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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

One of the biggest opportunities presented to our church because of the pandemic is our ability to livestream our worship services! Each week, this new addition to our ministry reaches over 200 people from all across our community and country, and we need your help to continue to make it thrive! We are looking for more volunteers to help broadcast our service each week. No experience is needed! We will provide all of the training, we just need eager hands who are ready to help those who can't be here in person still be able to worship with us in spirit! If you are interested, please contact Chris Liles.



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 and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.

## 200 Years JULY BICENTENNIAL CHALLENGE

The Bicentennial Challenge for July is to pray for our staff. Some creative ideas:

1. Choose a different staff member to pray for each week.
2. Use this mnemonic for how you pray for your staff each day:
  - Sunday pray for their Spirit,
  - Monday pray for their Moxie,
  - Tuesday pray for their Time management,
  - Wednesday pray for their Work,
  - Thursday pray and give Thanks for them,
  - Friday pray for their Family and their Fitness
  - Saturday pray for their Sleep and rest.
3. Involve your Sunday School in group prayer for our staff, and drop an encouraging note to the staff member, too!

**FBC Staff Members:** Janice Fouts, Ramona Hallman, Josh Hunt, Chris Liles, Kyle Minyard, Cara Morgan, Sharon Royals, Jamie Smith, Kelly Smith, Addrian Wilson, and Greg Wilson

### NOTE FROM THE HOUSING MINISTRY

Dear Church Family:

The children of FBC took on the Wilmary Housing Ministry as their missions partner for Vacation Bible School this summer. Under Cara Morgan's direction, they collected a large quantity of paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, cold remedies, and other useful items. The collection has been sorted and shelved, and multiple signs have been posted to inform Wilmary residents that these items are available. Several of our residents have already been helped.

If you live on a fixed income and no longer drive a car, then going to get laundry detergent or paper towels means two hours spent on a city bus to visit Walmart, and it might also mean that you have to make a choice between cleaning up or having dinner. These items are truly a blessing to our residents!

Thank you children (and parents). Please accept the gratitude of the Wilmary community.

Regards,  
 Mike Darby  
 First Baptist Church Housing Ministry

PS: Due to family circumstances, one of our residents has taken on the care of her three year old granddaughter. If you are able to help, there is a real need for 2T/3T girls clothing.



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# THE BEACON

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Join Us Beginning this Sunday at 9:30 AM  
 for a Bicentennial Sermon Series

July 18: *"First Baptist is a Called People"*

August 1: *"First Baptist is a Blessed People"*  
 11:30 AM — Church Conference in the Sanctuary

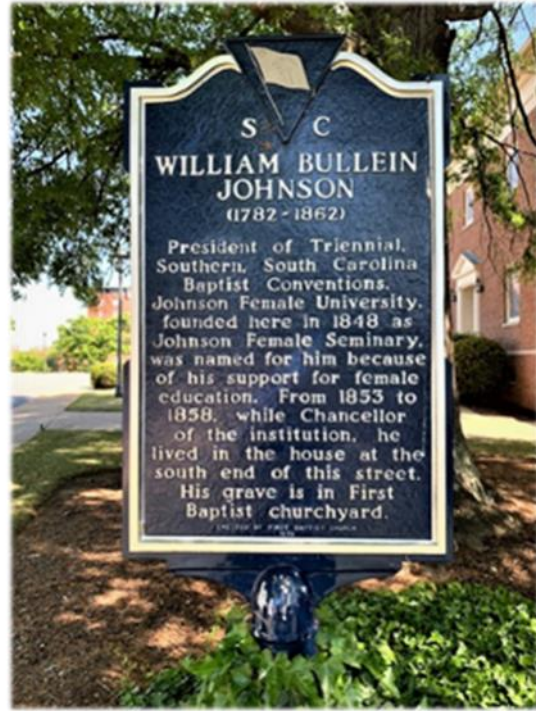
August 8: *"First Baptist is a Sent People"*

August 15: *"First Baptist is a Welcomed People"*  
*(Observance of the Lord's Supper)*

August 22: **Bicentennial Celebration Service**  
 (Sunday School classes won't meet.)  
 Celebration Luncheon to follow Worship

# William Bullein Johnson, a part of FBC's History.

The historical placard located in the front yard of the First Baptist Church offices was placed here to acknowledge the contributions of William Bullein Johnson, who established the Johnson Female Seminary. The seminary was located on the site where our church now stands.



The Caldwell-Johnson-Morris Cottage located at 220 E. Morris Street in Anderson, SC, was constructed around 1851 and was the home of William B. Johnson.

(U.S. National Register of Historic Places)



William Bullein Johnson (June 13, 1782 – October 2, 1862) was one of the founders of the South Carolina State Baptist Convention in 1821, and later was the first president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1845 to 1851. Johnson is also the founder of Johnson Female Seminary, later renamed Johnson University in 1848, the predecessor to Anderson University.

Johnson became the last southern president of the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions between 1841 and 1844. As tensions grew between the northern and southern Baptists over the issue of slavery, he attempted to avoid a split, but in 1845 was asked to become the first president of the breakaway Southern Baptists Convention, serving until 1851. In this role he helped to establish Furman University, which became Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1859, in Greenville, South Carolina. Towards the end of his life, he was chancellor of Johnson University, Anderson, South Carolina (1853–58).

His vision for Baptist higher education went further than the more conventional schools of the time; his dream was such a school for women. The earliest schools for women were called "seminaries" and were places where they were trained as teachers. Few of these schools existed when Johnson Female Seminary was founded in Anderson, South Carolina in 1848. Later known as Johnson University, the institution did not survive Johnson's death and the onset of the Civil War. The legacy of Johnson University continued, however. Its presence in the community left a lasting impression on the local young people of that day. Shortly after the turn of the century, those who fondly remembered the impact that Johnson University had on the community developed a compelling vision of resurrecting the institution in the form of Anderson College which later became Anderson University. The home in which Rev. Johnson lived in the City of Anderson is still standing. His portrait hangs in the Truett Cathy Old Common Room in Merritt Hall on the Anderson University campus.

## CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

**200**  
1821-2021  
*Years*  
**Sunday, August 22**



### Join us for First Baptist's 200th Anniversary Celebration!

Worship will begin at 9:30 AM and will be followed by a celebration luncheon. (Please note that Sunday School classes will not meet.) There's no cost for lunch but reservations are required. To make a reservation call the church office or scan the QR code above by August 13th.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Summer Fun for Kids

#### with an Emphasis on Local Missions

Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 6-7 PM:

**BACKYARD WILDSCAPES**



(Mission Focus: Anderson Free Clinic)

Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM:

**POOL PARTY**



(Mission Focus: Anderson Interfaith Ministries)

Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-8 PM:

**GAME NIGHT**



(Mission Focus: Meals on Wheels)

Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM:

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH WITH ITALIAN ICE AND BOUNCE HOUSE**



(Mission Focus: School Supply Drive)

#### International Mission Study: Rohingya - A Place to Belong

Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00 PM:

**5:30 PM** - meet at Wren Park for splash fountain and mission study (Bring change of clothes, towel, and money for dinner)

**6:45 PM** - dinner at either Doolittles or Grouchos

**8:00 PM** - pick up children from Wren Park

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Summer Trips/Events

**7/21- Biltmore**

Cost: \$25 per youth. Sign up by 7/18. \$35 if you sign up after the deadline.

**7/25-7/26 - Lock-In: NEON theme!**

Dress accordingly. Be at the Gym at 5:30 Sunday night. Students will be dismissed at 8:00 AM on Monday Morning.

**7/30- Movie Night** (Details TBD)

**8/2- Tubing**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, bring a bagged lunch

**8/4- Wacky Wednesday**

2:00 - 4:00 PM (TBD)

**8/9-8/12- Beach Trip**

Leave at 10:00 AM from FBC, arrive back to FBC at around 3:30 PM. Cost: \$100 if you sign up by 7/18. \$125 if you sign up after the deadline. \*15 spots available

**9/3-9/5- Back to School Retreat**

Cost: \$50 per youth if you sign up by 8/8. \$75 if you sign up after the deadline.

You can sign up for any and all of these trips by e-mailing us at [youth@andersonfbc.org](mailto:youth@andersonfbc.org).