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**OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST**

- Sunday, April 7**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Monday, April 8**  
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, April 10**  
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)  
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Mission  
 Youth Group  
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Thursday, April 11**  
 12:00 PM Lunch Time Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, April 14**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Monday, April 15**  
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, April 17**  
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)  
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Mission  
 Youth Group  
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Thursday, April 18**  
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 12:00 PM Third Thursday (Fellowship Hall)



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**MEMBERS IN ACTION**

**April 7**

**Deacons of the Week:**  
 Jerry Minyard, Offertory Prayer  
 Lyn Darby, Visitor Outreach  
**Children's Worship:** Jeri Liles  
**Nursery:** Becky Campbell  
**Security:** Kevin McCoy and Donnie Campbell

**April 14**

**Deacons of the Week:**  
 Larry Mitchell, Offertory Prayer  
 Stacy Hamilton, Visitor Outreach  
**Children's Worship:** Stephanie Patterson  
**Nursery:** Ann Campbell  
**Security:** T. J. Fusco and Thomas Roach



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# THE BEACON

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## MISSION MADNESS

FBC Youth had a great time at Mission Madness in Athens, GA, last month. They learned how we are called to be salt and light, and use the gifts God has given us. They also helped organize books for Books for Keeps and cleaned a kitchen for Our Daily Bread. They packed over 20,000 rice packs for Rise Against Hunger!





## From One Minister to Another...

Our youth recently had a weekend retreat where they went to Athens, GA, to participate in Mission Madness. Mission Madness is where students go to dedicate a weekend to service. A church (big thanks to First Baptist Athens and Milledge Avenue Baptist) will host and students will go out into the community and serve. We arrived Friday night for worship, where we looked at Matthew 5:13, talking about how we are called to be the salt of the earth. The worship service helped encourage us for our day of service ahead.

Saturday morning we broke up into our service groups. Half of our group went to Books for Keeps and the other half went to Our Daily Bread. At Books for Keeps, we helped sort books into different categories such as children's chapter books, children's picture books, adult fiction, adult non-fiction, etc. The books we sorted were to be given out free of charge. Majority of their work is to get books to children to encourage literacy and learning. At our Daily Bread, students helped clean the kitchen they use to serve meals.

That afternoon we gathered together to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger. The meal would include rice, dried vegetables, protein, and a vitamin pack. These meals go all around the world to people who are experiencing hunger. We were able to pack over 20,000 meals in just a couple of hours. We also did a poverty simulation where students were given a life scenario and they had to figure out how they were going to afford necessities. They experienced the frustration of paying rent, insurance, transportation, and other unexpected costs. Afterward, we were able to rest before dinner and worship. At worship that night we looked at Matthew 5:14-16, and talked about how we can be the light of the world. That evening we had a party with games and snow cones.

Sunday morning we went to worship where we had communion, and were reminded that our service does not stop here. We traveled back home and got some much needed rest. It was great to see our students serving, worshipping, and having fun and making friends along the way. We are grateful for CBF Georgia for putting on this event, and we are grateful for our church for supporting the youth so we are able to go on great trips like this!

In peace and love,  
Naomi

### BIBLE STUDY



Thursday, April 11  
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Turkey and Dressing, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Green Beans, Apple Dumplings

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 4.

Thursday, April 25  
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Roll, Carrot Cake

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, April 19.

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, April 18  
Noon in Fellowship Hall

Sonny Reed's Gardening Tips

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Apple Cake

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 11.

### THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you Baraca Members and First Baptist Church Congregation for the recent surprise—and it really was. The gift and "On The Air" sign is much appreciated. I loved Baraca. I learned so much and made many friends at FBC. I cherish the time I spent there. Thank you for accepting me into the FBC and Baraca family.

May our Lord bless you all,  
Mike Hawkins

Heartfelt thanks to all our church members for all your prayers concerning my recent surgery and to my Encouragers Sunday School Class for prayers, cards, emails and texts.

Mary Ellen Ellenburg

### PLEASE NOTE

#### HYMNALS

A variety of hymnals from the Baraca Sunday School Class Ministry are available in the vestibule at no cost.

Please feel free to take as many as you like. If you know of a church or organization that is in need of hymnals please let them know these are available.

### MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY



Meals on Wheels in Anderson is hosting a Spring Into Volunteering Drop-In for anyone who is interested in learning how to be involved with their work. Join them on Tuesday, April 9th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at 105 S. Fant Street. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by Friday, April 5th to [hdaniel@acmow.org](mailto:hdaniel@acmow.org) to attend. Please contact Linda Chadbourne at [lindadc800@gmail.com](mailto:lindadc800@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving as a driver for Meals on Wheels regularly or for more information. If there are enough people, we could have a regular FBC route. If not, MOW is always in need of substitute drivers.

### DEACONS MINISTRY

#### DEACONS SOCIAL AT THE DARBY FARM APRIL 21 - 3:00 PM

Our next deacon's meeting will be a social at Darby Farm in Due West on Sunday, April 21. Deacons, collections team members, youth, music ministry members and pastors, and anyone who would enjoy this fellowship are encouraged to join us. Hamburgers and smoked chicken will be provided. Dress comfortably and bring your chair, a dish to share, and come enjoy fellowship together. Arrive anytime after 3:00 PM with dinner served around 6:00 PM. Please scan the QR code to sign up or call the Church Office. Please sign up by Tuesday, April 16. Directions will be emailed. Contact Lyn Darby for questions.



#### Walk with the Docs!

Our church supports the Anderson Free Clinic financially, and this month, we are going to support them in person as well. Please join us to "Walk with the Docs" on Saturday, April 27. Sign up for that at the QR code below or call the church office to sign up. Wear your FBC Member in Service T-shirt, and arrive by 9:00 AM at N. Main Commons, 516 N Main, where Magnetic South is located.

Immediately after the walk, we have the opportunity to volunteer with Timothy Clardy in the Mission Racers portion of the LEGO Fan Event at the Soiree or through the United Way in the Kid's Kingdom at the Soiree. Please contact Timothy at [timothyclardy@charter.net](mailto:timothyclardy@charter.net) to help with Mission Racers or sign up to help with Kids Kingdom at [ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/Soiree2024](https://ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/Soiree2024). Olivia Armstrong at the United Way is the contact person for that and her email is [olivia@uwayandsc.org](mailto:olivia@uwayandsc.org) for questions related to the Kid's Kingdom.

### FLOWER MINISTRY



FBC's Flower Ministry is in need of small jars and small vases. If you would like to donate these items please drop them off at the Church Office.

### COMING SOON!

CHURCH

CONFERENCE  
& LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 11:30 AM  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MENU

Bacon Wrapped Chicken (Kids-Chicken Nuggets), Broccoli Casserole, Rice Pilaf,

Please call the church office or visit [andersonfbc.org/community](http://andersonfbc.org/community) to make reservations by 3:00 PM, April 24.

GRADUATE  
RECOGNITION SERVICE  
Sunday, May 5, 2024

Graduate Recognition Sunday is rapidly approaching! If you have a student who is connected with our church and graduating this year from either high school or a post-secondary institution, we would love that information so we can recognize them on Sunday, May 5, in worship. Please forward their name, school, degree (if applicable), and future plans, along with a picture for the cover of the Beacon, to Sharon at [sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org](mailto:sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org), so we can celebrate all of their hard work. Please have all pictures to Sharon by **Monday, April 26.**

