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Access the FBC Prayer Guide here:

andersonfbc.org/prayer-guide

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS - 9:30 AM

Join Us In-Person
Or Watch Live:
andersonfbc.org/watch-live/
[Facebook.com/firstbaptistanderson](https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistanderson)

SUNDAYS - 10:30 AM

Sunday School

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 PM

In-Person Bible Study

7:00 PM

On The Radio
104.7 FM and 1020 AM

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

THE MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, October 26
10:00 AM in Room 212
(The Sojourners Sunday School Class Room)
Our area of mission in October:
The Wilmary Residents
Come join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

PLEASE NOTE

COUNTING TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking to recruit some more people to help serve on our Counting Team here at First Baptist. After our worship service each week, we need two to three volunteers who can act as tellers and count the contributions from the week's offering. If this is something you are willing to help with, please contact Chris Liles in the church office, or Danny Hoard (864-617-0647).

WELCOME!

New Member

Mary Anne Matthews



FIRST BAPTIST
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Thanks to everyone who joined us on World Communion Sunday!

First celebrated in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933, World Communion Sunday attempted to show the interconnectedness of congregations, and the importance of the broader church. Then, as now, the observance emphasizes our common call to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world as well as to share our resources

New Bible Study

Begins October 13, at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

Continuing the Conversation: Processing the Book of Job

Our new Bible study follows our October sermon series as we look together at the book of Job, God's faithfulness to us, and how we can live faithfully in the midst of suffering. Our Wednesday evening sessions with Job will provide more opportunity for reflection, questions, and conversation.

From One Minister to Another...

A Word about In-Person Gatherings

It's been a while since we've spoken of our church's Covid mitigation procedures and what we can do as individuals so our church can gather safely. I've had a few questions recently that spring from a fear that we'll again suspend our gatherings, and though I have addressed those questions individually with the folks who brought them to me (and also with our deacons in our most recent meeting), I wanted to take a bit of space to address them here, too, in case other people have concerns.

Let me state this as succinctly as I can: In its meetings recently, no member of the Covid Advisory Committee has advocated for—or even mentioned the possibility of—suspending our in-person worship services or Sunday School classes. Though the situation surrounding the pandemic is dynamic and forces us to be flexible, there is currently no plan to tighten the mitigation protocols our church is currently practicing. As a reminder, our current approach to gathering safely includes a strong encouragement to wear masks when we gather, a commitment to wear masks when serving in our children's ministry, and a commitment to worship virtually if one has Covid symptoms. We recognize the importance of gathering as a church family and we value the need to gather lovingly and safely.

A Dispatch from Yellowstone

As I shared with you in worship a couple of weeks ago, I, along with several other pastors, received a wonderful opportunity to travel to Montana, tour Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, and give input on a forthcoming curriculum from CBF. That curriculum, which encourages a renewed commitment to see the world through Christlike eyes, will be made available to churches next fall. I was honored to be included as a small part of the process in the development of the curriculum and I look forward to sharing it with you here when the time comes.

The lessons went beyond the curriculum, however. The time to reflect in such a beautiful setting reminded me of some valuable and timeless truths:

It is both important and Godly to pause and say, "It is good." We often idolize busy-ness, thinking that our frenetic lives give glory to God. In the story of creation, God Himself offers us a different way to be: in the busy-ness of creating, God took time to pause, take in the wonder of the created, and offer a beautiful assessment: it is good. Taking time to see the good around you and within you is a godly practice!

Risk has its rewards. The trails we hiked in our exploration of Yellowstone and the Tetons were rough and unforgiving (my fear of heights was challenged!), but these challenging journeys that left me breathless yielded even more breath-taking views of God's beautiful and changing creation.

Whether we feel we're in charge or we long to be in charge, a reminder of our smallness is a much-needed exercise in faith. Yellowstone itself is larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined, and grandeur is all around. The lakes, the bison, the grizzlies, the sky, the trees, the rivers—they are all big. Boiling and sulfuric thermal features are just next to cold mountain lakes. The hiker journeys between them on a boardwalk constructed over dangerously-thin crust. The scarcity of light pollution and the expanse of the valleys made the Milky Way pop in the night sky. It was at once a humbling reminder of my smallness and an encouraging reminder of God's presence.

When he spotted the Lower Falls in 1870, explorer Nathaniel P. Langford wrote, "The place where I obtained the best and most terrible view of the canyon was a narrow projecting point situated two to three miles below the lower falls. Standing there, or rather lying there for greater safety, I thought how utterly impossible it would be to describe to another the sensations inspired by such a presence. As I took in the scene, I realized my own littleness, my helplessness, my dread exposure to destruction, my inability to cope with or even comprehend the mighty architecture of nature."

I share Langford's wonder at the mighty architecture of nature - and I offer praise to the architect.

Peace of Christ,



Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River,
Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, Photo by Josh Hunt

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear First Baptist Family,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Calhoun Academy of the Arts, I want you to know how much the prayer cards were appreciated. Despite Covid restrictions, quarantines, and lack of substitutes, our faculty has persevered through tough days. The prayer cards encouraged and reassured our staff as they continue to commit to our children. These cards were addressed to each staff member and contained the names of all the people who prayed specifically for each of them. I want to share some quotes that I received from the staff. "I just love the prayer card. Tell everyone at FBC how comforting it is to know that I was prayed for specifically." "I knew today felt different. Thank you for this! We need ALL the prayers we can get! What a sweet gesture." "The prayer card addressed to me was so very sweet and so appreciated. Thankful for FBC folks." Many staff members have their card at their desk as a daily reminder of your love. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to my FBC Family for the prayers and encouragement as we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Ann D. Self

Principal

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 30

6:00-8:30 PM at the Clardy House
(1807 Lindale Rd.)

We need LOTS of volunteers, and volunteers will need to arrive by 5:30 PM.

If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Timothy Clardy or Cara Morgan.

****We also need donations of candy.****
(Please bring candy to the church office).



CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 31

11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Elect Deacons and Committees/
Present 2022 Budget



November 7 - 9:30 AM

All Saints Service of Remembrance

Plan to be with us as we remember our FBC Family members who have passed away in the last year.