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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, June 22
 9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Congregational Conversation #4
 (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, June 29
 9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Resounding Faith Music Service
 10:30 AM Sunday School

Thursday, July 3
 Church Office Closed
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**DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS,
 PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL?**

If you have a change in address, phone number or email, please notify the church office by calling 224-1622 or email sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org



307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624
 CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622
 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER — 224-2635
 Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00

- 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

Urgent Needs (after hours, Friday's, and weekends):
 Call: 224-1622, Press 3, leave name, number and a brief message and someone will return your call promptly.



MEMBERS IN ACTION

June 22
Deacons of the Week:
 Timothy Clardy, Offertory Prayer
 Ann Self, Visitor Outreach
Children's Worship:
 January Menees and Sammy Gilmer
Security:
 Wes Wallace and Chad Walker

June 29
Deacons of the Week:
 Tom Allen, Offertory Prayer
 Hannah Wimpey, Visitor Outreach
Children's Worship:
 Children will remain in the service.
Security:
 Jimmy Cooley and Chad Walker



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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY
 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

The Transition Team realized that we did not build in a time to report on our last Congregational Conversation which was held on June 1, 2025. Dr. Bill Wilson has agreed to meet with the church following this Sunday's worship service to summarize the information we received from you. Please join us to review material as the Transition Team begins to work on designing our Church Profile in preparation for our pastor search. Thank you so much for the time you have devoted to this process.



RESOUNDING FAITH

NEXT 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!





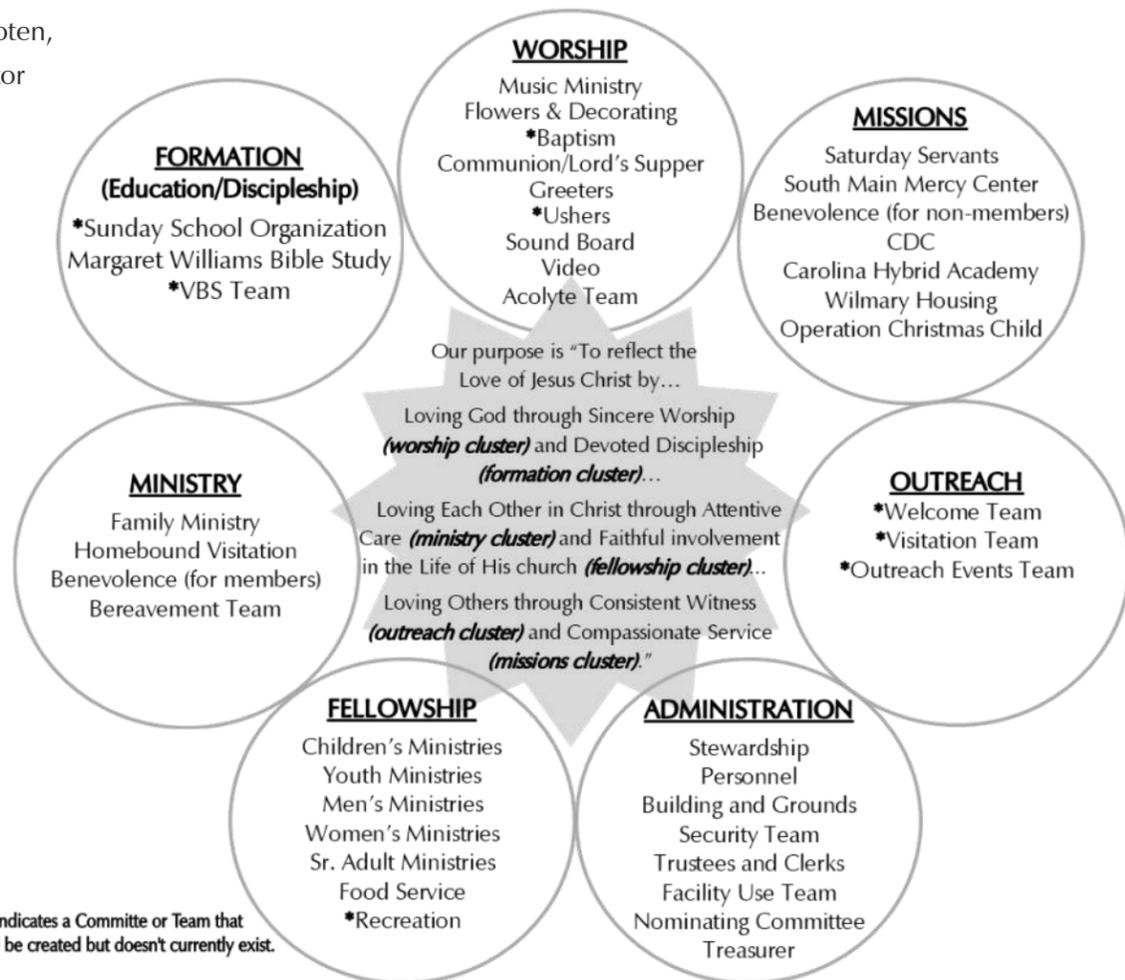
A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT THINGS —PART II

As follow-up information to the article in the last *Beacon*, the deacons will soon begin implementing the “Cluster” model for organizing our church. There are six areas of focus that any church should be about, including (1) **worship**; (2) **spiritual formation/discipleship**; (3) **ministry**; (4) **fellowship**; (5) **outreach** & (6) **missions**. These are the six clusters that form the basis of our organization, with a seventh cluster added called (7) **administration**. The administration cluster is comprised of committees that deal with allocating resources to guide and support the overall work of the church (for example, Stewardship, Personnel, Nominating, Building and Grounds, and others).

Very soon, the various existing committees and teams of the church will be placed into an appropriate “cluster” that reflects where they fit in the church’s organizational structure (see the illustration below). The goal of the cluster model is to foster better communication and coordination, as well as transparency with the church family, about what each committee and team is planning for and accomplishing during the church year.

The new role of the deacon is to work (in partnership with the ministerial staff) alongside each cluster in providing leadership, oversight and support to help every group accomplish its purposes. Currently there are 30 deacons and they will be assigned in teams of four (according to their spiritual gifts and interests) to work with one of the seven clusters. The deacon chairman and vice-chairman will help the Interim Pastor in facilitating the new structure.

Dr. Jim Wooten,
Interim Pastor



THANK YOU!

FBC
VBS 2025

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE VBS VOLUNTEERS

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of our faithful volunteers who gave their time, energy, and love to serve during this year’s Vacation Bible School. Your dedication, joy, and servant hearts were the heartbeat of this ministry, and we truly could not have done it without you. Thank you for showing up, for giving so selflessly, and for being living examples of Christ’s love. You are a blessing to our church family, and we are so thankful for each of you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS
July 6 — Sunday Funday Pool Party
July 20 — Sunday Funday at the Lake
July 23 — 6:00-8:30 PM
Tennis Baseball at Ducworth Complex and Dinner

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear church family,
We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your prayers, gifts and the beautiful cards. Knowing that we are being lifted up in prayer has brought us comfort and strength and reminds us just how blessed we are to be part of such a caring church family.
Larry and Dianne Mitchell

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS
Joined June 15, 2025



Aaron Wimpey (pictured with his wife, member Hannah Wimpey)



Matt and Corry Lathrop