

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

NEXT 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.

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

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

OCTOBER 12

Menu: Chick-Fil-A Chicken Tenders, Macaroni and Cheese, Salad, Fruit, Cookies

Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, October 6th. Make your reservation by calling the Church Office or email Sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kids Scavenger Hunt

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

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

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, OCTOBER 1

Offertory Prayer: Carlie Taylor  
Visitor Outreach: Jerry Minyard  
Children's Worship: Children will remain in the service  
Nursery: Tracey Ramsey  
Security: Chad Walker and Donnie Campbell

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: \$825.00

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 — THIRD THURSDAY

\$10 for lunch / Details TBD

Sign-up deadline: Friday, October 13

Menu: Meatloaf, mac and cheese, green beans, yeast roll, coconut cake

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — SC BOTANICAL GARDENS

\$6 for tour of the gardens / lunch is Dutch treat

Sign-up deadline: Friday, October 13

- Meet at the SC Botanical Gardens (150 Discovery Lane, Clemson) at 11:00 AM for a 45-60 minute tour. Afterwards, the group will visit the Village Bakery in Pendleton for lunch.
- Please let Cara know if you need a ride; buses are not available.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — THIRD THURSDAY

\$10 for lunch / The Gerrard Trio (Nancy Fowler and family)

Sign-up deadline: Friday, November 3

Menu: turkey and dressing, sweet potato soufflé, turnip greens, corn muffin, peach cobbler

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

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

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 (Room above the Chapel)  
5:45 PM Children's Music & Missions (Rock Room)  
Youth Group (Gym)  
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



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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 24, 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: Lyn Darby

Visitor Outreach: Stacy Hamilton

Acolytes: Saylor Wilson and Emersyn Wilson

Trinity Chimes: Gabrielle Roach

Children's Worship: Natalie Rutledge

Nursery: Emily Liles

Security: Roger Cason and Dale Ellenburg

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

“Faith is the fruit of a seed planted in the depth of a lifetime.”  
-Abraham Joshua Heschel, *Man is Not Alone: A Philosophy of Religion*

**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](http://andersonfbc.org/give), through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](https://www.texttofaith.org) and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

Gathering for Worship		Kelly Smith, Pianist
Welcome		Cara Morgan
Prelude	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	arr. Hal Hopson Ramona Hallman, Organist
Chiming of the Trinity		
Invocation		Cara Morgan
*Hymn No. 495	<i>Serve the Lord with Gladness</i>	LEE
Pastoral Prayer		Naomi Black-Bass
	<i>Prayer concludes by saying in unison:</i>	
	<b>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.</b>	
*Songs of Praise and Worship		Praise Team
	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i> - arr. Chapman <i>Lord Reign in Me</i> - Brown <i>How Great Is Our God</i> - Tomlin	
Offertory Prayer		Lyn Darby
Offertory Music	<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>	arr. David Cherwein
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	<i>Order My Steps (In Your Word)</i>	Jack Schrader
	Sanctuary Choir	
	Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me every day. Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word.	
	Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will, while You are working, help me be still. Though Satan is busy, God is real! Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in Your Word!	
	I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, and I’ll do your blessed will.	
	The world is ever changing, but You are still the same. If You order my steps, I’ll praise your name. Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue in your Word; Guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart in your Word.	
	Show me how to walk in your Word, show me how to talk in your Word. When I need a brand-new song to sing, Show me how to let your praises ring, in your Word.	
	(Children please exit for Children’s Worship at this time.)	
Scripture	<b>Exodus 16:2-15</b> (Pew Bible page 70)	
	Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. <b>People: <i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>	
Sermon		Josh Hunt
*Hymn No. 65	<i>Just When I Need Him Most</i>	GABRIEL
Benediction		Josh Hunt
Postlude	<i>Postlude</i>	L. H. Southard
	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.