

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Next 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.

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.

****Donations of old bed sheets, any size or color, are needed as part of the decorations for the Easter Event. If you have old bed sheets you could donate please bring them by the church office.****

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Offertory Prayer: Sonny Reed

Visitor Outreach: Susan Reed

Children's Worship: Children will remain in the service

Nursery: Debbie Cooley

Security: Jerry Minyard and Steve Thrasher

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, March 20

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

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

Sunday, March 26

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting

5:00 PM Youth Group

Women's Ministry Event/Benson Room
at The Bleckley Inn

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

ANNIE ARMSTRONG AND CBF MISSIONS OFFERINGS

Through the Month of March
Given to date: \$225

COMING SOON!

Free and Faithful Baptists
For freedom, Christ has set us free. . .
therefore serve one another humbly in love.
-Galatians 5

General Assembly
cbf Friday, April 21, 2023
FBC Anderson
South Carolina

ANDERSON SOIREE

First Baptist will be bringing our famous "LEGO Mission Racers" to the Anderson Soiree on April 29, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Benson Room at the Bleckley Inn. Set-up will be on Friday, April 28. Servants are needed for set-up, clean-up, and to run the stations. If you would like to be a part of this fun outreach event, please contact Timothy Clardy at 864-276-6238 or timothyclardy@charter.net

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



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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 19, 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: Bob Lingle

Visitor Outreach: Lise Linge

Acolyte: Zoe Davidson and Adelyn Smith

Trinity Chimes: Saylor Wilson

Children's Worship: Kelly Neal

Nursery: Natalie Rutledge

Security: Dean Cate and Thomas Roach

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](text:fbcanderson) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

“Christianity isn’t meant to simply be believed; it’s meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people.”

-Rachel Held Evans

Gathering for Worship		Kelly Smith, Pianist
Welcome		Chris Liles
Prelude	<i>O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus</i>	arr. Anna Laura Page Ramona Hallman, Organist
Chiming of the Trinity		
Litany of Service (refer to insert)		Chris Liles
Recognition		Josh Hunt
Special Music	<i>I Speak Jesus</i>	Smith/Reeves Kelly Neal and Addrian Wilson, Duet; Kelly Smith, Pianist
Pastoral Prayer		Cara Morgan <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. 15	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	NETTLETON
Offertory Prayer		Bob Lingle
Offertory Music	<i>Lamb of God</i>	Craig Penfield

*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**

Anthem

Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

If we keep our voices silent,
All creation will rise and shout.
If we fail to praise You, Father,
Then will the very rocks cry out.

From the corners of creation
Come the people of the Living God.
Every tongue and every nation
Gather now to praise the Lord!

From a world of tribulation
Come and let your voice be raised.
Join us now in congregations.
Let the Living God be praised.

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

Scripture

Psalm 23
(Pew Bible page 544)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

“Simply There”

Naomi Black-Bass

*Hymn No. 52

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

Benediction

Naomi Black-Bass

Postlude:

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Ramona Hallman, Organist

arr. Wilbur Held

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

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.