

October 2020



## *Florence Baptist Church News*

### **Homecoming — *Pandemic Style!!***

***For this year's Homecoming service, on October 11th,*** we will do things very differently. Our speakers will be three former pastors and a former youth leader via brief video messages.. It will be a unique opportunity to hear from Charles Leonhardt, Rick Martin, Wesley Mayfield, and former youth leader Ben Rodda.

The sanctuary and Family Life Center will be available for anyone planning to attend the Homecoming service in person. Please arrive by 10:45 to help determine seating needs. The service will also be streamed on YouTube, the same as our regular services. If anyone without internet access is still uncomfortable worshipping inside either building, there is also an option to sit in your vehicle in the church parking lot and listen to the service on FM 88.9.

After the service, we will have our first meal together since March. Seeking to be careful, the committee will purchase fried chicken (from Publix) and prepare the side dishes of green beans, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, rolls, and dessert. We will also furnish iced tea, lemonade, cola, etc. The church family does not need to bring any covered dishes, desserts, or drinks. The committee members will safely prepare "to-go" plates in the kitchen, and the plates will be distributed outside the building.

We encourage everyone to bring lawn chairs and enjoy an old fashioned type of "dinner on the grounds." Bring your chairs, a small table, and/or a stand-up canopy for a time of "tailgating." Could be lots of fun!! Other guidelines may be announced as we get closer to October 11th.

**To help the committee plan the amount of food, please email Angie Pennington at [apennington1@sc.rr.com](mailto:apennington1@sc.rr.com) or call the church office at 803 894-3773 to confirm how many will attend. This information is needed no later than October 4th.**

### ***"Dinner on the Grounds"***



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### Join us as we celebrate Homecoming with video messages from three former pastors and a youth leader.



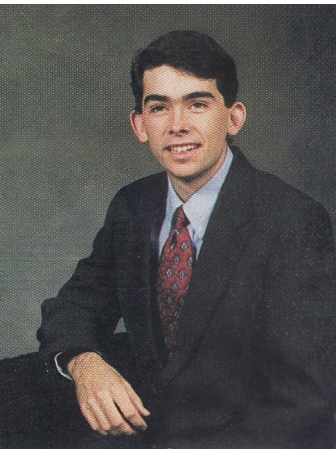
Rev. Rick Martin served our church as Pastor from 1987 to 1991.



Rev. Charles Leonhardt served our church as Pastor from 1998 to 2011.



Rev. Wesley Mayfield served our church as Pastor from 2012 to 2019.



Ben Rodda served our church as Youth Leader in 1993.

Do you recognize these youth who were in his group?



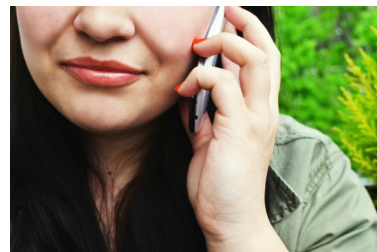
## Fall Festival - November 8, 2020

SAVE THE DATE! FBC will host a Fall Festival on Sunday, November 8th from 5- 6 pm. We will have a trunk or treat, costume contest and cake walk!



A sign-up sheet to host a "trunk" will be in the church foyer beginning October 4th. Contact Carri Lybarker with any questions 803 767-1140.

## Calling all ladies...



**The Ladies' Outreach** group hasn't met since February. We plan to meet again on Wednesday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. This will be a "re-organization" meeting to decide on future meetings and discuss whether any holiday projects are feasible. Contact Phyllis Edgell if you have any questions.

## Let's stay connected!

**Church Services:** Attendance for the worship service began picking up in mid-August. For the past month, attendance has varied between 65—75 people spread out between the two buildings. Hand sanitizer is available and we have a few masks in the Family Life Center. We are blessed that folks are starting to return to the worship service and so far no cases of COVID due to church attendance. We understand that there are those who may not feel comfortable attending in person because of health reasons. We miss you and hope our world will return to normal soon.

**Youth and children** began meeting again during the Wednesday night service on September 23. A couple of Sunday School classes have been meeting online via Zoom since early April. Discussion is currently underway concerning when to reopen classes for in person Sunday School, and how to continue keeping everyone safe. The Sunday Morning Worship service and the Wednesday Bible Study will continue to be live streamed on YouTube. The link is on the church website at [FBCPelion.com](http://FBCPelion.com). Check the church website for updates.

**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.

**Radio FM Transmission available:** You may want to listen to the Sunday Service and the Wednesday night Prayer Meeting on your car radio. It will be transmitted during the time it takes place at church. The signal may be heard when you are parked in the church yard and up to about two miles from the church. The services will be broadcast on station FM 88.9 and can be heard only during service times.

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

### Homecoming Meal (Tailgating)

Homecoming is Sunday, October 11th. Instead of the usual Homecoming meal in the Family Life Center, we will have an old-fashioned dinner on the grounds. Feel free to bring a chair, small table, canopy, etc. for tailgating. However, it is not necessary to bring any food. The menu below will be prepared by the Homecoming Committee and distributed in take-out boxes.

#### Menu:

**Fried Chicken (from Publix)**

**Macaroni & Cheese**

**Green Beans**

**Cole Slaw**

**Rolls**

**Dessert (individually packaged)**

**Drinks: Tea, Lemonade, etc.**

Please supply the following information so we can prepare an adequate amount of food.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in family: \_\_\_\_\_

White Meat: \_\_\_\_\_ Dark Meat : \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop this form in the offering plate or email to Angie Pennington at [apennington1@sc.rr.com](mailto:apennington1@sc.rr.com) or call the church office and leave a message (803 894-3773). **Responses are needed by October 4th.**