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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- Sunday, September 10**
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Churchwide Picnic (Pavilion)
- Monday, September 11**
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Tuesday, September 12**
 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday, September 13**
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions (Rock Room)
 Youth Group (Gym)
 Coffee and Conversation (Choir Room)
 7:00 PM Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 14**
 12:00 PM Bible Study Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, September 17**
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Deacons Meeting (Deacon Conference Room)
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner (Gym)
- Monday, September 18**
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Tuesday, September 19**
 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday, September 20**
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions (Rock Room)
 Youth Group (Gym)
 Coffee and Conversation (Choir Room)
 7:00 PM Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 21**
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 12:00 PM Senior Adults Third Thursday (Fellowship Hall)



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MEMBERS IN ACTION

September 10
Deacons of the Week:
 Fran Singleton, Offertory Prayer
 Jeri Liles, Visitor Outreach
Children's Worship: Lynne Eaves
Nursery: Debbie Cooley
Security: T. J. Fusco and Greg Shore

September 17
Deacons of the Week:
 Lillian Bevill, Offertory Prayer
 T. J. Fusco, Visitor Outreach
Children's Worship: Timothy Clardy
Nursery: Sharon Smith
Security: Dean Cate and Chad Waters



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ANNUAL CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

This Sunday, September 10th — 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Join us at the Pavilion for the annual Churchwide Picnic. Please bring Side Dishes and Desserts to share. The church will provide Fried Chicken, Drinks, and Paper Goods.

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS AT NOON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
 (Except during Senior Adult Activities)

SEPTEMBER 14

Menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Dumplings
 Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, September 8th.

SEPTEMBER 28

Menu: Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll, Chocolate Drizzle Cake
 Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, September 22nd.

Make your reservation by calling the Church Office or email Sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org

From One Minister to Another...

I've been in a reflective mood this week. I celebrated my forty-third birthday this past Labor Day. ("It was truly a labor day for my mom" is my joke that's aging about as well as I am.) Thanks to Google, I learned that "Upside Down" by Diana Ross was the number one song in the nation on that day, and that U.S. tensions with China were making headlines.

I thought Monday about my parents and how they raised me, sacrifices they made for me, and values they instilled in me. I thought about how they made a point to raise me in church, a decision that of course continues to impact my life and work.

I thought about my 19 years of marriage to Sacha and how blessed I am to be her husband. I thought about the joys of fatherhood and how blessed I am to call Jude and Bas my children.

I recalled teachers, friends, and my pastors growing up. I thought about the day I came forward to make my public profession of faith. I remembered my baptism. I thought about God calling me into ministry when I was a high school senior on a spring break student retreat at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, Virginia. I thought about being simultaneously scared and at peace with my acceptance of that call. (I would come to learn that this is a familiar feeling for people called to ministry – and that it lasts a lifetime!)

I've been in vocational ministry for twenty years and I thought about the people I've had the privilege of working with – and those whom I have seen God work through.

The, ahem, more experience I have celebrating birthdays, the more I come to see that birthdays are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's gift of life. Birthdays are for more than looking back. They're for looking forward, too, to renewed life, renewed joy, and a renewed commitment to make the most of this wondrous gift. Every birthday is a chance to commit oneself to making changes in life, to get rid of unhealthy habits and to develop new positive ones.

For me, it was an opportunity to thank God for my blessings, including the blessing of knowing you and of being your pastor. Birthdays are a chance to say that no matter what happened yesterday, last week, last month, last year—whatever it brought into our lives—we get a new chance, another opportunity to celebrate God's gift of life. And to commit ourselves to being the people God has created and called us to be.

Thankfully, we need not wait for our birthdays to be thankful. Every day provides us an opportunity to share appreciation and to receive with gratitude God's gift of life.

I close with this beautiful daily prayer by Richard of Chichester, the Thirteenth-Century saint, which was popularized by lyricist Stephen Schwartz in the musical "Godspell."

For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly,
Day by Day.

Peace of Christ,



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sunday, October 1
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

- Lunch and Scavenger Hunt after Sunday School
- Needed: Adult Volunteers to lead teams

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

Janie Chapman State Missions Offering (SBC)
& Beverly Greer State Missions Offering (CBF)

Given to date: \$705.00

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear First Baptist Anderson,

Thank you so much for the elegant white floral arrangement you sent for dad's funeral. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern at this difficult time.

Leslie Nation and Kelly Smith

Dear Friends,

My sister, Pat Warnock, brought me flowers from your flower ministry recently during my hospitalization. What a precious ministry you have implemented. The lovely flowers helped to brighten my dreary hospital room!

Thank you for ministering to me in such a sweet way!

In His love,
Amy Noblitt

♥ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ♥

Congratulations to Dona Shiflette and Russell Harber who were wed on Saturday, August 26.

CONDOLENCES

Linda Chadbourne and family on the passing of her mother, Flora Wilson, on August 25, 2023.

Family and friends of Evelyn Kay on her passing on September 3, 2023.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Hosted by Kathy Adams and Ann Self

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
NOON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Cranberry and Apple Chutney, Vegetable Casserole, Baby Lima Beans, Yeast Roll, and Strawberry Cake

Sign-up by Friday, September 15, by calling the Church Office or email sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
RED SHUTTER INN MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

\$30 for mystery, dinner, and dessert /
Sign-up deadline: Friday, September 22

- Meet at the church at 5:00 PM to travel to the Red Shutter Inn (116 Smith McGee Rd, Starr, SC) via the bus (or meet us there at 5:30 PM). The dinner, mystery, and dessert will be approximately 3 hours.
- Menu: tossed salad, bacon wrapped chicken breast in a mushroom sauce, roasted new potatoes, sautéed whole green beans, and chocolate delight
- We'll be solving the "Great Chef Mystery": It's 1948. A group has gathered together to honor the Great Chef Alan Davies as he receives the highest award in the culinary world - The Edmond's World Class Culinary Award. Unfortunately, as they gather, they receive the news that he has been murdered. Some of the people who are gathered have been invited; and others have forced their way in...

For this event, the Red Shutter Inn allows a maximum of 20 people; sign-ups will be first come/first served. If more than 20 sign up, we will consider scheduling another night.

For a full list of Senior Adult activities please pick up a flyer from the vestibule.