

BIBLE STUDY

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 25, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

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

Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM on April 19.

DEACONS' MINISTRY

DEACONS SOCIAL AT THE DARBY FARM

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, 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 visit <https://bit.ly/FBCDeaconsSocial4-21-24> or 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.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Anderson Free Clinic
Providing Better Health Through Care

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 or call the church office to sign up by April 24. 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.



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. We also need donations of food/money to provide lunch and supper to all the LEGO event volunteers. If willing to provide (dessert, chips, crock pot of green beans, slaw, or money) please contact Jeri Liles, 205-960-5400, lile9829@bellsouth.net.



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We covenant as Christ followers, through humility and love, to share in God's ongoing work of redemption and to serve our world by creating a safe space for healing and wholeness, growth and transformation, awe and wonder.

Welcome

April 14, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday, which falls on May 19, this year. The season of Easter is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, and Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God's purposeful plan of salvation. (from *Seeking God's Face* by Philip Reinders)

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Larry Mitchell

Visitor Outreach: Stacy Hamilton

Acolytes:

Saylor Wilson and Bas Hunt

Trinity Chimes: Emersyn Wilson

Children's Worship: Stephanie Patterson

Nursery: Ann Campbell

Security:

T. J. Fusco and Thomas Roach

Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Associate Pastor
Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist
Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager
Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor
Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager
Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence
Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

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, Chocolate Drizzle Cake

Please call the church office or visit andersonfbc.org/community to make reservations by 3:00 PM, Wednesday April 24.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

First Baptist is exploring the opportunity to assist our church neighbor, Grace Episcopal, with their community garden to feed the needy. In that regard, if you would like to assist with planting the garden, please arrive at the garden, located behind Grace Episcopal on McGee Street, at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 20. You may wish to bring (but not required): gardening gloves, sunscreen, water bottle, small hand-shovel or trowel. If you need more information, please contact Danny Ehlert, 864-276-2579, danny.ehlert@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

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

Beacon Published

12:00 PM Third Thursday (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 21

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

3:00 PM Deacons Social (Darby Farm)

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Offertory Prayer: Jeri Liles

Visitor Outreach: T. J. Fusco

Children's Worship: Timothy Clardy

Nursery: TBD

Security: Roger Cason and Dale Ellenburg

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

CAL CAMPBELL

Born April 8, 2024

8lbs 1ozs 20.5" in

Proud Parents: Austin and Meg Campbell

Big Sister: Laney

Grandparents: Charlie and Ann Campbell

The Worship of God

“Of all powers, love is the most powerful and the most powerless. It is the most powerful because it alone can conquer that final and most impregnable stronghold which is the human heart. It is the most powerless because it can do nothing except by consent.”
-Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Lise Lingle, Vision Team Member

Prelude *God Who Made the Earth and Heaven* arr. Raymond Haan
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Call To Worship Lise Lingle, Vision Team Member

Leader: Though we may be inclined to brag,
let us come together with humility.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God’s people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,
let us come together with gentleness.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God’s people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may want everything to happen quickly,
let us come together with patience.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God’s people live together in unity.

Leader: Though the world around often encourages hate,
let us come together in love.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God’s people live together in unity.

Leader: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,

People: Let us worship the God who has called us together.

*Hymn No. 382 *God, the Father of Your People* HOLY MANNA

Pastoral Prayer Naomi Black-Bass

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Love the Lord - Brewster
Better is One Day - Redman
The Heart of Worship - Redman

Trinity Chimes

Rung by one of our children as we pray, the Trinity Chimes are a reminder that God is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we gather in God’s house; that we are God’s people; and that we seek God’s will for our worship.

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](text:fbcanderson) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Offertory Prayer Larry Mitchell

Offertory Music *I Love Thee, My Lord* arr. Douglas Wagner

Praising God For His Gifts To Us Gloria Patri

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Scripture **Colossians 3:12-17** Dale Cate, Vision Team Member
(Pew Bible Page 1167)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *O Love* Elaine Hagenberg
Sanctuary Choir

O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

Oh Love, that will not let me go.

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

Sermon **“Through Humility and Love”** Josh Hunt

*Hymn No. 308 *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* PASS ME NOT

Choral Benediction *The Bond of Love* SKILLINGS

We are one in the bond of love;
We are one in the bond of love.
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God;
We are one in the bond of love.

Let us sing now, ev’ry one;
Let us feel His love begun.
Let us join our hands that the world will know
We are on in the bond of love.

Postlude *Rejoice, Ye Poor in Heart* arr. Douglas Wagner
Ramona Hallman, Organist

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.