

## CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

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](http://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](mailto:sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org), so we can celebrate all of their hard work. Please have all pictures to Sharon by **Monday, April 26**.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

April 23 - 10:00 AM - Room 212

## BIBLE STUDY

**LUNCH TIME  
BIBLE STUDY**

**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

**THIRD  
THURSDAY**  
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.**

## MEMBERS IN ACTION

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

**Offertory Prayer:** Lise Lingle

**Visitor Outreach:** Bob Lingle

**Children's Worship:** Elana Roach

**Nursery:** TBD

**Security:** Bill Wilson and Adam Gathers

## 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 by scanning the QR code with your phones, 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto:lile9829@bellsouth.net).

## OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

### Monday, April 22

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, April 23

10:00 AM The Margaret Williams Bible Study (Room 212)

### 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)

### Saturday, April 27

9:00 AM LEGO Mission Racers at the Soiree (Bleckley Inn)

### 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

## 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



**FIRST BAPTIST**  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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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 21, 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:** Jeri Liles

**Visitor Outreach:** T. J. Fusco

**Acolytes:**

Sara Beth Clardy and Gabrielle Roach

**Trinity Chimes:** Tessa Liles

**Children's Worship:** Timothy Clardy

**Nursery:** TBD

**Security:**

Roger Cason and Dale Ellenburg

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

# The Worship of God

“Do you understand what you are reading?” Acts 8:30

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Naomi Black-Bass

Prelude *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Hal Hopson  
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Call To Worship Naomi Black-Bass

Leader: We come like Philip:

**People: Following the angels, waiting for a word from the Spirit.**

Leader: So breathe your Word into us, O God, that we might have boldness

**People: To speak to the stranger on the road, to proclaim the good news about Jesus, to love one another.**

Leader: Let us dwell within your deep love for us.

**People: Let us live within the truth of Scripture: Perfect love casts out all fear. Amen.**  
-Joanna Harder

\*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

*Blessed Be Your Name* - Redman  
*You Are God Alone* - Foote

Offertory Prayer Jeri Liles

Offertory Music *Aria* Leon Nelson

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.

## 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](http://andersonfbc.org/give), through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](text:fbcanderson) and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

\*Hymn No. 426

*Victory in Jesus*

HARTFORD

Pastoral Prayer

Chris Liles

*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.**

Scripture

**Acts 8:26-39** Lynn Stoddard, Vision Team Member  
(Pew Bible Page 1086)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*To Sing Once More*  
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

Awake our souls to sing once more the songs that long have silent been.  
From troubled nights and fearful days, our notes of praise and joy begin.

Inspired by hope, compelled by grace, we sing Your everlasting praise.  
Most holy God, Your song we seek and trust in Your unchanging ways.

With comfort, Your eternal voice is music to our fainting soul.  
It speaks in times of hurt and wrong, it whispers peace, it makes us whole.

Arise, His children, rise again, your God and maker now adore.  
No longer silent, lift your voice, awake your souls to sing one more. Amen.

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

Sermon **"To Share in God's Ongoing Work of Redemption and Serve the World"** Josh Hunt

\*Hymn No. 429

*All That Thrills My Soul*

HARRIS

Benediction

Josh Hunt

Postlude

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*  
Ramona Hallman, Organist

arr. Douglas Wagner

## 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.