

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

DEACON LED SERVICE PROJECT FOR MAY

During the month of May, let's do some In-Reach! The deacon-led service project for May is reaching in to our members who are homebound, in care facilities, or have other needs. There are many people who can't attend church at all, and some who are only able to attend occasionally. The weekly Prayer List includes the names of members who are homebound, in care facilities, or have health concerns. During this month, please reach out to a few people with a phone call, card, or visit. Knowing that so someone is praying for them and remembering them can mean so much to someone who can't get to church for fellowship with others. You may know of someone else who would appreciate being remembered as well. If you need more information, please contact Lyn Darby at 864-630-5544 or lynlarzar@gmail.com.

PENTECOST Sunday, May 19

We invite you to wear red as a visible reminder of an invisible reality as we celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit at work both in our lives and in the life of our church.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC Sunday, May 26th 11:30 AM in the Pavilion

Join us after Sunday School for Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and Dessert. We'll also enjoy Music, Games, and a Memorial Day Recognition.

Please call the church office or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to sign up by 3:00 PM on May 22nd. Let Naomi know if you are interested in helping.



BIBLE STUDY

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, May 9
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Mounds Cake

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

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SPRING CHILDREN'S CHOIR PERFORMANCE

This Wednesday, May 8 — 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Followed by lemonade and light refreshments in the Rock Room!

MISSION RACERS

May 15 — 5:30 PM in the Pavilion

Everyone is invited to join!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3-6 — 5:30-8:00 PM

For children who have completed 4K-5th grade. To pre-register visit bit.ly/FBCVBS2024 or scan the QR Code to the right.



PASSPORT KIDS

June 30 - July 3

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, May 6

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)

5:45 PM Children's Choir Spring Performance

Followed by Refreshments (Rock Room)

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Youth Homework and Hangout

Thursday, May 9

12:00 PM Lunch Time Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

CONDOLENCES

Family and friends of Lucy Rogers on her passing on April 19, 2024.

Dennis Fowler and family on the passing of his wife, Nancy Fowler, on April 27, 2024.

Dale Ellenburg and family on the passing of his father, Jim Ellenburg, on May 1, 2024.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12

Offertory Prayer: Carlie Taylor

Visitor Outreach: Tom Martin

Children's Worship: Linda Chadbourne

Nursery: TBD

Security: Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky



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
May 5, 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: Sonny Reed

Visitor Outreach: Susan Reed

Trinity Chimes: Harper Gilmer

Children's Worship: Anna Logan Dickson

Nursery: Debbie Cooley

Security:

Dean Cate and Jeff Neal

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

“We don’t yet see things clearly. We’re squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won’t be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We’ll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.” -1 Corinthians 13:12-13, *The Message*

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.

Gathering for Worship		Kelly Smith, Pianist
Welcome		Chris Liles
Call to Worship/Graduate Processional		
*Hymn No. 601	<i>Teach Me, O Lord I Pray</i>	DIADEMATA
Chiming of the Trinity		
Graduate Litany		Naomi Black-Bass
Friends and families of every stage, come and worship the Creator.		
God created all cycles of life, all moments of growth, all endings and beginnings.		
From newborn babies to older generations, come and celebrate life’s milestones with delight and awe.		
Whether crawling and babbling or participating with maturity, every stage is welcome in the family of God.		
Jesus knows how it feels to grow, learn, and develop through life.		
We follow the one who came as a baby, grew as a child, and lived as an adult.		
Friends and families of every stage, come and worship together!		
Let us worship together, in Spirit and in truth. Amen.		
		<i>Illustrated Ministry</i>
Recognition of Graduates		
Prayer of Blessing		Naomi Black-Bass
*Hymn No. 476	<i>Be Strong in the Lord</i>	STRENGTH
Offertory Prayer		Sonny Reed
Offertory Music	<i>Good Plans</i>	Red Rocks Worship
	Kelly Smith, Pianist and Jamie Smith, Soloist	

Praising God For His Gifts To Us

Gloria Patri

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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

1 Corinthians 13 Ginger Smith, Vision Team Member
(Pew Bible Page 1137)

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

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

An Expression of Gratitude
Sanctuary Choir

David Schwoebel

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
Always with joy in every prayer for you. I thank my God.
I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel from the very first day ‘til now,
I thank my God for you. Always with joy in every prayer for you.

And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you,
Will bring it to completion at the day of Christ.

And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more.
Abound in knowledge, in judgment,
That you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God.

That you may be pure and blameless,
Filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Christ Jesus.

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

Sermon

Josh Hunt

*Hymn No. 62

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

ALL THE WAY

Benediction

“Forever Young”

Robert Allen Zimmerman

Postlude

Trumpet Praise
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Gilbert Martin

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.