

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
& CBF Global Missions Offering

Given to date: \$2310.00

YOUTH MINISTRY

FBC YOUTH EVENT

Today! - 4:30-7:00 PM

Ice Skating at Wren Park
followed by dinner at Electric City Pizza.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, January 16
at noon in the Fellowship Hall

Have you heard about the **Carolina Hybrid Academy**? They are making great use of our FBC facilities! If you're interested in discovering what they are all about, join us on the 16th. We're excited to have a representative from CHA share with us!

Cost: \$10.00; Menu: Roast Beef and Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Yeast Rolls, Coconut Cake

Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 9.

Thursday, February 20
at noon in the Fellowship Hall
Magic with Jack Roper

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.

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

DEACONS MINISTRY

DEACON OFFICERS FOR 2025

Chair Person - Joe Drennon

Vice Chair - Chad Walker

Secretary - Leslie Walker

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.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Offertory Prayer: Joe Drennon

Visitor Outreach: Marian Moorhead

Children's Worship: Leslie Walker and Lucia Wilson

Security: Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

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Sunday, January 12

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:45 AM Women's Ministry Event
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner



FIRST BAPTIST

ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

307 South Manning Street, 29624 / 864.224.1622 / AndersonFBC.org

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

January 5, 2025



Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:
Kathy Adams

Visitor Outreach:
Linda Chadbourne

Children's Worship:
Elana Roach and Tracy Ramsey

Security:
Kevin McCoy and Jack Abraham

Today is Epiphany Sunday, always associated on the Christian calendar with Matthew's account of the appearance of the Bethlehem star and the coming of the Wise Men. The word "epiphany" means "a sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something; an intuitive grasp of reality through something (such as an event), usually simple and striking; a revealing."

On the eight Sundays that comprise "the season after the Epiphany," we will trace some of the pivotal events in the life of Jesus where it became increasingly clear who he was and what he was about.

We are glad you are here today and hope you will join us each Sunday on our Epiphany journey.

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

The Worship of God

Epiphany Sunday

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

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 and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Welcome		Ann Self
Prelude	<i>How Brightly Beams the Morning Star</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	Bach Schreiner
Chiming of the Trinity		
*Hymn No. 114	<i>Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light</i>	ERMUNTRE DICH MEIN SCHWACHER
Call to Worship		Jim Wooten
Leader:	Wise ones saw he would be a king, and brought him gold.	
Congregation:	Grant us wisdom to recognize Jesus' reign in our world and in our lives.	
Leader:	Wise ones saw he would be a priest, and brought him frankincense.	
Congregation:	Grant us humility as we speak God's message to the world.	
Leader:	Wise ones saw he would be a suffering servant, and brought him myrrh.	
Congregation:	Grant us courage to sacrifice and give of ourselves as he did.	
All:	Reign among us. Speak through us. Lead us into faithful servanthood, we pray.	
Amen.		
*Songs of Praise and Worship		Praise Team
	<i>Everlasting God</i> <i>Lead On O King Eternal</i> <i>We Fall Down</i>	
Offertory Prayer		Kathy Adams
Offertory Music	<i>We Three Kings</i> Leslie Nations, Pianist	arr. Mark Hayes

Praising God For His Gifts To Us

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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.

Anthem

Hallelujah!

G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir

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

Morning Prayer

Ann Self

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

Matthew 2:1-12

(Pew Bible Page 956)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"EXTRAS"

Jim Wooten

Hymn No. 118

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Benediction

Jim Wooten

Postlude

He Is King of Kings

Douglas Wagner

Mary Alice Edmonds, 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.