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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- Sunday, January 28**
 9:30 AM Worship - Parent-Child Dedication
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Church Conference and Luncheon
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Monday, January 29**
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, January 31**
 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 & Hangout" (Gym)
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



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

- Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Assoc. Pastor (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 (Administration and Missions)
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 Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
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 a brief message and the MINISTER ON CALL
 will return your call promptly.



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- Friday, February 2**
 11:30 AM Senior Adult Trip (meet at the Village
 Bakery) Tour of the Clemson Football
 Facilities

- Sunday, February 4**
 9:30 AM Worship - Communion
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

- Monday, February 5**
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

- Wednesday, February 7**
 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 & Hangout" (Gym)
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

- Thursday, February 8**
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MEMBERS IN ACTION

January 28
Deacons of the Week:
 Pat Vickery, Offertory Prayer
 JoAnn Vickery, Visitor Outreach
Children's Worship: Jeri Liles
Nursery: Becky Campbell
Security: Alan Oxendine and Chad Waters

February 4
Deacons of the Week:
 Stacy Hamilton, Offertory Prayer
 Joe Drennon, Visitor Outreach
Children's Worship: Elana Roach
Nursery: Ann Campbell
Security: Kevin McCoy and Donnie Campbell



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**NEXT SUNDAY
 FEBRUARY 4 - 9:30 AM**

Observation of Lord's Supper
 during the morning Worship
 Service.

— END OF YEAR —
**GIVING
 STATEMENTS**

2023 Giving Statements will
 be mailed by January 31, to the
 address you have on record. If
 you have any questions please
 contact Lesley Hudgins in the
 church office (224-1622).

**DO YOU HAVE A NEW
 ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER
 OR EMAIL?**

If you have a change in address,
 phone number or email,
 please notify the church office:
 224-1622 or email:
 sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org
 Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

**9:30 AM
 PARENT CHILD
 DEDICATION
 SERVICE FOR**

Nevie Dickson

**11:30 AM
 CHURCH CONFERENCE
 AND LUNCHEON**

COMING SOON!
**FEBRUARY 14 - 6:00 PM
 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Stewardship Giving

Church Family,

The start of a new year always brings with it the opportunity for both reflection and dreaming. As I look back on the year that has been, you, like me, have heard the reports from our Stewardship Committee about the shortfall in giving for last year. While wiser financial minds than my own have weighed in on that, from where I sit, I think it can be easy to forget that our giving does more than just support the ministries that happen within the walls of our congregation. Yes, we take up special offerings each year, but 10% of every dollar our congregation receives through your individual gifts goes back out the door to support ministries within our community and beyond.

We support a variety of local ministries that support some of the most vulnerable populations within our community:

- Anderson Interfaith Ministries (AIM) - A portion of your giving goes to support the WACS program at AIM, to help break the cycle of poverty by supporting mothers who are trying to earn their college degrees. Our gifts to the WACS program support things like childcare and transportation assistance, savings plans, career guidance, and professional mentorship, in the effort of helping moms attain stable careers to support themselves and their children.
- Anderson Free Clinic - The Free Clinic strives to offer medical services (including dental, vision, and pharmacy needs) to low income members of Anderson County who are uninsured. Thanks in part to your gifts through the church, the Free Clinic is able to provide over \$3 million annually in medical services to over 400 patients each year, patients who would otherwise have no access to healthcare.
- Meals on Wheels - Your contributions to the church help provide about 650 meals a day, throughout the year, to elderly residents in Anderson County who would otherwise struggle with food security.
- United Way Weekend Snackpacks - A portion of your gifts to the church also go to provide weekend meals for hungry students in Anderson County schools, students who otherwise might not receive a meal after lunch on Friday, until breakfast on Monday morning. Each week, 800 students from across the county receive 4 meals to take home with them through this program.
- First Light - A portion of your tithes each month go to support this organization that is on the front lines combating child abuse and sexual assault in Anderson County. They provide forensic interviews, ER accompaniments, and trauma health services to children, free of charge, and also provide counseling services for survivors of abuse.

But what we give to the church is not just restricted to our community. Our tithes also go to help provide disaster relief in the wake of tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods within our state and region. It helps sponsor missionaries and field personnel, both here in the States, in places like Texas, North Carolina, and Appalachia, as well as around the world. Your gifts help fund efforts to spread the message of the Kingdom of God, and the Gospel of Jesus, in places like Japan, Southeast Asia, Uganda, and Macedonia.

All of these happen because of your generous gifts. Meeting our budget each year isn't just a matter of being able to pay our bills and keep our churchwide ministries we know and love going. It's also a matter of assisting those who are on the front lines of Kingdom work within our community and world. Thank you for your generosity in the past. And I hope and pray we will all be moved by the Spirit to continue to be generous in the future.

Grace and Peace,

Chris

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



SENIOR ADULT TRIP Friday, February 2

Lunch at the Village Bakery and
Tour of the Clemson Football Facilities

Meet at The Village Bakery (108 East Main St, Pendleton, SC) for lunch at 11:30 AM. The tour will start at 1:15 PM but meet in front of Allen N. Reeves Football complex between 1:00 and 1:10. The tour will be approximately 45 minutes.

Please call the church office to sign up if you are coming to lunch, the tour, or both by 3:00 PM on Wednesday, January 31.

THIRD THUSDAY

February 15, at NOON
in the Fellowship Hall

Anderson University Jazz Ensemble

Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Garden Pork Tenderloin with Cranberry and Apple Chutney, Yeast Roll, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Green Beans, Apple Dumplings

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, February 9.

BIBLE STUDY

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 22
at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Bacon Wrapped Chicken with Sour Cream and Mushroom Sauce, Yeast Roll, Baby Lima Beans, Squash Casserole, Double Fudge Cake

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, February 16.

CONDOLENCES

Family and friends on the passing of Irvin Cauthen on January 14, 2024

Susan Thornton and family on the passing of her husband, Charlie Thornton, on January 15, 2024

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

FEBRUARY 10 — 9:00 AM-12:00PM

Please join us for a church cleanup day! This is a deacon-led service project for everyone in the church. This will give us a chance to fellowship as we spruce up our church to make it welcoming and inviting to both guests and members.

Coffee, water, and some light breakfast items will be provided to help you get started, and a variety of projects are planned throughout the church. Naomi Black-Bass and the youth and their families will be working on projects in the gym. Please scan the QR code to sign up so that we know how many people will participate to have enough refreshments and projects. We look forward to seeing you there!



FBC MEMBER IN SERVICE SHIRTS



You can now order your First Baptist Church Member in Service shirts. Shirts are True Royal in color, and include our church logo and name on the front with Member in Service added to the back under the church logo and name.

Short sleeved T-shirts are \$10, long sleeved T-shirts are \$15, and sweatshirts are \$25. All shirts are available in Adult XS to 3XL. T-shirts are available in Youth S to XL. Please scan the code or visit <https://bit.ly/FBCMEmTshirt24> to place your order. You'll pay for your shirts when you pick them up. The link to order will be available through February 18.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Mission Madness

March 15-17, 2024
Athens, GA



Cost: \$100 per student

For more information contact

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