

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #3
Next Sunday, June 1
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 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!

MUSIC MINISTRY

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 CHOR

Regular Choir rehearsals continue through Wednesday, May 28. Summer Choir begins next 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday, May 27 — 10:00 AM
Bridal Suite

CONDOLENCES

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

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!



OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27
10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study (Bridal Suite)

Wednesday, May 28
5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 1
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Congregational Conversation #3
12:00 PM Youth Hiking Trip

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Offertory Prayer: Dennis Fowler
Visitor Outreach: Liz Marvin

Children's Worship: Elana Roach and Aaron Wimpey
Security: Kevin McCoy and Jack Abram

FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Welcome

May 25, 2025

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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: Susan Reed

Visitor Outreach: John Bone

Children's Worship: Leslie Walker and Matt Wilson

Security: Bill Wilson and Dale Ellenburg

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
Mr. Ethan Harper, Music Intern
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			Anthem	<i>Then Sings My Soul</i> Sanctuary Choir	Mary McDonald
<i>Ascension Sunday</i>					
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	Alan Oxendine		O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.	
	Prelude	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	arr. David Johnson		
	Chiming of the Trinity			When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.	
	*Hymn No. 197	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	DARWALL		
	Responsive Reading	Alan Oxendine		Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art! And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.	
	Leader: Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.			When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!”	
	People: In the cloud, we glimpse the mystery of God’s presence.			(Children please exit for Children’s Worship at this time.)	
	Leader: The disciples stood in awe, eyes lifted toward the heavens.				
	People: We, too, marvel at the wonder of Christ’s glory.				
	Leader: He is gone from our sight, but not from our world.				
	People: Christ reigns above, yet works through us below.				
	Leader: "Go and be My witnesses," He said before ascending.				
	People: We accept the call—to share, to serve, to shine His light.				
	All: Empowered by His Spirit, we go forth with hope, proclaiming His kingdom until He comes again.				
	Invocation	Alan Oxendine			
	*Hymn No. 202	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name</i>	CORONATION		
	Offertory Prayer	Susan Reed			
	Offertory Music	<i>Blessed Jesus at Thy Word</i>	arr. J. Wayne Kerr		
	Praising God For His Gifts To Us	OLD 100th			
	<i>Doxology</i>				
	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				
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.					

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.