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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost

9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School

Monday, June 9 - Thursday, June 12

5:30 PM VBS 2025

Sunday, June 15 - Father's Day

9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School

FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



In March 2006, "The Rock" was formed
as a new worship service for the kids.



Psalms 25:5

**LET'S PRAY!
25 AFTER 5**



MEMBERS IN ACTION

June 8

Deacons of the Week:

Charlie Campbell, Offertory Prayer
Dale Ellenburg, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:

All VBS Leaders and Youth

Security:

T. J. Fusco and Adam Gathers

June 15

Deacons of the Week:

Jack Anderson, Offertory Prayer
Greg Shore, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:

Leslie Walker and Matt Wilson

Security:

Terry Atkins and Thomas Roach



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**WHO &
WHOSE
ARE
YOU?**



I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalms 139:14

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 9- Thursday, June 12

5:30-8:30 PM

VBS KICK-OFF on Sunday, June 8, during Sunday School

Calling all kids who've completed 4K through 5th grade!

Get ready for an epic week of adventure packed with FREE dinner every night, super cool
crafts, high-energy music, thrilling games, meaningful devotions, and tons of laughs
during group time! This is one experience you *won't want to miss!*
We're counting down the days until we see YOU there!

**Missed pre-registration? No problem! You can still sign up at the door
on June 9 — we've got a spot just for you!**



A New Way of Looking at Things

For the past several months, the Church Council and our Deacons have been exploring a way to revision our church organization to create clarity, cohesion and comprehensiveness in achieving the church's purpose. At their May meeting, the Deacons unanimously voted to adopt what is called a "Cluster Model".

This is the first of a series of articles to help introduce the wider church to the concept. It will take a while to understand it and to enact it, but we will take it step by step.

Step One: What is a church, *any church*, supposed to do?

The cluster is built around the belief that there are six basic components that *any* church is called to do: *worship* God; assist in *spiritual formation* (discipleship/education); build relationships through sharing life in meaningful *fellowship*; care for the needs of one another through attentive *ministry*; share the gospel, through word and deed, both with those we hope will become a part of our local church (*outreach*); and also with those who may never be a part of our local church (*missions*).

That is the six-fold purpose of *any* church. *Administration* undergirds the purpose of the church but is not the purpose of the church.

Every entity within church life (officers, committees, teams, councils, organizations) should have a clear-cut role that fits *primarily* within one of those six functions of the church (or administration)- these become "clusters".

Step Two: The mission statement (or purpose statement) of the church should reflect the six-fold purpose of the church and the organizational structure should reflect the mission statement. **Ours Does.** This is the purpose statement (with only a minor tweak) that is in our by-laws.

"Our purpose is "To reflect the Love of Jesus Christ by...

Loving God through Sincere Worship (**worship cluster**) and Devoted Discipleship (**spiritual formation cluster**) ...

Loving Each Other in Christ through Attentive Care (**ministry cluster**) and Faithful Involvement in the Life of His Church (**fellowship cluster**)...

Loving Others through Consistent Witness (**outreach cluster**) and Compassionate Service (**missions cluster**)."

In the next Beacon, we will take the next steps in understanding the new model. You may want to hold on to this article.

Dr. Jim Wooten,
Interim Pastor

YOUTH MINISTRY

FBC YOUTH SUNDAY FUNDAY

HIKE TO BALD ROCK

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

RESOUNDING FAITH

SUNDAY, JUNE 29—9:30 AM

Join us for a special Fifth Sunday Music Service filled with powerful praise and inspiring worship. Come experience a joyful morning of music that lifts the Spirit and celebrates our shared faith!

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!

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

June 17

Sharon Royals - 15 years