

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

Zoom “Coffee time in the Concourse” every Sunday, from 9:30am until 10am.

A Zoom link will be sent in our weekly worship email. This will be a time for members to see and talk to each other having their juice or coffee at home before Sunday School begins online at 10am.



Choral Corner

It is once again time to reflect on Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem as we celebrate Palm Sunday this Sunday. Our Hymn of Praise will be perhaps the best-known Palm Sunday hymn, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor.” Originally in Latin, this hymn was penned by Theodulph of Orleans around 840 A.D. and had 78 lines of text. Legion claims that he wrote the hymn while imprisoned in Angers for being disloyal to the emperor. During a Palm Sunday processional that passed by the prison, the emperor paused in front of Theodulph’s cell, moved by his singing of the hymn. The emperor was impressed to the point that he forgave Theodulph, restored his church offices to him, and decreed that the hymn should be sung during every Palm Sunday processional. However, we must consider this as simply a legend because the first written account of it occurred in the early 1500s, nearly seven centuries after it supposedly happened. But, if it did happen, it started a great tradition!

Our featured video link today is of a mass choir of 250 singers singing this treasured hymn. It was recorded in 2010 at the St. Andrew’s Church in Egmore, Chennai, India. This church is often called “The Kirk” and was built between 1818 and 1821 to serve the Scottish community in Chennai, and it is aligned with the Presbyterian denomination. Its design was patterned on the Church of St. Martin in the Fields in London. The Indian singers in this mass choir sing with an exuberance that I hope will help prepare you for Sunday’s celebration!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxzhFsuBijs>

Stafford

Office Hours

Monday: 9am until 1pm
Tuesday: 9am until 1pm
Wednesday: 9am until 1pm

Anyone entering the building MUST have a mask on.





Mission Opportunity

Missions has always been a priority at Fernwood, not just with financial support but with hands-on support as well. On a recent visit to SPIHN, I was informed of an organization they are affiliated with, the Spartanburg Opportunity Center, and I thought it sounded like something Fernwood might like to get involved with. What is Spartanburg Opportunity Center? This quote from their website sums it up (paraphrased): “The Spartanburg Opportunity Center is a location where the homeless and the nearly homeless can receive basic and expanded needs, services and resources

giving them an opportunity to succeed. SOC is part of a Multi Resource Opportunity Center that assists clients with multiple needs beyond the hygiene and cleaning. It takes a collaborative effort of the many social service agencies, churches, businesses and government to work together to strive to break the cycle of poverty, restore dignity and provide a path to self-sufficiency for all who come.”

What resources do they provide at the SOC?

Case Management, Multi-Purpose Seating Areas, Mail Room, Showers for Men & Women, Laundry, Day Center, Food Service, Resource Referrals, Media Room, Library, Storage Area, Phone Charging Station, Work Clothing.

So, what can Fernwood do to support Spartanburg Opportunity Center? A tub has placed on the office hall so we can donate items for their wish list, which include the following:

Socks – Athletic Preferred

Clean Blankets & Towels

Men's Jeans

Backpacks

Sleeping Bags

New underwear for Men & Women

Deodorant

Sturdy Ponchos

Reading Glasses

Hotel soaps and shampoos or other toiletries (in zip lock bags)

Please visit their website spopcenter.org to find out more about this wonderful organization and to donate much-needed funds. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Homebound Member of the Week

Russell Blackburn, Sr.

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CBF NEWS...



Prayers of the People Highlights

March 28-April 4

Peering Learning Groups

www.cbf.net/peer-learning-groups

Prayers of the People Highlights

April 4-10

Jessica Hearne

Danville, Virginia

www.cbf.net/hearne

Virtual General Assembly – April 16

"Join us for our *virtual General Assembly April 16* as we explore the call to nurture spiritual development from our mission statement. Business, workshops, and worship will invite us into spiritual growth for our post-pandemic future. Register today: www.cbfsc.org/ga

We start at 2:00 p.m. with a devotional service led by Baptist Women in Ministry of South Carolina. CBFSC loves this annual General Assembly kick-off tradition led by clergy women.

Our business session that features budget and nominating votes as well as reports from committees and partners follows at 2:15 p.m.

A choice of breakouts begin at 4:00 p.m.

The General Assembly worship service begins at 7 p.m. The gifted Kyle Matthews, minister of pastoral care at First Baptist Church Greenville, will provide musical reflections. CBFSC Coordinator Jay Kieve will deliver a brief sermon. Friends from across our Fellowship will lead worship elements in this inspiring and meaningful service. Register today: www.cbfsc.org/ga"

Memorial Service for Margaret Vincent

For those who knew Margaret (Dan's wife/our Interim Pastor). Here is the Vimeo site: <https://vimeo.com/525107014/aabede88e7> to watch.

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Family Night Supper Support - Will You Help?

We are supporting a local mission with meals. The Hope Center for Children are excited and pleased to be receiving these meals. Tina will be preparing larger casserole type meals along with sides. They have 3 residential homes that she will be preparing for. These meals will be hot and fresh and delivered on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30pm at each location.

Are you willing to continue to pay for your meal, but allow it to be served to your neighbors? If you would like to help pay for some meals, you can write "Family Supper" on your check or choose "Family Supper" when you give online. Please give generously and help spread the word to others. Thank you to those of you who continue to support this important ministry!

Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**. Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at Noon**.

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue (no exceptions). Thank you for your understanding!