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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- Sunday, April 21**
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 3:00 PM Deacons Social (Darby Farm)
- Monday, April 22**
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Tuesday, April 23**
 10:00 AM The Margaret Williams Bible Study
- Wednesday, April 24**
 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 25**
 12:00 PM Lunch Time Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- Friday, April 26**
 Set up of the "Lego Mission Racers" (Anderson Soiree)
- Saturday, April 27**
 9:00 AM Walk with the Docs (516 N. Main St.)
 10:00 AM "Lego Mission Racers" (Anderson Soiree)
- Sunday, April 28**
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Church Conference and Luncheon
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Monday, April 29**
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, May 1**
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Dress Rehearsal for
 Spring Performance
 Youth Group
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Thursday, May 2**
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 12:00 PM Third Thursday (Fellowship Hall)



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 a brief message and the MINISTER ON CALL
 will return your call promptly.



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MEMBERS IN ACTION

April 21

Deacons of the Week:

Jeri Liles, Offertory Prayer
 T. J. Fusco, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship: Timothy Clardy

Nursery: TBD

Security: Roger Cason and Dale Ellenburg

April 28

Deacons of the Week:

Lise Lingle, Offertory Prayer
 Bob Lingle, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship: Elana Roach

Nursery: TBD

Security: Bill Wilson and Adam Gathers

CHURCH

**CONFERENCE
& LUNCHEON**

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

MENU

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

Please call the church office or visit andersonfbc.org/community
 to make reservations by 3:00 PM, Wednesday 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, so we can celebrate all of their hard work. Please have all pictures to Sharon by **Monday, April 26.**



From One Minister to Another...

I grew up on Shel Silverstein. My elementary school teachers had learned about the Chicago-born Jewish poet as they were studying to be teachers, and they shared his writings with me and my classmates. The Hunt Family library features Silverstein works *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, *A Light in the Attic*, and *The Missing Piece*.

The Missing Piece is about a rolling circle, hand-illustrated by Silverstein for his book, that has a huge missing wedge out of itself. The circle rolls along through life looking for his missing piece. Throughout the story, the broken circle sings a little song: "Oh, I'm lookin' for my missin' piece; I'm lookin' for my missin' piece; Hi-dee -ho, here I go, lookin' for my missin' piece."

And since the circle has a missing piece, he can't roll very fast. He travels very slowly, but his pace allows him to enjoy the scenery around him, to talk to the butterflies, and to look for the piece that will complete him. After many miles, he finally finds it: a triangle piece that fits him perfectly.

Now the circle is whole and he zips along the road at speeds he could only imagine before. After a while of rolling through life at a fast pace, the circle realizes that he can't do the things he used to enjoy. He can't enjoy the scenery. He doesn't move slowly enough to sing like he used to. He has no time to enjoy the company of the butterflies. Everything moves too fast. So he removes the once-missing piece, lays it aside, and goes back to the slower life he had. His weakness was more obvious but it was the life he lived best.

The story is a great parable. We all have gaps in our lives—things we wish were better, things that we struggle with, mistakes, sickness, grief, etc. Sometimes the missing piece is obvious, but sometimes we hide the gap well.

In our brokenness, God comes to us with grace. When we decrease, God increases. When we feel deep emptiness, God's grace can give us life. God's grace meets us in our brokenness and shame.

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church about a struggle he was experiencing (2 Cor 12:7). He called his missing piece "a thorn in my flesh," and he repeatedly appealed to God to make him well and whole again.

God's response to Paul was, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

As Paul continued in his letter, "So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

May we come to see that the power of God can work in and through our weaknesses, affirming to ourselves and as a powerful testimony to others that God's grace is sufficient.

Peace of Christ,

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

April 23 - 10:00 AM - Room 212

BIBLE STUDY



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.

Thursday, May 2
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Fried Chicken Tenders, Mac
and Cheese, Green Beans, Roll, Banana Pudding

Please call the church office to make a
reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, April 26.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, May 16
Noon in Fellowship Hall

Bud Vases for Senior Living Facilities/
Homebound

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Sandwiches (Turkey, Ham
and Cheese, or Chicken Salad), Tossed Salad,
Potato Salad, Banana Pudding

Please call the church office to make a
reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, May 10.

THANK YOU NOTE

My family and I would like to thank all of First Baptist Church for your prayers, concerns, and support during the recent loss of our loved one, Jonathan Reed Allen. All of the flowers, food, cards, visits, phone calls, and kind words were so deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by all of us. Thank you to pastor, Josh Hunt, for his caring time that he spent with our family and for the wonderful service that he prepared honoring Jonathan's life.

With much love and respect,
Debbie, Richard, and Mary Allen

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Anderson Free Clinic
Providing Better Health Through Caring

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 by scanning the QR code with your phone, camera, or call the church office. Wear your FBC Member in Service T-shirt, and arrive by 9:00 AM at N. Main Commons, 516 N Main, near Magnetic South.



We are still needing a few joy-filled volunteers to help with LEGO Mission Racers at the Soiree on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM at the Bleckley Inn. Please contact Timothy Clardy (864-276-6238, timothyclardy@charter.net) to help. We also need donations of food/money to provide lunch and supper to all the LEGO event volunteers. If willing to provide things like dessert, chips, crock pot of green beans, slaw, or money, please contact Jeri Liles, 205-960-5400, lile9829@bellsouth.net.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



CHILDREN'S SPRING
CHOIR PERFORMANCE

May 8 - 6:00 PM

Followed by lemonade and light
refreshments in the Rock Room!



Missions Racers And
Hot Dog Supper

May 15 at 5:30-7:30 PM
in the Pavilion

Everyone is invited to join!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3 - June 6 — 5:30-8:00 PM

For children who have completed 4K-5th grade.

Scan the QR code to register by
May 13, or visit: bit.ly/FBCVBS2024

