

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY FEBRUARY 10th — 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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 or visit <https://bit.ly/FBCCleanUpDay24> 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!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 14

6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 22

Noon in 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 make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, February 16, by calling the Church Office.

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 2/18.



PLEASE NOTE

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).

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.

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

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

Friday, February 2

11:30 AM Senior Adult Trip (meet at the Village Bakery)
Tour the Clemson Football Facilities

Sunday, February 4

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

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Offertory Prayer: Stacy Hamilton

Visitor Outreach: Joe Drennon

Children's Worship: Elana Roach

Nursery: Ann Campbell

Security: Kevin McCoy and Donnie Campbell



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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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
January 28, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

From Scripture, we know the truth that children are gifts from God. Psalm 127:3 states that "Children are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from above." We are called to recognize that children belong first and foremost to God and that God, in his goodness, gives children as gifts to parents. Families have the awesome responsibility of caring for this child, but also have the wonderful privilege of enjoying this gift. Because children belong to God and are given by grace as gifts to parents, it is only proper and appropriate that children be dedicated back to God.

We are told in 1 Samuel 1, that Hannah presented her son Samuel to the Lord. In Luke 2:22, we read that Mary and Joseph brought their baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him before the Lord. Today, in the same way, we join together as a church family to witness as parents dedicate themselves and their infant to God and to pledge our support and our love to this child and her family.

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Pat Vickery

Visitor Outreach: JoAnn Vickery

Acolytes:

Saylor Wilson and Tessa Liles

Trinity Chimes: Emersyn Wilson

Children's Worship: Jeri Liles

Nursery: Becky Campbell

Security:

Alan Oxendine and Chad Waters

Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Associate Pastor

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

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

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” -Jesus, Mark 10:14b

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Chris Liles

Prelude *Jesus and The Children* arr. Gilbert Martin
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Morning Prayer Chris Liles

*Hymn No. 6 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Nevie Denise Dickson
Daughter of Anna Logan and Logan Dickson

Litany Naomi Black-Bass
When prompted, please respond with “We will.”

Prayer of Blessing

Introduction to the Church

Presentation of Bible

Solo *Hand to Hold* J. J. Heller
Hannah Wilson, Soloist
Sara Kate Smith, Violinist and Chris Liles, Cellist

Trees are made for climbing, days are made for sun
Puddles are for jumping, fields are made to run
Stars are made for counting, and for wishes coming true
Sleep is made for dreaming, and I have dreams for you

May you never lose the wonder in your soul
May you always have a blanket for the cold
May the living light inside you be the compass as you go
May you always know you have my hand to hold

Stones are made for skipping, stories made to tell
Life is made for living, I pray you live it well
Learning comes from trying, so don't be afraid to lose
Songs are made for singing, I'll sing this one for you

May the good Lord bless and keep you, fill you with His peace
His face will shine upon you, even as you sleep
Every day you're changing, sometimes I wish it wasn't true
Hearts are made for giving, I've given mine to you

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

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](https://www.texttofaith.org) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music *Morning Prayer*
Ramona Hallman, Pianist

Praising God For His Gifts To Us

Doxology

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 *Because He Lives* arr. Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

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

Scripture **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**
(Pew Bible Page 178)

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

Sermon Josh Hunt

*Hymn No. 378 *Christian Hearts, in Love United* CASSELL

Benediction Josh Hunt

Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary* Gordon Young
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Pat Vickery

Gordon Young

OLD 100th

arr. Mark Hayes

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.