



*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other  
and our community— doing  
justice, loving mercy and  
walking humbly with our God.*

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**Ansley Boggs** is transferring her membership from Glenn Springs Presbyterian Church in Pauline, SC to unite with us here at Fernwood. Ansley lives at 55 Arbour Lane, Spartanburg, SC 29307 near Susan and Mike Plemmons. Since we cannot welcome her in person, please shower her with cards and notes until we can meet physically again. Ansley, welcome to the Fernwood family.



**FACEBOOK LIVE**  
**Bible Study**  
**every Wednesday Night at 6:30pm**

## Sunday Morning Worship Time

every Sunday at 11am online

We will be uploading the video on our [website](#) each Sunday and also will be on our Facebook page.

## Financial Support

It is vitally important to the future of our church that we continue to give our financial support during this time. You can mail your contribution to the church at our new mailing address, **P. O. Box 7058, Spartanburg, SC 29304**, set up an automatic bill pay through your bank, or use the church's online giving option. Simply click "donate" on the church's website under the "News and Info" tab or on this link <http://onrealm.org/FernwoodBaptist/give/now>

## BLOOD DRIVE, next Sunday, May 3

From 9am until 12:30pm

Front parking lot at Fernwood Baptist Church

If you would like to sign up to participate, please let Penny Ginn know.  
Cell: 864-923-0232



## Deacons Bench

*"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'" John 20:19*

While we are sheltering in place for fear of the Corona Virus, I can feel Jesus standing among us saying, "Peace be with you."

I hope this finds you safe and well. Your Deacons are continuing to do the work of the Church. Many of you have received calls from a Deacon, some have received cards, and even a few of you received bouquets of flowers from a cancelled wedding!

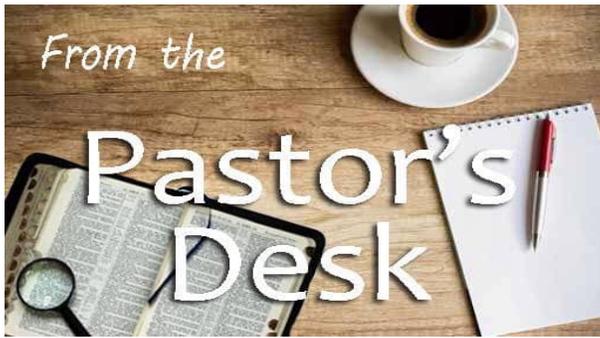
Some things have been postponed and some need to be postponed. Obviously, we have postponed the question and answer sessions about the proposed Church Constitution and Procedures. But some of you have already made suggested changes or corrections to these documents. We heard you and made those changes where needed. The Deacons approved these changes. The Revised copy was sent out via e-newsletter. If you wish to have a paper copy, please call the church office and Angie will print one for you. Please review and send any additional questions to Kathy Hensley @ [henslekd@gmail.com](mailto:henslekd@gmail.com). We will reschedule the Q&A sessions and Church Conference when we are able to meet physically again.

May is usually the time to make new Deacon selections. The current Deacons have voted to postpone this selection process until we are able to meet physically together as a Church. We will notify you when this will take place. In the meantime, be praying about who God wants you to select.

Although we are receiving your contributions, as expected our offering income is down. The Finance Committee and Deacons have voted to allow the Church to apply for a loan from a Small Business Lender through the CARE Act, a Payroll Protection Program. This is part of the stimulus program passed by Congress. This program allows small businesses and non-profits to borrow money to cover full-time personnel and up to 25% of money borrowed to be used for utility bills. If the loan is used for personnel and utilities, and all full-time personnel are retained during this shelter in place order, the loan will be forgiven.

These are unprecedented times. But we are still the Church. The Deacons approved a Congregational Care Program last night, proposed by Matt, whereby all members will receive a call from someone from the Church during the week. We want to stay in touch. We need to know you are safe and well. If you need us before you receive a call feel free to call me or Matt. We are here for you even while we are distancing.

Wendy  
Deacon Chair



I'm excited about our new partnership with Tina Nichols (who cooks our meals on Wednesday nights) and Mobile Meals to provide meals for vulnerable and hungry people in our community and support someone we care about at the same time. Tina has agreed to cook meals that can be reheated and eaten the next day that will be taken to Mobile Meals for delivery to their clients.

I'm inviting you to invest in this ministry by sponsoring meals. Each meal is \$7 and all of the proceeds will go directly to Tina. Simply write "Family Supper" on your check or select "Family Supper" from the drop down menu when you give online. Let's commit ourselves to serving our community in this time of need.

Something else I am excited about is that we have had our first person express interest in joining the church while we are physically distancing. I will introduce her Sunday during the recorded worship service. We had a good conversation about Fernwood on the phone this week and she has been worshipping with us online for several weeks. I know you will find ways to welcome her in the days ahead.

These new ventures and possibilities are a good reminder to us that online church is real church. Though we would rather be physically together, and will be physically together at some point in the future, it's not only possible for us to be the church in a digital space, it opens up new possibilities for ministry. We shouldn't forget the things we have learned during this time when the time comes for us to also be able to get back together in more traditional ways.

No matter where we are, we are still the Body of Christ. We are still Fernwood. And we can still worship, belong, serve, and invest together.

***Matt***

## **SHARING AND CARING**

**Sid and Nancy Shealey**

Summit Hills Assisted Living

100 Summit Hills Drive, Spartanburg,, SC 29307

Want to brighten someone's day! Send a card or note to them! 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.

***Romans 8: 28***

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