

CHURCH CONFERENCE



August 1st - 11:30 AM

Meet in the Sanctuary

200 Years
1821-2021

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.

Scan to make a reservation!

A 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Summer Fun for Kids with an Emphasis on Local Missions

BACKYARD WILDSAPES

Wednesday, July 21st — 6-7 PM



(Mission Focus: Anderson Free Clinic)



Thursday, July 29th — 6-8 PM

POOL PARTY

(Mission Focus: Anderson Interfaith Ministries)

International Mission Study: Rohingya - A Place to Belong August 4th

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 for June

7/21- Biltmore — Cost: \$25 per youth. Sign up by today. \$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)

If you have any questions about the Youth program or July events, email us at youth@andersonfbc.org.

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.



More servants are needed on the **Sunday Security Team**. If you would like to serve please contact
T. J. Fusco:
864-940-4702.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

Next Sunday, July 25

Offertory Prayer:
Liz Marvin

Visitor Outreach:
Joy Hendricks

Children's Worship:
Cathy Drew

Security:
Eddie Wentzky and Bradley Orr



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As children of God, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we believe that we have been called to serve alongside Jesus in the beautiful work of bringing heaven to earth.

Welcome

July 18, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence this morning as we prepare to celebrate First Baptist's 200 years of ministry in this community! Though we will formally celebrate on Sunday morning, August 22, our Bicentennial theme between now and then is "From Generation to Generation, We Are Your Church," which is drawn from the hymn we commissioned to mark this occasion. In our hymn and bicentennial theme, we celebrate God's work in and through the people who have faithfully served throughout this church's history, we acknowledge God's calling on us to serve this community and world here and now, and we affirm our hope in God's blessing and calling of the generations that will follow us as a part of this community of faith.

This morning we affirm that, because you've joined us to worship God here, God's work at First Baptist Church includes you! We are glad you have made time to be with us, and as we join our hearts together in worship and celebration, we pray that God would knit us together as a Christian family. Above all, we pray that we could encounter the risen Christ in worship as we celebrate 200 years of God's faithfulness to us. Thank you for being a part of First Baptist's story this morning!

Members in Action Today

Offertory Prayer:
Howard Murphy

Visitor Outreach:
Tom Allen

Children's Worship
Timothy Clardy

Security:
Kevin McCoy
Adam Gathers

Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager
Mrs. Janice Fouts, Financial Assistant
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist
Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor
Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Chrys Marett, Food Service Manager
Mr. Kyle Minyard, Student Ministry Intern
Rev. Cara Morgan, Minister to Children
Mrs. Sharon Royals, Ministry Assistant
Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

The Worship of God

*“From generation to generation, we are your church.”
From “We Are Your Church,” First Baptist’s Bicentennial Hymn*

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Josh Hunt

Prelude *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* arr. Jack Schrader
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity Tessa Liles

Invocation Josh Hunt

*Hymn No. 5 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* OLD 100th(altered)

Bicentennial Litany Chris Liles

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,

His steadfast love endures forever.

For 200 years, our congregation has met in this community to serve the will of God.

His steadfast love endures forever.

Throughout that time, we have journeyed together through joy, grief, pandemics, wars, periods of unity, and periods of strife, not because of our own actions, but because of the grace of God.

His steadfast love endures forever.

As we approach our Bicentennial celebration, we have the opportunity to reflect on that journey, and to more closely notice how the hand of God has been upon us and among us, even in the present moment.

His steadfast love endures forever.

From across our nation and around the world, God has called us together as First Baptist Church of Anderson, SC, to live out our role as the Body of Christ in this appointed time and place, believing that together, we can do more to glorify God than we could do apart from one another, by the grace of God.

His steadfast love endures forever.

Within our joint and sacred calling, we believe that God has blessed us each with gifts and talents that bear fruit within the Kingdom of God, as we live out our shared calling together to be the salt and light of the world, aligned with the Holy Spirit.

His steadfast love endures forever.

Our calling and blessing compels us to not only remain faithfully God’s people within this sanctuary, but also sends us out into the same city and world from which we gather each week to fulfill our holy purpose as members of the Body of Christ.

His steadfast love endures forever.

We understand we are not the gatekeepers of God’s love and grace. We are welcomed to the table of our Lord, a table that we do not possess. Rather, our calling is to extend that same grace and hospitality around us so others may know the fullness of the grace of God.

His steadfast love endures forever.

By that grace, for 200 years before us, and Lord willing, 200 years from now, our congregation will still find ourselves saying, “O give thanks to the God of heaven,”

His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastoral Prayer Cara Morgan

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

The Reason - Travis Cottrell

Offertory Prayer Howard Murphy

Offertory Music *Dedication* Dom Paul Benoit

*Praising God For His Gifts To Us GLORIA PATRI

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*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World with out end. Amen, Amen.*

(Children please exit for Children’s Worship at this time.)

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-10 Kyle Minyard

(Pew Bible page 1201)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* Philip J. W. Stopford
Sanctuary Choir

*Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;
With his true saints alone the courts of heav’n are filled:
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.*

*O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.*

*Here, gracious God, do thou forevermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious show’r on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.*

*Here may we gain from heav’n the grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once giv’n, be with us evermore,
Until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.
Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build!*

Sermon “First Baptist is a Called People” Josh Hunt

*Hymn No. 389 *To Worship, Work, and Witness* WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Benediction Josh Hunt

Postlude *Ode to Joy* Beethoven-Faber
Tessa Liles and Ramona Hallman

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](https://text.fbcanderson.com) and a dollar amount to 73256.

The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer’s baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We’d love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

Trinity Chimes

Rung by one of our children as we pray, the Trinity Chimes are a reminder that God is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we gather in God’s house; that we are God’s people; and that we seek God’s will for our worship.

Children’s Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children’s Worship during the service this morning. Our Children’s Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

**Please stand if able.*