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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, September 24
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

Monday, September 25
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 26
 10:00 PM The Margaret Williams Bible Study
 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, September 27
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions (Rock Room)
 Youth Group (Gym)
 7:00 PM Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28
 12:00 PM Bible Study Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 1
 9:30 AM Worship/World Communion Sunday
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner (Gym)

Monday, October 2
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 3
 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, October 4
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions (Rock Room)
 Youth Group (Gym)
 7:00 PM Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 5
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 5:00 PM Senior Adults (Red Shutter Inn)

Friday, October 6
 No School (District 5)



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MEMBERS IN ACTION

September 24

Deacons of the Week:

Lyn Darby, Offertory Prayer
 Stacy Hamilton, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship: Natalie Rutledge

Nursery: Emily Liles

Security: Roger Cason and Dale Ellenburg

October 1

Deacons of the Week:

Carlie Taylor, Offertory Prayer
 Jerry Minyard, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship: Children will remain in the service

Nursery: Tracey Ramsey

Security: Chad Walker and Donnie Campbell



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DEACON NOMINATIONS

Accepted through the end of Service this Sunday, September 24

Ballots for the nomination of deacons will be distributed this Sunday, September 24th.

You will also have the option to make nominations online at bit.ly/fbcdeaconnoms.

Please note that the following persons are already serving and are NOT eligible for nomination.

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| Kathy Adams | Bob Lingle | Sonny Reed |
| Joe Beusse (Life) | Lise Lingle | Susan Reed |
| Lillian Bevill | Steve Madden | Greg Shore |
| Linda Chadbourne | Tom Martin | Fran Singleton |
| Lyn Darby | Liz Marvin | Carlie Taylor |
| Joe Drennon | Jerry Minyard | Glenn Torbert |
| Dale Ellenburg | Larry Mitchell | Al Whitney |
| T. J. Fusco | Marian Moorhead | Anne Whitney |
| Jan Geisel | Jeff Neal | Katherine Wilson |
| Stacy Hamilton | Kelly Neal | Pat Vickery |
| Jeri Liles | Donna Nelson | |

From One Minister to Another...

As most of you probably know, there are a lot of options available for adults on Wednesday nights, especially if you are musically inclined. The Baraca Chorus, Praise Team rehearsal, Handbells, Adult and Christmas Choir. Many of you are involved in so many different ways on Wednesday nights. These different ways you are involved in ministry is a blessing to so many in our church community and beyond. But all of these opportunities, combined with the challenges of getting to church on a Wednesday night after school and work for some of our younger members, or after dark for some of our older members, have always made it challenging to maintain a critical mass to sustain our Wednesday night Bible study.

To try and bridge the gap between these different groups that exist on Wednesday nights, at the start of the Fall semester this year, we rolled out a new opportunity on Wednesdays: Coffee and Conversation. We wanted to provide an opportunity for folks to gather in the choir room, where most everyone winds up anyway, and have a chance for the various groups within the church to enjoy a time of fellowship, along with some snacks and something to drink. Shortly before the start of choir practice, we would have a short devotion, as well as a time of prayer and sharing of various prayer requests.

Unfortunately, this plan did not find as much success or traction as we had hoped. While there will still be some refreshments and, I'm sure, some people gathering in the choir room before choir practice starts, it will not be advertised as Coffee and Conversation as it previously has. Additionally, there may not be a time for a devotion or an organized prayer service on Wednesdays, but there is always something on Thursday at lunch time, often a Bible Study, that you are welcome to sign up for to learn and grow spiritually, and in community with others in our congregation. That Thursday study will also be live streamed and available to watch later.

In many ways, what happened with Coffee and Conversation is what happens in our spiritual lives. We listen for where we think the wind of the Spirit is blowing and we do our best to follow. There are moments when we sense that we are headed in the right direction; where our efforts seems to multiply before our eyes by the grace of God. And there are times in which we stop and consider if perhaps the Spirit is leading us someplace different than we believed, in which case, also by God's grace, we have the opportunity to listen again for where God nudges. Maybe Thomas Merton put it best when he prayed, "the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean I am actually doing so. But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please you, and I hope to have that desire in all that I do." So we press on, looking for that place to which God has called us. Thank you, church family, for engaging in some holy imagination with us! May the church continue to be a sandbox in which we can try new things in pursuit of God's will. Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,
Chris



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday. As we observe the Lord's Supper, we join with many other Christian churches around the world in this celebration of unity across denominations. We recognize that, though we are diverse, Christ has called us into community and enabled us to be a family - daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers to one another.

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

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

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

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

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



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.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

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

Given to date: **\$825.00**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 10:00 AM

The current study is in the book of Acts. Plan to join us for a new season of study, fellowship and missions.

Our mission focus for September is Clean Start. For more details contact Judith Wright.

