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<div>  <p>307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624 CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER — 224-2635 Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00; Fri. 9:00 - 3:00</p> <p>Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Minister of Youth and Connections 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 and Senior Adults 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</p> <p>MINISTER ON CALL: (after hours & weekends) Call: 224-1622, Press 6, leave name, number and a brief message and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.</p> <div>  <div>  FirstBaptistAnderson  FBCAndersonSC  andersonfbc.org </div> </div> </div>			
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LET MUSIC FILL THE AIR

Worshipping God Through Song Next Sunday, October 29 - 9:30 AM

Make plans to join us for this special morning worship service that will feature our sanctuary choir, instrumental pieces, vocal ensembles, and congregational hymns.

ALSO NEXT SUNDAY, CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON
11:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Elect Deacons and Committees/Present 2024 Budget

Cost: \$10 for Adults (Kids 18 and under are free) Sign up by Wednesday, October 25.

Menu: Turkey and Dressing, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Yeast Roll, and Apple Cake

Please call the church office or visit andersonfbc.org/community to make reservations for the Church Conference. Childcare will be provided.



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
5:30 - 8:30 PM
THE BLECKLEY STATION
301 S. MURRAY AVE.
CRAFTS, GAMES, HOT CHOCOLATE,
LOTS OF CANDY, AND OBSTACLE COURSE

We need LOTS of volunteers! We need people to help run stations, set up and tear down, serve food, and welcome guests. We also need donations of candy—LOTS of it, Crockpots of Chili or Soup, and Desserts—individually wrapped or bagged. (Please bring candy to the church office.) If you are willing to volunteer or donate chili/soup/ desserts, please contact Timothy Clardy.

From One Minister to Another...

I remember my family’s Sunday morning routine as we got ready for church. I wanted to be like the preacher, so I would put on a sport coat and clip-on tie. On the way to church, my mom would give me a stick of Wrigley’s Doublemint gum and money from her purse for me to put in the offering plate. I *loved* putting money in the offering plate. I got to touch the plate, put in my coin or my dollar, and pass it to my neighbor. I remember feeling so happy when I participated in giving during worship.

When I asked my mom why we gave, she would tell me, “God has given us everything we have, so we have an opportunity to give back to God and help God’s people.” Long before my ordination and long before my baptism, my mom was teaching me—and I was putting into practice—how to give at church. There are so many beautiful and important ways to give, but the money my mom pulled out of her purse and gave me for the offering plate was my first lesson in Christian stewardship. It’s a lesson I reflect on to this day.

There’s a legend from the early church about an emperor who had all his troops baptized. These troops were told to keep their sword arm out of the water. All the rest of their bodies were baptized, but they felt they needed the arm they fought with to belong to the devil. They’d be fierce warriors, even if it meant they’d go to eternity with only one arm. They’d raise an arm above their heads in baptism, and give the *rest of themselves* to Jesus. A funny image, to be sure, but I wonder how often we attempt the same kind of thing.

“Give yourselves completely to God,” James writes. Our baptism is immersive—it involves our whole selves: our “fighting arms,” our feet, our minds, our hearts, our wallets and pocketbooks.

I don’t get Doublemint gum or a quarter from my mom’s purse before worship anymore. I give electronically now, and though our ushers don’t stop at me when they’re passing the offering plate, I still feel that giving—especially giving money—is one of the important and wonderful ways we’re brought together in the Body of Christ.

This coming Sunday in worship, our Stewardship Committee will stand before the church to give an update on our giving. Unfortunately, the news they’re tasked with sharing isn’t good. Simply put: while our spending this year is within the church budget we approved last fall, it far exceeds our giving in a way that, frankly, isn’t sustainable. This dire situation requires our attention, prayers, and generosity. I have assured our staff that First Baptist has a history of rising to the occasion and giving sacrificially when a challenge like this arises, and, as I pray, I have faith that we will do that again, with God’s guidance and help. This is a time for us to remember that, just like my mom told me, “God has given us everything we have.” I hope to see you Sunday as we thank God for those gifts.

Peace of Christ,

Josh

**LUNCH TIME
BIBLE STUDY**

**OCTOBER 26 AT NOON
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
COST: \$10.00**

Menu: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Corn Muffin, Banana Pudding

**Please call the Church Office to
make a reservation by 3:00 PM
on Friday, October 20th.**

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

**THE MARGARET WILLIAMS
BIBLE STUDY**

October 24th at 10:00 AM in Room 212
We invite you to come and join
in the study of ACTS!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**THIRD
THURSDAY**
Senior Adult Ministry

**NOVEMBER 16TH AT NOON
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**The Gerrard Trio
(Nancy Fowler and Family)**
**Cost: \$10.00; Sign-up by
Friday, November 3**

Menu: Turkey and Dressing, Sweet
Potato Soufflé, Turnip Greens,
Corn Muffin, Peach Cobbler

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the delicious meal you provided in our time of sorrow. It was so kind of you to remember us in such a special way. Having such a caring and loving church family has made this time of grief so much easier to bear. Please continue to pray for us as we navigate life without our beloved Bub.

Love,
Mary Edwards and Family

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

**TRICK OR TREAT SO OTHERS MAY EAT
(TOTSOME)**



During the month of October, our elementary missions class, the Mission Explorers, will be learning about Anderson Interfaith Ministries (AIM) and gathering food items as part of their Trick or Treat So Others May Eat (TOTSOME) drive. Suggested donations include canned meat, breakfast foods, canned fruit, canned vegetables, dried rice/beans, pasta/sauces, peanut butter and jelly, canned soup, and sugar/ flour/oil. AIM asks that we please do NOT donate items in glass containers. Boxes for donations can be found in adult Sunday school classes and in the vestibule.

FBC KIDS TRIP TO



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

- Eat lunch after Sunday School, change clothes, and head to Lake Hartwell Wildlife Safari
- \$5.00 for Children (2-12); \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for seniors (65+)
- Bags of feed are \$5.00
- Safari starts at 1:30 and lasts about an hour
- Return to church by about 3:30
- Needed: Adult Chaperones

COMING SOON!

**ALL SAINTS
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th
9:30 AM**



Join us for the special service as we memorialize the
FBC members who have passed away over the last year.