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MEMBERS IN ACTION	
<div>May 25</div> <div>Deacons of the Week:</div> <div>Susan Reed, Offertory Prayer</div> <div>John Bone, Visitor Outreach</div> <div>Children's Worship:</div> <div>Leslie Walker and Matt Wilson</div> <div>Security:</div> <div>Bill Wilson and Dale Ellenburg</div>	<div>June 1</div> <div>Deacons of the Week:</div> <div>Dennis Fowler, Offertory Prayer</div> <div>Liz Marvin, Visitor Outreach</div> <div>Children's Worship:</div> <div>Elana Roach and Aaron Wimpey</div> <div>Security:</div> <div>Kevin McCoy and Jack Abraham</div>

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TWO IMPORTANT MEETINGS FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

SPECIAL CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

This Sunday, May 25, Immediately Following Worship

We will gather for a special called conference to vote on the proposed members of the Pastor Search Team. Your presence and participation are important as we take this next step together.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #3

Next Sunday, June 1, Immediately Following Worship

We are excited to welcome Dr. Bill Wilson with the Center for Healthy Churches to preach in the morning worship service on Sunday, June 1, and then to lead us in our Third Congregational Conversation. Once again, we had a great turnout for the second gathering (even more people attended than the first time). A wonderful spirit prevailed as we focused on the church's present- looking "in the mirror" at our church life and "out the window" at our community setting and context.

We hope you will join us on June 1st as we get feedback from that second session and as we turn our attention this time to the church's future. We will focus particularly on the traits and qualities needed in the Pastor that God would have lead us in the next chapter of our church's story. These events are pivotal for the success of our transitional journey and every voice is needed. Don't miss out!



With the approach of summer, the routine changes, but there is still much to do. Vacation Bible School is around the corner (get the word out and let's get a crowd of kids. FBC knows how to do a great VBS!). Summer camps are not far behind! Summer Choir (which starts June 1, and goes through July) opens up opportunities for folks to join in the music by showing up in the choir room at 9:00 AM. Summer is also a great time for class fellowships and relaxing times together, so be sure to get your events on the calendar by calling the church office.

Summer will also be an important time for our Transition Process. The Committee on Committees will present the proposed Pastor Search Team at a special called church business meeting this Sunday, May 25. You should have received a letter in the mail this week and a brochure of the proposed Pastor Search Team members. Extra copies are available in vestibule. When elected, this team will go through major orientation and training with Bill Wilson so they can be ready to begin their work after the Transition Team finishes their tasks.

There are some big tasks ahead for them... and for all of us. We have at least one more Congregational Conversation on deck. Next Sunday, June 1, will bring our 3rd Congregational Conversation. This one focuses on the future as we seek God's guidance in clarifying the traits, qualities and skills most needed to lead our church through the next chapter of its story. The Transition Team (which has worked so hard and so wonderfully together) will take all the input and information from our process thus far and produce a Church Profile and a Pastor Profile that will become valuable tools for the Pastor Search Team as they interview potential candidates.

This will take a little time and a lot of work, for both of these teams. Our job is to pray for them daily... and for God's guidance every step of the way!

In the meantime, there are a lot of opportunities for us to strengthen the church and ministry during this interim period. I have been so encouraged by the number of visitors who have become regular attenders in our worship services. Do all you can to make acquaintances with them and to make them feel welcome. Invite them to activities at the church- maybe meet for a meal.

The deacons have been studying a way of helping the church re-vision its organization and their role as servant-leaders, with hopes of improving the function, communication and coordination of the various entities within the church. You will be hearing more about that in the coming weeks.

Even as we prepare for the search and call of a new pastor, these weeks and months can lay the groundwork for a stronger church. Thank you for all you do! Let's continue to pull together. Good things are happening! God is watching over us.

Dr. Jim Wooten,
Interim Pastor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, May 27
10:00 AM in the Bridal Suite

MUSIC MINISTRY

A WARM WELCOME ETHAN HARPER FBC'S NEW MUSIC INTERN

Ethan Harper is an undergraduate student at Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina. He is currently pursuing a B.A. in psychology and a B.A. in music with a focus in music ministry. Ethan's music studies include applied lessons in voice, piano, and organ. He hopes to include more instruments in his repertoire in the future. After his time at Erskine College, Ethan plans to serve as a music minister and enter a graduate program for music-based therapy.

SUMMER CHOIR

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

Rebecca Tinsley on the passing of her mother, Sandra Spake, on May 2, 2025

Libby Hendrix on the passing of her niece, Fran Allen Gambrell, on May 16, 2025

Skip Brown and family on the passing of his wife, Jeanne Brown, on May 19, 2025

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH SUNDAY FUNDAY

Bald Rock and Waterfall Hike

Next Sunday, June 1

2:00 - 8:00 PM

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.

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!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, June 19

MEET AT THE REDWOOD CAFÉ ON RIVER STREET
AT NOON FOR LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP

Please call the church office to make a reservation by
3:00 PM on Thursday, June 12.

Heads up! The Third Thursday Senior Adult Ministry will be taking a break in July and will not meet. Stay tuned to upcoming Bulletins, Beacon, or First Glance for details about the August gathering.