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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, January 12
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 11:45 AM Women's Ministry Event (Fellowship Hall)
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

Wednesday, January 15
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music & Missions (Rock Room)
 Youth Group (Gym)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

Thursday, January 16
 12:00 PM Third Thursday (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 19
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Walker SS Class Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 20 - MLK Day
 Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 22
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music & Missions (Rock Room)
 Youth Group (Gym)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

Thursday, January 23
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DEACON NOMINATIONS

Accepted through the end of Service next Sunday, January 19.

Ballots for the nomination of deacons will be distributed next Sunday, January 19.
 You will also have the option to make nominations online at bit.ly/fbcdeaconnoms.

Please note that the following persons are already serving and are NOT eligible for nomination.

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| Kathy Adams | Dennis Fowler | Ginger Smith |
| Joe Beusse (Life) | T. J. Fusco | David Stoddard |
| Lillian Bevill | Stacy Hamilton | Glenn Torbert |
| John Bone | Bob Lingle | Patricia Torbert |
| Dewey Boyd | Lise Lingle | Chad Walker |
| Becky Campbell | Tom Martin | Leslie Walker |
| Linda Chadbourne | Larry Mitchell | Al Whitney |
| Lyn Darby | Marian Moorhead | Anne Whitney |
| Joe Drennon | Sonny Reed | Hannah Wimpey |
| Dale Ellenburg | Susan Reed | |



307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624
 CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622
 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER — 224-2635
 Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00

- Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist
- Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
- Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager
- 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
- Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

Urgent Needs (after hours, Friday's, and weekends):
 Call: 224-1622, Press 3, leave name, number and a brief message and someone will return your call promptly.



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MEMBERS IN ACTION

January 12

Deacons of the Week:

Joe Drennon, Offertory Prayer
 Marian Moorhead, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:

Leslie Walker and Lucia Wilson

Security:

Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky

January 19

Deacons of the Week:

Chad Walker, Offertory Prayer
 Leslie Walker, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:

Timothy Clardy and Liz Marvin

Security:

Alan Oxendine and Dale Ellenburg

From One Minister to Another...

Some Good Things I See!

The Advent and Christmas season is always a highlight in the church's life, so you would expect things to be exciting during that time. It certainly was here at FBC. The music, as always, was magnificent. The decorations were wonderful, not only in the sanctuary but throughout the facility- the perfect blend of reverent and festive. I loved seeing pictures of youth on scavenger hunts and ice skating, enjoying each other's company... and of seniors doing the same thing at the Third Thursday Christmas celebration... and of children singing in church and on a mission trip to the folks at The Wilmary. Maybe all that is to be expected, but never taken for granted.

It is actually some of the things I have observed outside "the expected" that have drawn my attention- little things that could easily escape our notice if we are not paying attention. For one thing, contrary to patterns I have come to expect in all my years of ministry, the attendance in worship did not dip on the Sundays after Christmas. In fact, even with some "regulars" away on travels or for other reasons, the crowd has not just held steady, but has maybe even increased. I don't know exactly what to make of that, but it gives me hope for even better days ahead.

Another thing I have taken note of is folks lingering and visiting with one another after Sunday School is over. This past Sunday, I had some errands to take care of that took me through the halls of our education building, and all along the way the halls were crowded with folks just "hanging out" and catching up with one another. I could tell people just like being together and that's very encouraging.

One last observation: there is a lot of laughter here... in classes, in conversations, and at appropriate times, even in worship. I have always thought laughter was a sign of health in a church and I hear it here. Somehow, it speaks of warmth and a sense of ease with one another.

There is a good spirit here! Let's nurture that spirit and build upon it during this time of transition. There are always challenges, but with the right spirit, those challenges become opportunities and not obstacles. I am happy to be among you and I look forward to what God can do with us and through us in the days to come.

Oh... one other good thing, at least for you! Jim Thomason will once again be preaching for me this Sunday (January 12) while I fulfill a previous preaching commitment. I will miss being with you, but I know you will be happy to see and hear from your long-time former pastor.

Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

PLEASE NOTE

If inclement weather forces us to cancel our Sunday morning worship service, we'll alert you through our church email list, facebook page, Website, and on WYFF TV.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY



Volunteers Needed for "Union SC: Rise and Recover" Weekend

The [South Carolina Energy Justice Coalition](#) (SCEJC) has asked CBFSC to partner with them in their disaster relief efforts in Union, South Carolina, this year. Their disaster relief event, "Union SC: Rise and Recover", will take place President's Day weekend (February 14-16).

This initiative will focus on critical home repair projects for local residents in need (including, but not limited to, tarping/roofing, mold remediation, and ramp construction).

They are seeking skilled and compassionate volunteers from CBFSC life to join in this transformative weekend. Whether you can assemble a team of expert crafts persons or caring volunteers who are eager to lend a helping hand, your involvement will make a meaningful impact. In addition to skilled laborers, we are looking for volunteers to assist with food delivery and distribution at work sites.

More information is available by contacting our office 803-779-1888.

Register your group using this link <https://cbfsc.org/union-sc-rise-and-recover/> no later than January 20.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

LILLIAN (LILLY) BELLE HALL

December 22, 2024

7.1 lbs and 18 inches

Proud Parents: Rick and Emily Hall

Siblings: Ella and Carson

Grandparents: Tommie and Lois Smith

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Wilbur Ashley

Joined December 22, 2024

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The First Baptist Church Child Development Center

has several spots currently available in their 2K, 3K, and 4K preschool program.

Please call 864-224-2635 for details.

DEACONS MINISTRY

DEACON OFFICERS FOR 2025

Chair Person - Joe Drennon

Vice Chair - Chad Walker

Secretary - Leslie Walker

DEACONS MEETING

January 19 - 11:30 AM

Deacons Conference Room

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, February 20
at noon in the Fellowship Hall



MAGIC WITH JACK ROPER
(7News TV Personality)



Cost: \$10.00; Menu: Fried Chicken Tenders, Corn Muffin, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Strawberry Cake

Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM
on Thursday, February 13.

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

CHURCH

**CONFERENCE
& LUNCHEON**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 - 11:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MENU

Baked Ham (chicken tenders for kids), Yeast Rolls,
Pineapple Casserole, Green Beans, Chocolate Delight

Please call the church office or visit andersonfbc.org/community
to make reservations by 3:00 PM, Wednesday, January 22.

CONDOLENCES

Alberta Brown and family on the passing of her sister, Ellen Thompson, on January 2, 2025.

Mae Whitt and family on the passing of her brother, Lewis Whiten.

Family and friends of Audrey Ross on her passing on December 31, 2024.