



May/June 2020

## Florence Baptist Church News

**FEAR**  
ends when  
**FAITH**  
BEGINS.

### Faith Over Fear

We see signs and hear much about having Faith over Fear. In this season of uncertainty, we can be certain that God is in control. None of what is happening is a surprise to Him. We can take comfort in knowing that God is unchanging and that He is faithful. We're reminded of what we can do as believers to live out our faith when we consider Philippians 4:6-7: ***"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."***

Here are some other verses that can help us overcome fear by increasing our faith:

**Deuteronomy 31:8** ***"He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."***

**Romans 8:28** ***"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose."***

**Isaiah 43:1** ***"Don't fear, for I have redeemed you ; I have called you by name; you are Mine."***

**1 John 4:18** ***"Perfect love casts out all fear."***

**Psalms 18:2** ***"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer."***

When we find ourselves hindered by our fears, we are in good company. Many of the men and women in the Bible had to be calmed by the words, "Fear Not." God already knows what we hide in our heart. He longs to take away our fears. Let's pray that God will give us the grace to trust Him no matter what turns life may take.



### What is a Mother?

She is grace and beauty.

She is strength and tenderness.

She is love reaching out.

She is helping hands.

She is a gentle touch to her child.

But, most of all, she is a daughter of the King and can do all things when she draws her strength from God. —Patricia Kuerbitz

We missed having our Mother's Day Banquet this year. We look forward to next year!



## Recommendations for Church Assembling Together Again – *based on guidelines from the governor and DHEC*

All services will continue to be live-streamed. Members in at-risk categories, who may not be comfortable returning to corporate worship, can still participate in services via streaming. We want to accommodate those church members who are comfortable and ready to return.

The Sunday worship service (11:00AM) is the **only** service that will be open for group assembly at this time. The new process will begin on Sunday, **May 24. Please arrive early** (10:45-10:50AM) to allow time for the deacons to get everyone seated.

Please **do not** attend services if you are sick or have a fever, cough or other symptoms.

Social distancing is a requirement. Following the guidelines below should help us keep everyone safe.

- Families may sit together, but 6 feet must separate non-family attendees on the same pew.
- Certain pews in the sanctuary will be restricted to help enforce social distancing.
- The sanctuary will hold about 40 people, and the Family Life Center will also be available for an additional 40 or so people.
- Parents are asked to keep their children with them at all times, as there will be no volunteers in the nursery, no Sunday School/children's church, etc.
- Offering plates will be available as you enter or exit the buildings, but they will **not** be passed during the service.
- The service will **not** include a "meet and greet" time for handshaking or hugs.
- Song lyrics will be displayed on the screens and there will be no hymnals in the pews.
- Restrooms should be avoided during the 1-hour service, except for emergencies.
- CDC and DHEC recommends **not** drinking directly from water fountains. Small cups will be available at each fountain for emergencies, or feel free to bring a bottle of water from home.
- Attendees are responsible for their own personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc.) and will also be asked to wipe down their area after the service. Please help by bringing wipes or disinfectant spray from home if possible.

We look forward to meeting as a larger group again next week. Please continue to check the church website – [Fbcpelion.com](http://Fbcpelion.com) – for other updates.

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

**[Fbcpelion.com](http://Fbcpelion.com)**

**Women on Mission  
News  
From Lynette Sharpe**

Hello, Ladies! Hope all of you are doing well. It seems like ages since we last met but it's only been two months. I have certainly missed our time together. Since Father's Day is June 21st (our normal meeting time), our next scheduled meeting will be June 14th at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center.



I would also like to thank Amanda Bannister for organizing our Face Mask Project for DJJ. **Volunteers made 97 masks.** Thank you Amanda and thank you to all the volunteers.



**Vacation Bible School**

VBS will not be held during its originally scheduled dates June 22-25. We are hoping by postponing it that we will have more options as far as format goes. But rest assured, we will be spreading the gospel through this great outreach this year and showing kids how to build their faith on the love of Jesus. Please be in prayer for this year's VBS as we figure out the HOW and WHEN and stay tuned for our new dates and details.

Carri Lybarker



**Let's stay connected!**

**Sunday Service:** For those who don't feel ready to attend in person, 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](http://fbcpelion.com) and click on the Youtube 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 are available on the Resources option on the website, so check there frequently to view the prayer list.

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We're on the web: [www.Fbcpelion.com](http://www.Fbcpelion.com)

### Columbia Bible College - Class of 1949 Reunion



A very special Class of 1949 reunion took place in November at Homecoming 2019 at Columbia Bible College (now Columbia International University). The 1949 graduates shared many wonderful stories of their time at CBC with laughter and great humor. It truly was a very special evening.

We know one of these special graduates: Rev. Harvey Johnson who has served us as Interim Pastor. If you would like to send Rev. Johnson a greeting, his address is Jenni-Lynn Retirement Center, Room 30, 915 Hook Ave. , West Columbia, SC 29169.