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<p> 307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624 CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER — 224-2635 Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <div>FirstBaptistAnderson FBCAndersonSC andersonfbc.org</div>	<p>Sunday, April 6 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday, April 9 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 & Hangout" (Gym)</p> <p>Thursday, April 10 Beacon Published</p> <p>MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>EASTER MISSIONS OFFERING Through the Month of March ANNIE ARMSTRONG and CBF MISSIONS OFFERINGS Given to date \$855</p> <p>GROCERY BAGS FOR AIM AIM is in need of plastic grocery bags! If you'd like to help, please drop off your donations in the collection basket located in the vestibule. Your support is greatly appreciated!</p>
<p>MEMBERS IN ACTION</p>	
<p>March 30</p> <p>Deacons of the Week: Kathy Adams, Offertory Prayer Dennis Fowler, Visitor Outreach</p> <p>Children's Worship: Children will remain in the service.</p> <p>Security: Terry Atkins and Dale Ellenburg</p>	<p>April 6</p> <p>Deacons of the Week: Liz Marvin, Offertory Prayer Larry Mitchell, Visitor Outreach</p> <p>Children's Worship: Leslie Walker and Aaron Wimpey</p> <p>Security: Wes Wallace and Jack Abraham</p>





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This Sunday, March 30 — 9:30 AM

RESOUNDING FAITH

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Join us for a special 5th Sunday Music Service, where we lift our voices in praise and worship through powerful songs of faith. Experience uplifting music, heartfelt worship, and a spirit-filled morning as we come together to celebrate God's goodness. Bring your family and friends for this inspiring time of fellowship and song!

Next Sunday, April 6 — 9:30 AM

DEACON ORDINATION

FOR MARIE TURNER

April 19 — 11:00 AM — In the Pavilion

CHURCH-WIDE EASTER FELLOWSHIP

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT, BBQ AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Join us for a time of church-wide fellowship! Kids will delight in a special story time and an exciting Easter Egg Hunt, while everyone enjoys a delicious lunch. Come share in the fun, laughter, and anticipation as we gather to celebrate the hope of Easter together! Let us know you are coming by scanning the QR code or by calling the church office by April 10.





There is an old *Peanuts* comic strip that came to mind as I sat down to write this (it was dated October 17, 1962- I looked it up). Lucy, downcast, with head in hands, says to Charlie Brown, “Sometimes I get discouraged.” Good old Charlie Brown tried to reassure her, “Well, Lucy, life does have its ups and downs.”

Lucy stands up and begins a diatribe: “But why? Why *should* it? Why can’t my life be all ‘ups’? If I want all ‘ups’, why can’t I have them?” She gets in Charlie Brown’s face: “Why can’t I just move from one ‘up’ to another ‘up’? Why can’t I just go from an ‘up’ to an ‘upper-up’? I don’t want any ‘downs’! I just want ‘ups’ and ‘ups’ and ‘ups’!”

Charlie Brown just hangs his head, turns away and mumbles: “I can’t stand it.” Charlie Brown is right, of course; but I understand Lucy’s longing.

I think Lucy’s words came to me because, despite having just had my (and Becky’s) first diagnosed bout with COVID, Sunday’s Congregational Conversation #1 was such an “up”! I was overwhelmed by the attendance, bringing in extra tables, hardly anyone in worship chose not to stay and participate- members and guests alike. I was uplifted by the spirit in the room- the laughter, the obvious joy people experienced in just being with and sharing with each other.

I am so grateful for the hard work that went into making the event successful- the Transition Team who meet pretty much weekly to hammer out details, the crew who did the history wall and the set-up of the room with refreshments (Lisa Wallace, Ann Self, Kathy Adams, and Lynne Eaves), Greg Wilson and the men of the church who showed up to help with tables and chairs. There are a lot of people doing a lot of things around here... and that is an “up” to see so much personal involvement.

I know (like Charlie Brown) that life has its ups *and* downs, that there are always challenges and disappointments, but it is important to celebrate the “ups” when they come. There have been a lot of “ups” lately... and I think there are more to come as we continue to move toward Easter. There are wonderful opportunities of worship and fellowship ahead that you don’t want to miss in this special season (see related articles in this issue of *The Beacon* and mark your calendars). Make plans to be at the next Congregational Conversation on May 4 as we continue to prepare for the next step in our journey.

This Sunday promises to be another “up”. March is a five Sunday month, so that means our choir and praise team and all our musicians will lead us in a Fifth Sunday Music Service entitled *Resounding Faith*. (The “downer” for me is that I have to be away to speak at a former church, but I hope you will invite friends and neighbors to help take my place).

Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

Think you know everything about FBC? Our church has a rich and captivating history, and we’re excited to share it with you! Each week, we’ll post a new fun fact or glimpse into our past. Stay tuned — you may discover something unexpected!

FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

DID YOU
KNOW?



A congregation of 86 members relocated the church to the village square of Anderson in 1834 (present site); The name was changed to Anderson Baptist Church.

HOLY WEEK!

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 13 - 9:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

April 17 - 7:00 PM

(child care will be provided)

CHURCH-WIDE EASTER FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, April 19 - 11:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service

followed by Easter Breakfast

9:30 AM - Easter Sunday Worship

DEACONS MINISTRY

DEACONS MEETING

Rescheduled for April 6 - 11:30 AM

in the Fellowship Hall

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THIRD
THURSDAY
Senior Adult Ministry

Thursday, April 17

Meet at the church at 11:45AM to Car Pool

LUNCH AT LONG HORN STEAK HOUSE THEN
MINI GOLF AT THE OASIS RANCH IN SENECA

Please call the church office to make a
reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 10



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

MAY 4, 2025 — 9:30 AM

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 4, in worship. If you could 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, so we can celebrate all of their hard work. Please have all pictures to Sharon by **Tuesday, April 22**.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:14

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9–June 12 – 5:30–8:30 PM

Calling all kids who've completed 4K through 5th grade!
Get ready for an unforgettable adventure with free dinner every night, awesome crafts, energetic music, exciting activities, meaningful devotions, and fun-filled group time! Pre-register now at andersonfbc.org/community or simply scan the QR code.

Important Dates: Register by May 29 to guarantee your free VBS t-shirt
Final registration deadline is June 3.

Don't miss out on this fantastic experience —
we can't wait to see you there!

