

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS - LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY (Except during Senior Adult activities)
Meet in the Fellowship Hall at Noon; call to make a reservation the Friday before by 3:00 PM.
Cost: \$10:00; **September 28th Menu:** Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll, Chocolate



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 across the world in this celebration of unity among churches 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.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 - RED SHUTTER INN MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

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

Menu: Tossed salad, bacon wrapped chicken breast in a mushroom sauce, roasted new potatoes, sautéed whole green beans, and chocolate delight

- 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.
- 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

THE 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.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Offertory Prayer: Lyn Darby

Visitor Outreach: Stacy Hamilton

Children's Worship: Natalie Rutledge

Nursery: Emily Liles

Security: Roger Cason and Dale Ellenburg

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

Through the month of September

Janie Chapman State Missions Offering (SBC) &

Beverly Greer State Missions Offering (CBF)

Given to date: \$775.00

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, September 18

1:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, September 20

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Room above the Chapel)

5:45 PM Children's Music & Missions (Rock Room)

Youth Group (Gym)

Coffee and Conversation (Choir Room)

7:00 PM Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)

Christmas/Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 21

The Beacon Published

12:00 AM Third Thursday/Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 24

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

CONDOLENCES

Pat Nalley and family on the passing of her son Joe Nalley on September 6, 2023



FIRST BAPTIST
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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

September 17, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence this morning and invite you to participate in the worship, study, service, and Fellowship life of First Baptist Church. For 200 years, this church has gathered to worship in response to God's presence among us. This is the primary act of our congregation; it defines us and unites us. We joyfully welcome you this morning as we worship God together.

You may note the liturgical color green on our pulpit and communion table this morning. Because the color green is associated with life, the use of it in worship during so much of our year reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us as individuals and into our church. Thank you for sharing in this life with us this morning!

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Lillian Bevill

Visitor Outreach: T. J. Fusco

Acolytes: Sebastian Hunt and Harper Gilmer

Trinity Chimes: Tessa Liles

Children's Worship: Timothy Clardy

Nursery: Sharon Smith

Security: Dean Cate 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

Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager

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

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.
-Psalm 118:2-3

Trinity Chimes

Rung by one of our children as we pray, the Trinity Chimes are a reminder that God is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we gather in God's house; that we are God's people; and that we seek God's will for our worship.

Why the Robes?

Like our choir, members of our ministerial staff wear robes as a sign of their respect for their work in leading worship, as a sign of their collegiality with one another, and so that their own clothing doesn't distract from their responsibility in leading our church in worship.

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 and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Gathering for Worship		Kelly Smith, Pianist
Welcome		Naomi Black-Bass
Prelude	<i>Solemn Melody</i> Ramona Hallman, Organist	Davies-Hopson
Chiming of the Trinity		
Invocation		Naomi Black-Bass
*Hymn No. 54	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	FAITHFULNESS
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.	
Staff Anniversary Recognitions		Josh Hunt
*Songs of Praise and Worship		Praise Team
	<i>Your Grace Is Enough</i> - Maher <i>Solid Rock</i> - arr. Chapman <i>Prepare Our Hearts</i> - Moffitt	
Offertory Prayer		Lillian Bevill
Offertory Music	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Hal Hopson
Praising God For His Gifts To Us		OLD 100TH
	<i>Doxology</i>	
	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

He Never Failed Me Yet Robert Ray
Sanctuary Choir, Hannah Wimpey and Addrian Wilson Soloists

I will sing of God's mercy,
Every day, every hour, He gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to Thee
For all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.
He is my God and I'll serve Him, No matter what the test.
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out,
He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver
In time of the storm.
I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest,
I'm going home to be forever blessed.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?
And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do,
He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.

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

Scripture

Exodus 14:19-31
(Pew Bible page 68)

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

Sermon

Josh Hunt

*Hymn

Make Us Your Church S. Hunt and R. Williamson
(Refer to insert)

Benediction

Josh Hunt

Postlude

Be of Good Courage Telemann-Hopson
Ramona Hallman, Organist

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.