and transportation workers, communications, information technology and government workers. They are due our prayers, our care, and our patience. Let's do what we can to help, especially staying at home so we won't be part of the problem.

Schedule changes...

Choir practice has been canceled until we are able to return to our normal schedule.

The April meetings of the **Ladies' Outreach** and the **Men's Ministry** have been canceled.

The Mother's Day Banquet has been canceled.

The **Palmetto 200 Relay** has been postponed. We are still planning to host this event if it takes place and let the runners use our facilities. Volunteers will be needed if this event is not canceled.

Check the church webpage regularly to keep up-to-date on changes.

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