

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

PLEASE NOTE

On Monday, April 28, 2025, the Committee on Committees mailed letters and selection cards to all FBC Resident Members regarding the formation of a Pastor Search Team. Please take time to read the letter carefully and return your signed card with your suggestions by **Sunday, May 11, 2025.**

If you are a resident member and did not receive a letter please contact the church office. Additional selection cards are available in the vestibule today or can be mailed upon request by calling 864-224-1622.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are for the Memorial Service to be held for Russell Harber this afternoon at 3:00 PM.

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.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11

Offertory Prayer: Thomas Roach

Visitor Outreach: Becky Campbell

Children's Worship: Timothy Clardy and Liz Marvin

Security: Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, May 7

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)

6:00 PM Children's Spring Program followed by refreshments in the Rock Room

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8

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Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Sunday School

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SPRING EVENTS

Today - 11:30 AM

Children's Fun Day and Choir Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 7 - 6:00 PM

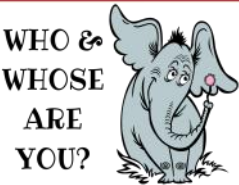
Children's Spring Choir Performance

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!



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!



CHOIR MINISTRY

SUMMER CHOR

Regular Choir rehearsals continue through Wednesday, May 28. Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 1. We will meet in the choir room at 9:00 AM each Sunday before the worship service to rehearse. Anyone and everyone 4th grade or older is welcome to join us! Regular Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, July 30.

CONDOLENCES

Family and friends of Barbara Panzarella on her passing on April 25, 2025.



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Welcome

May 4, 2025

WELCOME!

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. 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.

This morning, we are excited to once again welcome back Dr. Bill Wilson with the Center for Healthy Churches. He will be preaching during our worship service and then leading us in our second Congregational Conversation. We are grateful for his continued guidance and presence. Be sure to join us in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service.

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:
Hannah Wimpey

Visitor Outreach:
Ginger Smith

Children's Worship:
Tracey Ramsey and Kristen Gilmer

Security:
Charlie Ballentine and Vince Rutledge

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 *Processional in C* Hal H. Hopson
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

*Hymn No. 601 *Teach Me, O Lord I Pray* DIADEMATA
(Graduate Processional)

Call To Worship **Graduate Litany** Jim Wooten

Leader: Friends and families of every stage, come and worship the Creator.

People: God created all cycles of life, all moments of growth, all endings and beginnings.

Leader: From newborn babies to older generations, come and celebrate life’s milestones with delight and awe.

People: Whether crawling and babbling or participating with maturity, every stage is welcome in the family of God.

Leader: Jesus knows how it feels to grow, learn, and develop through life.

People: We follow the one who came as a baby, grew as a child, and lived as an adult.

Leader: Friends and families of every stage, come and worship together!

All: Let us worship together, in Spirit and in truth. Amen.

Illustrated Ministry

Recognition of Graduates Timothy Clardy

Prayer of Blessing Timothy Clardy

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team
Ancient Words - DeShazzo

Offertory Prayer Hannah Wimpey

Offertory Music *He Will Hold Me Fast* Gettys
Sara Kate Smith, Violinist and Kelly Smith, Pianist

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.

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 *An Expression of Gratitude* David Schwoebel
Sanctuary Choir

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
Always with joy in every prayer for you. I thank my God.
I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel from the very first day ‘til now,
I thank my God for you. Always with joy in every prayer for you.

And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you,
Will bring it to completion at the day of Christ.

And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more.
Abound in knowledge, in judgment,
That you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God.

That you may be pure and blameless,
Filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Christ Jesus.

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

Scripture **Acts 16:6-15** Dr. Bill Wilson
(Pew Bible Page 1096) The Center for Healthy Churches

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

Sermon **“When God Says No”** Dr. Bill Wilson
The Center for Healthy Churches

*Hymn No. 62 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* ALL THE WAY

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude *Day of Triumph* Vladimer Rebikoff
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.