

NEXT SUNDAY!!!

A CELEBRATION OF CHRYS MARETT
AND HER SERVICE TO FBC
8:45-9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Join us for our next Women's Fellowship event:

A SPRING CLEANING OF THE HEART AND SOUL

Sunday, March 26 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Benson Room at The Bleckley

Dinner will be provided and the wonderful Boo Sheppard will provide our entertainment. Ladies can sign up by calling the church office or filling out the sign up sheet in Sunday school.

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, March 28, 2023,
10:00 AM, Room 212

Our Mission Focus for March is The Calvary Home for Children. For more information contact Judith Wright or Emmie Hazle.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

ANNIE ARMSTRONG AND CBF MISSIONS OFFERINGS

Through the Month of March

CONDOLENCES

Joe Payne and family on the passing of his wife, Diane Payne, on March 7, 2023.

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, March 13

No School for Students
1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 15

5:15 PM Fellowship Hall Doors Open
5:30 PM Handbell Choir/above the Chapel
5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions Youth Group
6:05 PM Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 16

12:00 PM Third Thursday/Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 18

Church Work Day

Sunday, March 19

8:45 AM Celebration of Chrys Marett and her Service to FBC
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Youth Group

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Saturday, April 1 — 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us as we experience the road to Calvary and the path to the empty tomb in this hands-on event. As they travel through the events of Holy Week, families will touch, taste, smell, see, hear, and experience Bible events in real and memorable ways.

The event will begin and end in the Pavilion (in case of weather: gym). Register your family at andersonfbc.org/community

A number of volunteers are needed to help with this event! If you are interested, please reach out to Cara Morgan for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH DNOW WEEKEND

March 31 - April 2

Jesus' sermon on the Mount and what those words mean for our lives.

Friday at 6:00 PM to Sunday morning (pickup after Sunday School). Please let Naomi (naomi.blackbass@andersonfbc.org) know if you plan to attend by Wednesday, March 15th.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Offertory Prayer: Bob Lingle

Visitor Outreach: Lise Lingle

Children's Worship: Kelly Neal

Nursery: Natalie Rutledge

Security: Dean Cate and Thomas Roach

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 2 - 9:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

April 6 - 7:00 PM

(child care will be provided)

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service

followed by Easter Breakfast

9:30 AM - Easter Sunday Worship



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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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

March 12, 2023



"A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the 'bright sadness' of Lent, we see - far, far away - the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom." -Alexander Schmemmann

"The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection." (From *The Worship Sourcebook*)

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Anne Whitney

Visitor Outreach: Dale Ellenburg

Acolyte: Adelyn Smith and Sara Beth Clardy

Trinity Chimes: Tessa Liles

Children's Worship:

Children will remain in the service

Nursery: Tracey Ramsey

Security: T. J. Fusco and Chad Waters

Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Minister to Youth

Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager

Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist

Miss Kendra Hamilton, Musician in Residence

Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor

Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor

Rev. Cara Morgan, Minister to Children

Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager

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

First Baptist Celebrates Baptist Women in Ministry
Throughout the month of March, First Baptist is participating in the month of advocacy and preaching, sponsored by Baptist Women in Ministry. BWIM encourages Baptist congregations to take time to celebrate the preaching voices of women. While this congregation has long acknowledged the capacities of both men and women to serve God, we remember this morning that there are many congregations where this is still not the case. We happily stand in solidarity with Baptist women clergy through BWIM and the month of advocacy. For more on BWIM: www.bwim.info

Pastoral Prayer
Led by one of our ministers, this prayer is offered for our church and on behalf of our church. Have a prayer request? Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the Prayer Request form on the card in the pew in front of you or contact the church office at 864-224-1622 or sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org

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.

*Please stand if able.

“We need each other for support and encouragement, for care and consolation, as together we remember who and Whose we are. We have a home here, where we take our places at God’s table and grow strong on God’s food, never to give up on ourselves, but always – in what we say and what we do – to proclaim the good news of God’s unconditional and unconquerable love for all people.” -Barbara Brown Taylor

Gathering for Worship		Kelly Smith, Pianist
Welcome		Cara Morgan
Prelude	<i>Jesus, Priceless Treasure</i> Ramona Hallman, Organist	arr. Michael Burkhardt
Chiming of the Trinity		
Call to Worship: Psalm 40:1-10;16-17		Cara Morgan
Anthem	<i>O Happy Day</i> Sanctuary Choir and Kelly Neal, Soloist	arr. Mark Hayes
	Oh happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away. He taught me how to watch and pray. And live rejoicing every day. I will rejoice, yes, every day.	
	Oh happy day, when I get to heaven, Lord. I’m gonna walk on streets of gold. Gonna be a happy day, such a happy day, happy day!	
	(Children will remain in the service today.)	
Scripture	Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Pew Bible page 767)	
	Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. People: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Sermon	“A Tree Planted by the Water”	Josh Hunt

THE CELEBRATION OF THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

Virgil Niemeyer

Statement of Faith Read by Nichole Niemeyer

*Hymn No. 447	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	TRUST AND OBEY
Offertory Prayer		Anne Whitney
Offertory Music	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	arr. John Ferguson
*Praising God For His Gifts To Us		OLD 100TH
	Doxology	
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen	
Pastoral Prayer		Chris Liles
	<i>Prayer concludes by saying in unison:</i>	
	Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	
*Hymn No. 337	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>	EL NATHAN
Presentation of Bible		Naomi Black-Bass
Baptism Litany and Benediction (refer to insert)		Naomi Black-Bass
Postlude:	<i>Recessional</i> Ramona Hallman, Organist	Flor Peeters

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.