

CELEBRATING 200
YEARS OF MINISTRY

FBC Anderson brought its history and values to CBFSC

I was honored to attend the 200th anniversary worship service of First Baptist Church Anderson recently. It was a lovely service that struck the right tone between celebrating the past and leaning toward a hope-filled future. Congratulations First Baptist Anderson!



By Jay Kieve
Coordinator

It occurred to me during the anniversary service that CBFSC has existed for the past 15% of First Baptist Anderson's life and ministry. For me, that meant that First Baptist brought its history and values, its theological



Pastor Josh Hunt is holding a celebratory proclamation from the city of Anderson. Jay Kieve is preaching as FBC Anderson celebrates its 200th anniversary.

commitments and missions heart to CBFSC and helped shape us for 30 years.

Thinking about my experience at FBC Anderson reminded me that CBFSC reflects the missions commitments and values of all the churches and individuals that



create and re-create us year after year. We hear from churches their commitments to share the love of Jesus, to organize for egalitarian leadership in every role, to seek diversity of thought and Christian expression, and to live generously

Continued on page 3



FBC AIKEN ASSEMBLES FLOOD BUCKETS FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

Debra Haney and Rose Ann Pistole from First Baptist Church in Aiken helped Associate Coordinator Lane Riley load her vehicle with the 38 flood buckets church members had assembled. If you or your church would like to be a part of Hurricane Ida response, you can give online at www.cbfs.org/giving or find instructions for flood buckets at <https://cbfs.org/missions-disaster-response/>. More on page 3.

Youth Winter Summit event announced for January

By Lane Riley

In having conversations with many youth pastors, one of the things I keep hearing is that youth love getting together with other youth groups.

There are several opportunities where youth across South Carolina and neighboring states get together for missions, camps, and retreats. In January 2022, we are adding a new opportunity.



Youth Winter Summit is being planned by youth ministers from CBF South Carolina and CBF North Carolina for January 14-16 in Charlotte, NC. The theme will be “Dwell” based on Psalm 84:1-4. This event will include worship, breakout sessions, fellowship time, and fun activities.

Look for more information and registration details this fall.



PLANNING THE SUMMIT

Dane Jackson (Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte), Zeke Stephenson (First Baptist Church, Orangeburg), CBFSC Associate Coordinator Lane Riley, and Preston Cooley (Trinity Baptist Church, Seneca), met in-person in Charlotte to plan the winter summit.



Sue Poss, ending service to CBFSC after 25 years. She has lived in North Myrtle Beach for the past six years after spending most of her career in Greenville.

Thank you, Sue!

By Jay Kieve

For more than 25 years, Sue Harper Poss has been CBFSC’s newsletter editor and communications helper. More than anyone else, Sue has helped tell the stories of CBFSC’s missions engagements and church partnerships.

Sue has been our repository of who’s who and what’s been done because she’s written or read about nearly every CBFSC church, pastor, or mission project. You’ve probably met Sue at a General Assembly or on a work day...and if you did, she probably asked you for pictures!

Sue will retire as our editor on with this issue of Fellowship! Thank you, Sue, for your friendship and faithfulness, for your care-filled telling of the CBFSC story, and for your communications guidance through the years. We will miss you and wish you the very best in retirement.

OUR MISSION: We are women and men participating in God's mission together. We nurture spiritual development, encourage congregations to thrive, and value collaborative and innovative ministry and missions.

DISASTER RESPONSE

1000 Cleanup Bucket Challenge

for families and hurricane survivors in need

1 Donate funds. The cost of one bucket is \$97. You can start a church challenge One bucket/One family or donate funds for bucket supplies at: www.CBF.net/dr-give. Bucket stickers are available upon request: dr@cbf.net

2 Design & organize a Bucket Brigade at your church or seminary. Gather supplies and assemble cleanup buckets with other ministry groups or congregations.

3 Deliver hope. When the time is right, all buckets will be delivered to waiting families. You can help by placing your name on our Bucket (delivery) List.

MORE INFO

- Churches in South Carolina may deliver their collected buckets to the CBFSC office or call for pick-up.
- The latest Hurricane Ida updates and Bucket Challenge pictures and videos are posted to the Facebook page at CBF Disaster Response Ministries.
- Each week until November 30, 2021, we will unveil the new Bucket Count on this Facebook page.
- Nine states were affected by Hurricane Ida and we can arrange to deliver to other areas, if needed.



52 buckets delivered from CBFSC churches

After the enormous disaster of Hurricane Ida, CBFSC churches immediately wanted to help.

From many calls with pastors, disaster relief experts, and community members in affected regions in Louisiana and Mississippi, the three ways that we shared with pastors were to donate money, donate flood buckets, and wait patiently.

CBFSC churches responded generously and faithfully in all three of these areas.

Lane delivered 52 buckets to Florida to be used for hurricane clean-up in Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana—14 from Augusta

Lane has her car loaded with flood buckets.



Heights in Greenville and 38 from FBC Aiken.

These flood buckets contain items that are most needed when residents are first able to reenter their houses after a natural disaster.

More buckets are currently being put together to send next month.

Thank you to everyone who has donated and prayed.

FBC Anderson—

from page 1 toward God's world. And then we network churches to extend those commitments and cultivate mission and ministry partners who join them.

Your generosity and participation in CBFSC helps create and re-create us, too. You help keep us active in South Carolina in mission and in churches. You help us hear and see what is valued, proclaimed, and lived as we follow Jesus together. Thank you for faithfulness and our lives together.

LETTING GO

and putting faith and trust into something new

I've been self employed for more than half my working years, doing communications of one kind or another on a contract basis for lots of organizations.

When I closed my business in Greenville and moved to North Myrtle Beach permanently in 2015, I stopped doing work for all of them—except for CBFSC.



By Sue Poss
CBFSC Communications

I just wasn't ready to let go of the one group of people I had worked for and with continually and consistently since 1996.

My work with CBFSC began when Beverly Greer was running a fledgling CBFSC from donated office space in Laurens. Our first newsletters were black and white and had to be hand-sorted for mailing.

Then Marion Aldridge became our coordinator and we settled into a routine of eight-page monthly newsletters (that's a lot of news) and eventually I designed and managed our first website (primitive by today's standards). The tools we had available improved and so did our communications.

I went to every state and national General Assembly. I was at most of the Coordinating Council meetings. I organized and managed several workdays in Allendale. I took photos and interviewed lots of people, probably annoying them with my questions or with my camera in their faces.



P.O. Box 11159
Columbia, SC 29211
FOURTH ISSUE 2021

Jennifer McClung Rygg MODERATOR
jennifer@fbcpendleton.org

Jay Kieve COORDINATOR
803.767.3456 | jay@cbfsc.org

Lane Riley ASSOCIATE COORDINATOR
864-992-6445 | lane@cbfsc.org

Wayne Patterson DISASTER RESPONSE
864.710.8239 | jwptt@clemson.edu

Debbie Haag OFFICE MANAGER
803.779.1888 | debbie@cbfsc.org

Sue Poss COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
864.934.6112 | editor@cbfsc.org

CBFSC Website: www.cbfsc.org



This is Sue with a group of girls at the Ruth School in Bucharest, Romania, February 2004.

I was in Bucharest, Paris and Brussels on a fact-finding trip in 2004 with Marion, Tony Hopkins and others that was by far the most expansive (and expensive) trip I made on behalf of CBFSC.

Our group of seven saw Global Missions work up close and experienced first-hand the conditions under which our field personnel work.

Under Jay's leadership, my role was redefined again and so most recently I've invested my time in putting more news on Facebook and our website and producing only five four-page printed newsletters a year. What a change from 1996, when the web was still fairly new and Facebook didn't exist.

I've been in your churches physically and virtually and felt a part of your lives through all the stories I've heard from you and written about you.

I have 25 years invested with CBFSC, and another five before that as I watched and participated in the organization of CBF and CBFSC.

But now I am letting go. And in going, I—like Beverly and Marion before me—will leave space for something new and somebody new. And all my faith and trust is in seeing only a stronger, brighter, hope-filled future for CBFSC.



We have published numerous articles about CBFSC life on our website since our last newsletter in July. Here's a sampling:

- Earle Street Baptist Church in Greenville is beginning to celebrate its 100th anniversary.
- The youth at Pelham Road Baptist Church in Greenville feel the weight of civil rights movement.
- Oakland Baptist Church in Rock Hill

provides required school uniforms to 200+ students.

- Passport Camp gives our CBFSC youth a sense of 'normal' again.
- Palmetto Works gets grant for feeding innovation.
- Winston King, member of St. Andrews Baptist Church in Columbia, found his calling in the operating room.
- No more doors: CBFSC partner Carolina Immigrant Alliance rebrands itself.