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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

Wednesday, April 16
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday
 11:45 PM Third Thursday (Lunch at Long Horn and
 Mini Golf at Oasis Ranch in Seneca)
 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

Saturday, April 19
 11:00 AM Church-Wide Easter Fellowship
 (Pavilion)

Sunday, April 20 - Easter
 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service in the Pavilion
 followed by Easter Breakfast in the
 Fellowship Hall
 9:30 AM Easter Worship

Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22
 10:00 AM The Margaret Williams Bible Study (Bridal Suite)

Wednesday, April 23
 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)

Thursday, April 24
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Saturday, April 26
 10:00 AM FBC's Lego Exhibit at the Anderson Soiree
 (Courtyard at The Bleckley Inn)



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 CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622
 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER — 224-2635
 Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00

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 Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
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 Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager
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 Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
 Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
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 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

April 13

Deacons of the Week:
 Mathias Richardson, Offertory Prayer
 Sonny Reed, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
 Elana Roach and Linda Chadbourne.

Security:
 T. J. Fusco and Thomas Roach

April 20

Deacons of the Week:
 Ann Self, Offertory Prayer
 Kathy Adams, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
 Children will remain in the service.

Security:
 Jimmy Cooley and Adam Gathers



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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 in the Pavilion
 followed by Easter Breakfast
 9:30 AM - Easter Sunday Worship



HOLY WEEK

We have come to the holiest time in the Christian calendar- the observance of Holy Week with all it entails. From the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the tender moments of the Last Supper to the heartbreaking struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane, we walk each year through the emotions of that fateful week. The Crucifixion and the Resurrection are the central events of our faith.

One of the things I felt I would miss most when I retired in 2019 was the opportunity to preach on Easter and to lead the other special services of Holy Week. Surprisingly, most of the years since then, I have had the opportunity in one setting or another.

Now, I am very much looking forward to sharing this time with our church family here at First Baptist, Anderson. I hope you will make a special effort to not only be present but to invite friends and neighbors to join us as we gather.

Music is such a highlight of this season and FBC certainly has the choir and musicians to touch our hearts and lift our spirits as we walk through the poignant moods of that momentous week. They will play a pivotal role in each of our services (as they always do when we worship together).

From children processing and palms waving on Palm Sunday... to the Maundy Thursday Communion observance *From the Table to the Tomb* as we trace, through scripture and music, the gathering shadows of the closing hours of Jesus' life... to the outdoor gathering at Easter morning sunrise that captures the mood of those who first encountered the empty tomb as the new day dawned... to the exuberant and joyful celebration in our sanctuary in our morning worship hour, singing the great Easter hymns with a full choir, as we rejoice in the wonder of the most monumental good news the world has ever heard: *He Is Alive!*

There are also some wonderful times of fellowship in the mix as well; the barbeque lunch with the children's Easter Egg Hunt at our Church-Wide Easter Fellowship on Saturday and the breakfast that follows the Sunrise service.

I cannot wait to share it all with you.

Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

CHURCH
**CONFERENCE
& LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - 11:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

MENU

Bacon Wrapped Chicken (Tenders for the kids),
Yeast Roll, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans,
Double Fudge Cake

To make a reservation please visit andersonfbc.org/community
or call the church office by 3:00 PM Wednesday, April 23.



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.**

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

ZOEY HOPE BOYD

April 3, 2025

Proud Parents:

Robert "Dewey" and Natalie Boyd

Grandparents:

Dewey and Virginia Boyd

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PALM SUNDAY

Children that wish to be a part of the Palm procession during this Sunday's Worship Service need to meet in the Chapel Sunday morning at 9:20 AM.



**WHO &
WHOSE
ARE
YOU?**



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.

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!



CALLING ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS!

We need *you* to help make this year's Vacation Bible School an unforgettable experience! Want to be part of the fun? Check out the sign-up sheet in your Sunday School folder and join the team!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**THIRD
HURSDAY**
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

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

GRACE COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you are interested in helping with the Grace Community Garden there will be a planting day this Saturday, April 12 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM.



LEGO FAN EVENT

First Baptist's Famous LEGO Fan Event Returns to the Anderson Soiree! Get ready for another exciting year as SC Bricks hosts the LEGO exhibit inside the Bleckley Inn Carriage House! Meanwhile, First Baptist will bring the fun to the Bleckley Inn Courtyard with LEGO Mission Racers, where you can build and race your own LEGO car. We'll also be providing lunch and supper for all LEGO volunteers and exhibitors.

Date: Saturday, April 26

Time: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Location: Bleckley Inn Courtyard

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need FBC's help! You can support the event by:

Volunteering on the day of the event and/or
Donating funds for food, drinks, snacks, and supplies

To help with food, contact Kathy Adams 864-353-9442 or adams2127@bellsouth.net who is organizing lunch and supper. For all other volunteer opportunities and donations, reach out to

Timothy and Shelby Clardy
864-276-6238 or timothyclardy@charter.net

We can't wait to see you there!



Psalm 25:5

**LET'S PRAY!
25 AFTER 5**



**FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions was named for the wife of Reverend J.D. Chapman, FBC pastor, 1900-1907.