

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Next Sunday, May 4 - 9:30 AM

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #2

May 4 - 10:30 AM, Immediately Following Worship

We are excited to welcome Dr. Bill Wilson with the Center for Healthy Churches to preach in the morning worship service next Sunday, May 4th, and then to lead us in our Second Congregational Conversation. We had a great turnout for the first gathering and a wonderful spirit prevailed as we focused on the church's past. We hope you will join us on May 4th as we get feedback from that first session and as we turn our attention this time to the church's present. These events are pivotal for the success of our transitional journey and every voice is needed.

Don't miss out!

PLEASE NOTE

A memorial service for Arlis and Georgia Hinson was held in Chrystal Springs, Mississippi, on April 24, 2025.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4

Offertory Prayer: Hannah Wimpey

Visitor Outreach: Ginger Smith

Children's Worship: Tracey Ramsey and Kristen Gilmer

Security: Charlie Ballentine and Vince Rutledge

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, April 30

- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
- 5:45 PM Children's Spring Program Dress Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 4

- 9:30 AM Worship Service & Graduate Recognition
- 10:30 AM Sunday School for Children
- Congregational Conversation #2 (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 AM Children's Fun Day & Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SPRING EVENTS

Sunday, May 4 - 11:30 AM

Children's Fun Day and Choir Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 7 - 6:00 PM

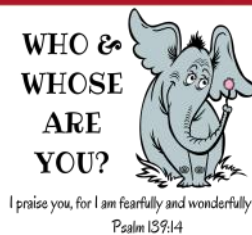
Children's Spring Choir Performance

Followed by light refreshments in the Rock Room!

Wednesday, May 14 - 5:30-7:30 PM

Lego Mission Racers and Hot Dog Supper

Everyone is invited to join!



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 THURSDAY

May 15, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

BINGO with Daniel Johnson of the Better Business Bureau Educational Foundations for Senior Adults

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Country Style Cubed Steak, Gravy, Yeast Roll, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 8.



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Welcome

April 27, 2025

Welcomel

We're so grateful for your presence this morning and invite you to engage fully in the worship, study, service, and fellowship life of First Baptist Church. For 200 years, this congregation has gathered in response to God's presence among us—worship is at the heart of who we are. It defines us, unites us, and brings us joy as we gather together in God's name.

Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time, we're glad you're here. Our prayer is that you encounter God in a meaningful way during our time of worship.

If you're a first-time guest, please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located on the back of the pew. You can use it to join our mailing list, share a prayer request, or reach out to our staff with any questions. If you're exploring your faith, we're here to walk alongside you and help you discover more about Christianity, our church, and what it means to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We're so glad you've joined us today. May you experience God's love and grace in a powerful way this morning.

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:
Greg Shore

Visitor Outreach:
Linda Chadbourne

Children's Worship:
Hannah Wimpey and Sammy Gilmer

Security:
Terry Atkins and Chad Walker

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

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.

Welcome Jim Wooten

Prelude *Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee* arr. Anna Laura Page
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Anthem *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Handbell Choir

*Hymn No. 163 *Thine Is the Glory* MACCABEUS

Call To Worship Jim Wooten

Leader: The disciples were shut in, afraid and uncertain.
People: We, too, know what it is to hide behind locked doors.
Leader: Fear held them fast—fear of the world, fear of the future.
People: Our hearts carry those same burdens.
Leader: But Jesus came and stood among them.
People: He comes and stands among us now.
Leader: “Peace be with you,” He said.
People: His peace still breaks through our fear.
ALL: We worship the risen Christ, who meets us where we are and calls us to believe!

Invocation Jim Wooten

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

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.

Hosanna! Praise Is Rising- Baloché
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus - Lemmel

Offertory Prayer Greg Shore

Offertory Music *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Janet Linker

Praising God For His Gifts To Us OLD 100th

Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Anthem *Jesus Is the Living Stone* Mary McDonald
Sanctuary Choir

He is Jesus, Rock of Ages; Our Messiah, the Prince of Peace;
Lord, our refuge, strength and power, and His love will never cease.
He is Alpha and Omega; the Beginning and the End!
Our Redeemer, Master, Savior, Jesus, Comforter and Friend.

Jesus is the firm foundation, For our sins His blood atones,
He’s the Rock, the mighty fortress, Jesus is the Living Stone.
The foundation never wavered, like an anchor through every storm;
He’s the Rock of our salvation; Jesus calms the raging storm.
Yesterday, today, forever, His love reaches every man;
From His birth to heaven’s glory, Jesus Christ, the Great “I Am!”

Jesus is the firm foundation, For our sins His blood atones,
He’s the Rock, the mighty fortress, Jesus is the Living Stone.
He’s the Rock, the mighty fortress, He is our God, the Living Stone,
He is the Living Stone!

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

Morning Prayer Ann Campbell
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 **John 20:19-23**
(Pew Bible Page 1075)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“Panic Room”** Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 241 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude *Diadem* 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.