

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

SPECIAL CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE
Sunday, May 25
Immediately following the morning Worship Service
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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

A WARM WELCOME FROM THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
It is our pleasure to have ladies of all ages join us in church today! As you enter the sanctuary this Sunday, we are pleased to share a special gift with you as a reminder that every woman finds her true source of strength and resilience deeply rooted in scripture. As the women of First Baptist, we trust in God's word and embrace our journey of faith, together. We honor and claim
"Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."
Psalm 25:5, (KJV)

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, May 27 — 10:00 AM
Bridal Suite

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

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!

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18
Offertory Prayer: Skip Brown
Visitor Outreach: Timothy Clardy
Children's Worship: January Menees and Kristen Gilmer
Security: Alan Oxendine and Greg Shore

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, May 14
5:30 PM Mission Racers and Hot Dog Supper
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 15
12:00 PM Third Thursday Senior Adult Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 18
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Deacons Meeting (Deacons Conf. Room)
5:00 PM Youth Group

DEACONS MINISTRY

DEACON'S MEETING
Sunday, May 18 — 11:30 AM
Deacons Conference Room

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Lego Mission Racers and Hot Dog Supper
Wednesday, May 14 - 5:30-7:30 PM
Everyone is invited to join!

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!

CHOIR MINISTRY

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

Kim Thompson and family on the passing of her father, Darrell Boyette, on May 5, 2025.



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Welcome
May 11, 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:
Thomas Roach

Visitor Outreach:
Becky Campbell

Children's Worship:
Timothy Clardy and Liz Marvin

Security:
Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky

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 *Choral Song* Samuel S. Wesley
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

*Hymn No. 507 *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families* NETTLETON

Responsive Reading Sara Kate Smith and Sara Beth Clardy

Leader: We thank God for women like Dorcas, who used their hands and hearts to serve others.

Congregation: Faithful women who clothe others in kindness and grace.

Leader: For those who care not only for their own, but for all who come in need.

Congregation: Women of compassion, whose love reaches beyond their homes.

Leader: For those women in the church who pray for us, guide us, and correct us in love.

Congregation: Their wisdom and example shape our walk with Christ.

Leader: For every lesson taught, every heartache soothed, every word of encouragement offered,

Congregation: We honor the giving hearts of those in the church who have been like a mother to us.

ALL: We rise and call them blessed — beloved, faithful, and a gift to the body of Christ!

Invocation Sara Kate Smith

*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.

Love the Lord Your God - Brewster
Family Prayer Song - Chapman

Offertory Prayer Thomas Roach

Offertory Music *The Lord's My Shepherd* Charles Callahan
Natalie Rutledge, Violinist

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

Be Thou My Vision
Sanctuary Choir

Bruce Greer

Lord of my heart, High King of heaven,
be Thou my vision, Ruler of all.
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, O Lord,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heavens' Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all!

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

Morning Prayer Phyllis Cooper
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 **Acts 9:36-43** Jim Wooten
(Pew Bible Page 1088)

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

Sermon "Church Mothers" Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 613 *The Servant Song* BEACH SPRING

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart* arr. Franklin Ritter
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.