



# THE OUTLOOK

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## OUR MISSION

To demonstrate the love of Christ at the corner of Boulevard and the world.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a caring community of faith that honors Christ, respects the individual, acknowledges diversity, encourages spiritual growth, and provides opportunities of service.



Dear Church,

As I write this letter, we are already three weeks into Eastertide, and, as such, I want to make certain that we continue to reflect on the significance of the Easter message: Jesus Christ really *has* been raised from the dead, and, because he has, everything we *think* we understand about reality has undergone—and must continue to undergo—a fundamental alteration. This is the reason that Easter is a *season* (as opposed to a single day): the resurrection is not just an event—it is an event with far-reaching implications.

As such, we will continue to explore in the coming weeks various ways that the resurrection of Jesus turns upside down our understanding of reality and our expectations of what is to come.

On Pentecost, which will take place on May 19, our focus will shift from the implications of Jesus' resurrection to the implications of the Holy Spirit's in-breaking in the here-and-now, and how the Holy Spirit empowers us—like those first disciples—to turn the world upside down.

So: let us not rush past the good news of Easter. Let us instead continue to marvel at what Jesus' resurrection means. And, as we do, let us prepare ourselves to receive the promissory note on the Kingdom that is to come—the Holy Spirit with which we've been sealed until that grand-glorious day, the Holy Spirit that empowers us to be God's change-agents in a hurting and broken world.

All my love,

Austin



PENTECOST  
*Sunday*  
May 19, 2024



Project Ruth provides life-changing opportunities to people living in poverty, especially their Roma (Gypsy) neighbors with an emphasis on children. The Ruth School is the main ministry of Project Ruth and is a fully accredited private school serving grades 0-8. They train parents with classes taught through their Parents' Academy. Project Ruth provides additional adult education and equipment through their Boaz Second Chance Program as well as their Naomi Counseling Center. Through the Gypsy Smith School, Project Ruth empowers the Roma church by training church leaders. Project Ruth has also begun a Reading Caravan, taking books and resources to surrounding villages to promote literacy. When war broke out in Ukraine, Project Ruth opened their doors to house refugees along with packing and delivering food boxes to Ukraine.

Boulevard has been involved with Project Ruth from its beginning in 1992. Our members helped purchase the lot in Bucharest, Romania, where the Ruth School now stands. Through the years, we have had 29 groups visit the Ruth School with even more contributing time and resources from Anderson to further this ministry. Please be in prayer for the team traveling to Romania this summer: Bry Chambers, Brooks Chambers, Hobbs Chambers, Mary Beth Hillhouse, Joe Hillhouse, Alex Hillhouse, Katie Hillhouse, Elizabeth Thomason, Meredith Thomason, Jonathan Cauthen, and Lucy Cauthen. You can support this trip through their envelope fundraiser.

For more information about Project Ruth and Boulevard's long standing partnership, please visit one of the Information stations set up by John Walker at the church's main entrances throughout the month of April. ~Lucy

Palm Sunday and Easter were special Sundays in the life of our church. **Recent Events**

Our Young Musicians sang during worship on Palm Sunday, all children waved palms, and then everyone participated in an Easter egg hunt following worship! It was a beautiful Sunday.

Easter Sunday was made even more special with a new tradition. Our kids rang bells every time they heard the word "Alleluia" spoken or sung in worship. It was beautiful! If you missed it, you can go back and listen to it on Youtube. A week later, our youth and children's families gathered at Whitney and Zeph Smith's house for a bonfire and s'mores! We ate pizza, played games, and had so much fun.



Our Prime Timers went on a mystery trip to the Folk Pottery Museum in Northeast Georgia! It was a rainy day, but we thoroughly enjoyed our time together from the bus ride there, to our lunch, to our time at the museum. The Prime Timers spring picnic will be on May 7th at 5:00 PM at the home of Gordon and Carolyn Hammond. It will be a wonderful evening of fellowship! ~Anna Kate



**Ron Davis**  
**Organ Concert**  
**April 21, 5:00 p.m.**  
**(Sanctuary)**

Selections will include music written over the past four centuries by composers from Germany, England, Belgium, Canada, and the United States. The program is free and open to the public.

**Upcoming Vote**

In the February quarterly business meeting, the Constitution & By-Laws Committee made a motion to change Article 6 of the By-Laws by adding the text in red to the article. The vote for this motion will occur at the May quarterly business meeting, pending this 30 day notice of the change. If there are any questions or concerns, you can communicate them to Kathleen McAlhaney, Carolyn Hammond and Ellen King, members of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

**Article VI (proposed)**  
**Property Holding**

All property of the church shall be for the express purpose of providing for public worship, for Christian education, for congregational fellowship and for benevolent interests which are in harmony with the mission of the church.

**Therefore, no Boulevard Baptist Church property or part of such property will be dedicated or named for a person or group, in honor or in memory.**

Should a serious division among church members occur because of doctrinal beliefs, practices or any other matter, any change in ownership of church property shall be determined by a two-thirds majority vote at a business meeting called for that purpose.



**Spring Missions Luncheon**  
**May 20, 2024**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Please join us for the Spring Missions Luncheon on May 20 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall! We are excited to announce that Nate Knox, Executive Director at The LOT Project, will present the program. Whitney Smith, soloist, and Anda Mobley, pianist, will provide music. Lunch will be catered by Sherry Hart and will follow the program. The cost is \$11 per person. Reserve and pay in the church office by noon on Wednesday, May 15. For more information, contact Billie Aman, Donna Barrineau or Becky Lynch. **See you there!**

# Welcome, New Members



Join us in welcoming: Kimberly Miles (left), 202 Oak Hollow, Pendleton, SC 29670 and Judy Rogers (right), 150 Pershing Ave. Apt. 302, Clemson, SC 29631 as the newest members of the Boulevard Baptist Church family.

**May Emphases:**  
This month's prayer focus verse is Psalm 51:10 -- "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."  
Spring brings about a fresh renewal to the earth every year. We can experience a fresh renewal as well by listening to, obeying, and serving God.

**GRADUATION**  
*sunday*  
**MAY 12**

**PASSPORT**  
*Save the Date*  
**KIDS**  
**JULY 14-17**  
**YOUTH**  
**JULY 7-12**

**Floral Arrangements for Worship**  
Floral arrangements adorning the baptistry rail enhance worship and are a beautiful way to honor or pay memory to loved ones. If you are interested in providing a fresh floral arrangement on a special Sunday, please visit the church's website and complete the Flower Reservation Request form or pick-up a paper copy from the church office. Questions?  
Contact Lina Harris 864-940-8612 or Cindy Hughes @ 864-634-5550.

**SCUBA**  
diving into friendship with god  
5:15 - 8:15 pm  
June 2-6  
Rising 1st-6th grade  
Boulevard Baptist Church

**Church-Wide Retreat**  
**May 23-25, 2024**  
**Lake Junaluska, NC**

**March Stewardship Summary**

Budget Offerings:	\$ 85,208.40
Monthly Budget Goal:	\$ 95,137.17
YTD Budget Offerings:	\$ 277,579.29
YTD Budget Goal:	\$ 285,411.51
March Expenses	\$ 101,098.94
YTD Expenses	\$ 283,087.73

**Designated Funds**

Beginning Balance	\$ 285,259.76
Debits	\$ 29,743.04
Credits	\$ 27,742.40
Ending Balance	\$ 283,259.12

**Honduras 2024**  
This year's trip to Honduras will be July 20-27. If you are interested in going on the trip or if you would like more information about ways that you can give to or help the team, please contact James Cochran (864-436-6972) or Ray Calhoun (864-556-5662).

**PrimeTimers**  
**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**  
**Senior Adult Spring Picnic**  
Tuesday, May 7, 5:00 p.m. Location: Gordon and Carolyn Hammond's home at 2014 Edgewood Avenue, Anderson, SC 29625. Please bring a lawn chair.

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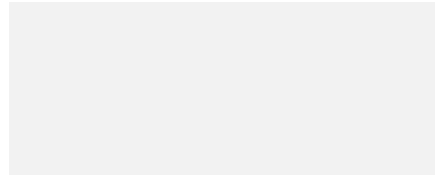
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## **Sundays**

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service, in-person and via Livestream

## **Mondays**

8:00 a.m. - Ladies Prayer Group (FH)

12:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (MPR)-1st & 3rd Monday

12:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (FH)-1st & 3rd Monday

## **Wednesdays**

9:30 a.m. - Prayers and Squares (BFH)

5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)

5:30 p.m. - Music Makers & Young Musicians

Rotations at 6:15.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting (FH)

6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

6:15 p.m. - Boulevard Bronze (Sanctuary)

7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## **Thursdays**

11:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Blue Room)

