

I suspect we have all heard it said, “Don’t discuss money, politics, or religion in polite company.” It is risky, for sure, to broach topics that impinge on private matters

like money or the closely held personal perspectives of politics and religion. But sometimes in relationships, we need to risk important conversations and trust that our affection for one another will overcome the strain. We (me, you, churches, friends, CBFSC) need to talk about all three...

Money first, because it is the easy one. Thank you. The generosity of you and your churches that is described in this newsletter is amazing. In the midst of a pandemic, your giving sustained our ministry and blessed our missions partners. You made it possible for us to support churches as they made difficult, Covid-19-related decisions. You helped children stay connected to supportive community and maintain their academic progress. You helped provide quality, affordable housing. Thank you. The money you have given CBFSC has gone to work in South Carolina as an abiding blessing.

Now, politics...I am heartbroken over the violence that sought to halt the congressional acceptance of our presidential election. Candidates and parties have every right through legally established means to challenge outcomes. But once those avenues are exhausted, as with every U.S. election before, candidates and their followers should accede to the will of the people.

I understand dissatisfaction with political loss, I’ve voted on the losing side more often than the winning one. Raising your voice and working to

MONEY POLITICS RELIGION



By Jay Kieve
Coordinator

win next time are the American way, violence is not. I agree with the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley that the “rights of freedom of speech and assembly do not give anyone the right to resort to violence, sedition and insurrection.”¹ I am encouraged that people of every political stripe—conservative Republican to liberal Democrat—have decried the violence and called for peace. I’m proud of how you exercise your political intentions with vigor and commitment but without violence.

Finally, religion...the greatest commandments are to love God and love our neighbors (Matthew 22:34-40). When the Corinthian church struggled with partisan division, the Apostle Paul wrote to them that love would be the measure of their work or else it was all “sounding brass” (1 Cor. 13). You are faithful in the ways you engage relatives, friends, and even enemies with patience, kindness, politeness, and deference as encouraged by the Apostle. It is inspiring to see love of God become love expressed to others.

Y’all keep up the great work. Our nation and our world require nothing less than our faithful best.

¹Gen. Mark Milley and the other service chiefs in a letter to military members 1/11/2021. Quoted in time.com accessed 1/14/2021 <https://time.com/5929581/security-insider-threat-inauguration/>.



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Gifts given through CBFSC

Calendar year Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020

These are gifts given through CBFSC. Some churches may make direct gifts to CBF Global, and to other designated causes.

Church	City	CBFSC	Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions	CBF Global	Global Missions	Other	Total Giving through CBFSC
Augusta Heights Baptist	Greenville	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$6,300.00
Augusta Road Baptist	Greenville	\$12,413.65	\$0.00	\$15,172.23	\$1,610.00	\$0.00	\$29,195.88
Belmont Baptist	Columbia	\$913.15	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$0.00	\$1,116.15
Boulevard Baptist	Anderson	\$37,042.23	\$95.00	\$45,273.82	\$1,135.00	\$0.00	\$83,546.05
Brunson Baptist	Brunson	\$1,895.37	\$1,545.00	\$2,316.54	\$1,500.00	\$1,010.00	\$8,266.91
Cedar Spring Baptist	Spartanburg	\$300.14	\$0.00	\$366.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666.98
Cherokee Avenue Baptist	Gaffney	\$238.50	\$0.00	\$291.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$530.00
Chesterfield Baptist	Chesterfield	\$2,250.00	\$275.00	\$2,750.00	\$460.00	\$0.00	\$5,735.00
Earle Street Baptist	Greenville	\$5,646.02	\$0.00	\$6,900.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,546.70
Eau Claire Baptist	Columbia	\$3,627.61	\$0.00	\$4,433.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,061.34
Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship	Columbia	\$62.35	\$0.00	\$76.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138.55
Fernwood Baptist	Spartanburg	\$8,455.00	\$475.00	\$5,637.00	\$390.00	\$0.00	\$14,957.00
First Baptist Belton	Belton	\$6,635.48	\$6,345.00	\$2,783.35	\$11,206.07	\$0.00	\$26,969.90
First Baptist Orangeburg	Orangeburg	\$16,143.78	\$0.00	\$29,981.22	\$3,534.00	\$0.00	\$49,659.00
First Baptist Clinton	Clinton	\$4,042.64	\$735.00	\$0.00	\$4,187.00	\$0.00	\$8,964.64
First Baptist Lake View	Lake View	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
First Baptist Piedmont	Piedmont	\$459.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$459.98
First Baptist Walterboro	Walterboro	\$1,926.83	\$0.00	\$2,355.02	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$4,314.85
First Baptist Pageland	Pageland	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
First Baptist York	York	\$7,041.34	\$747.00	\$8,037.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,825.46
First Baptist Aiken	Aiken	\$67,336.67	\$200.00	\$12,000.00	\$3,733.62	\$4,817.44	\$88,087.73
First Baptist Clemson	Clemson	\$14,850.00	\$0.00	\$18,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00
First Baptist North Charleston	North Charleston	\$303.75	\$0.00	\$371.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$675.00
First Baptist Pendleton	Pendleton	\$8,000.00	\$750.00	\$8,000.00	\$1,636.00	\$0.00	\$18,386.00
First Baptist Greenwood	Greenwood	\$11,950.00	\$3,595.00	\$19,100.00	\$2,395.00	\$5,400.00	\$42,440.00
First Baptist Greenville	Greenville	\$4,000.00	\$8,418.07	\$8,000.00	\$54,116.06	\$1,000.00	\$75,534.13
First Baptist Laurens	Laurens	\$43,578.69	\$0.00	\$5,413.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,992.47
First Baptist Anderson	Anderson	\$22,137.14	\$547.50	\$27,056.53	\$7,319.00	\$0.00	\$57,060.17
First Baptist Gaffney	Gaffney	\$1,355.97	\$0.00	\$1,657.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,013.29
First Baptist Easley	Easley	\$4,463.50	\$0.00	\$346.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,810.00
First Baptist Denmark	Denmark	\$0.00	\$288.36	\$0.00	\$398.72	\$0.00	\$687.08
First Baptist Conway	Conway	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.04
Greenlawn Baptist	Columbia	\$2,388.84	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$2,988.84
Inman First Baptist	Inman	\$21,131.98	\$65.00	\$9,905.36	\$596.00	\$0.00	\$31,698.34
Kathwood Baptist	Columbia	\$3,656.25	\$910.00	\$4,468.75	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$10,535.00
Lake City First Baptist	Lake City	\$12,285.00	\$0.00	\$15,015.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,300.00
Lakeview Baptist	Camden	\$1,573.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,670.51	\$0.00	\$3,243.74
New Heights Baptist	Gaffney	\$2,601.50	\$0.00	\$4,559.51	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$7,211.01

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New Hope Christian Fellowship	West Columbia	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Oakland Baptist	Rock Hill	\$36,627.47	\$0.00	\$24,418.32	\$24,431.30	\$0.00	\$85,477.09
Palmetto Missionary Baptist	Conway	\$585.00	\$0.00	\$715.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Pelham Road Baptist	Greenville	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Providence Church	Daniel Island	\$1,800.00	\$3,532.87	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$658.50	\$8,191.37
Shaws Fork Baptist	Aiken	\$225.00	\$500.00	\$275.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,750.00
St. Andrews Baptist	Columbia	\$11,538.64	\$1,392.50	\$14,102.74	\$5,360.50	\$0.00	\$32,394.38
Swift Creek Baptist	Hartsville	\$157.95	\$0.00	\$193.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$351.00
The Baptist Church of Beaufort	Beaufort	\$12,622.37	\$212.50	\$4,207.43	\$3,437.50	\$50.00	\$20,529.80
Tidal Creek Fellowship	Beaufort	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Timberlake Baptist	Myrtle Beach	\$2,041.89	\$0.00	\$2,495.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,537.52
Trinity Baptist	Seneca	\$20,062.02	\$6,423.00	\$24,520.21	\$6,705.00	\$0.00	\$57,710.23
Total Church Giving		\$427,011.93	\$37,941.80	\$336,901.67	\$138,267.28	\$15,035.94	\$955,158.62
Total Individual Giving		\$34,658.00	\$2,120.00	\$5,939.00	\$50.00	\$1,200.00	\$43,967.00
Total All Giving		\$461,669.93	\$40,061.80	\$342,840.67	\$138,317.28	\$16,235.94	\$999,125.62



Memorial and Honors Gifts 2020

In Memory of Carolyn Walker Davis
Charles Walker

In memory of David Harris
Sara Gardner
Kathy Collins
Helen Phillips
Steve Bateman

In honor of Beverly Greer
Anonymous

In honor of Tony Hopkins
JoAnn Fennell

In honor of Josh and Sacha Hunt
Jerry M. Neal

In honor of Jay Kieve
Jerry M. Neal
Anonymous

In honor of Todd Wilson
Gary Jones

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS NEWS ON OUR WEBSITE
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We have published numerous articles about CBFSC life on our website since our last newsletter in December. Here's a sampling:

- Funeral home chaplain Brenda Atkinson offers suggestions on how best to comfort those who are grieving during the time of Covid. In another article, Brenda talks about the restrictions being followed at funeral homes that are placing new and different burdens on the grieving.
- Our outreach to Japanese speakers continues, from South Carolina to Japan, thanks to the ongoing work of Aki and Yoko Shigemi.
- A cup of coffee is served up with hope from our mission partners in Allendale County, where we also donated some bikes at Christmas.
- CBFSC participated in Giving Tuesday for the first time in 2020, giving us a chance to grow our impact.
- In Metanoia's annual report, our mission partner talks about displaying Old Chicora GRIT.
- Stacy Sergent, a CBF-endorsed chaplain at MUSC, takes us inside a Covid patient's room, talks about the challenges of ministering without personal contact, and the glimmer of light she sees ahead.

COURAGE

Lane's commitment for the year

In January, CBF hosted a seminarian retreat, where students from all over CBF life came together for rest, retreat, and discernment. I was fortunate to be asked to lead a small group during this two-day retreat.

I am just starting my second semester at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, so it was especially helpful for me to participate, both as an attendee and as a leader.

During this retreat, we had to come up with a word for this year. We then wrote it on a sheet of seed paper, and then planted it. The word I chose for this year is courage.

For me, courage is always doing what is right, and standing up against injustice. It's being brave enough to start something new, and still walking through fear and anxiety. For me, being courageous means showing up.

I am thankful to be a part of a fellowship that invests so much in our seminarians, because the people I was with during this retreat are the future of CBF. And as I watch this plant (hopefully) grow this year, I will be reminded of my commitment to be courageous, and of CBF's commitment to invest in me.



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New bikes

Quite a few children in Allendale got new bicycles last Christmas thanks to CBFSC. [Read Lane's article about this on our website.](#)