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## OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

### Sunday, July 6

9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Sunday School  
Youth Sunday Funday Pool Party  
(See the Clardys for details)

### Monday, July 7 - July 10

Children are at Passport Kids Camp

### Sunday, July 13

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

### July 13 - July 18

Youth—Passport Camp

### Thursday, July 18

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## MEMBERS IN ACTION

### July 6

#### Deacons of the Week:

Timothy Clardy, Offertory Prayer  
Thomas Roach, Visitor Outreach

#### Children's Worship:

Leslie Walker and Sammy Gilmer

#### Security:

Charlie Ballentine and Jack Abraham

### July 13

#### Deacons of the Week:

Glenn Torbert, Offertory Prayer  
Tricia Torbert, Visitor Outreach

#### Children's Worship:

Timothy Clardy and Shawna Wilson

#### Security:

Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS, EXCITING EVENTS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

We've got a great lineup of meaningful and fun events coming your way this August and you won't want to miss a moment. Be sure to **SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES** and make plans to join us!

### AUGUST 3 – Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us during the **9:30 AM Worship Service** as we lift up students, teachers, and school staff in prayer for a new school year. Kids, bring your backpacks!



### AUGUST 8 (6:00–9:00 PM) & AUGUST 9 (8:30–11:30 AM)

#### Two-Part Workshop with Dr. Travis Collins, author of *What Does It Mean to Be Welcoming?*

Don't miss this important two-day event. (See Pastor's article for more details.)



•Friday: Dinner included

•Saturday: Light brunch provided (There is no cost for meals.)

•Both sessions held in the Fellowship Hall

*This is a two-part workshop—please attend both sessions!*

Try to read the book in advance to fully engage in the conversation.

(See the Pastor's article for more info on how to get your copy.)

### AUGUST 10 – Church-Wide Back to School Bash!

**4:00–7:00 PM at the Pavilion**

Let's celebrate the start of the new school year with food, fun, and fellowship for all ages!

Details inside—don't miss it!

Stay tuned for more info in your bulletin and newsletter  
and get ready for an amazing August together!

CHURCH-WIDE





## Update from the Transition Team

A letter from the Transition Team, summarizing the results and key insights from the Congregational Conversations, was mailed to the church family on Wednesday. Please take time to read it. It shares valuable information.

As was announced in worship last Sunday, the Transition Team still needs further input in clarifying a few issues before they complete the Church Profile that will be so instrumental to the Pastor Search Team as they seek a prospective Pastor. To aid in this process, they have asked Dr. Travis Collins, Senior Pastor of FBC of Huntsville, Alabama to lead a weekend workshop sharing insights from his church's journey in clarifying their position as a "Welcoming, but Not-Affirming" congregation. Dr. Collins is a major thought leader and a much-sought speaker in church life, and his congregation (very similar to ours in our theological stance) is a thriving and dynamic presence in their city and beyond.

Dr. Collins has written a very insightful and instructive book entitled *What Does It Mean to Be Welcoming?* At the request of the Transition Team, FBC is purchasing 75 copies of "What Does It Mean to Be Welcoming?" as a gift to each requesting family at no cost. Due to limited quantities on Amazon, there may be a 2-week delay in getting all copies into the FBC office, so we will distribute beginning this Sunday on a "first-come, first-served" basis for those who have already signed-up. If necessary, we will announce a library-style system in the days ahead to share copies. You are also certainly welcome to purchase your own copy online via Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, or the digital version on Kindle.



The two-part workshop is scheduled for Friday evening, August 8, 6-9 PM (dinner included) and Saturday morning, August 9, 8:30 AM-11:30 AM (light brunch included). There will be no charge for the meals. We will meet both sessions in the Fellowship Hall. Please note: *This is a two-part event, not an either/or session! Please attend both days if you are able... and try to read the book in advance so you can participate fully in this important conversation.*

I'm looking forward to meeting Travis and learning from him. I hope you will be sure to join us.

Dr. Jim Wooten,  
Interim Pastor

## CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY



### SEND SOME LOVE TO OUR FBC CAMPERS!

Our FBC Children and Youth are heading to Passport Camps this July, and you can help make their experience extra special—right from home! **Send a note of encouragement, a card, or a letter to let them know you're thinking of them!**

**FBC Children:** At camp July 7–10. Mail by **July 5 and no later than July 7.**

**Camper Name, FBC Anderson**  
**PASSPORTkids at Camp Bob Cooper**  
**8001 M W Rickenbaker Rd**  
**Summerton, SC 29148**

(Campers are Ellie Simpson, Saylor Wilson, and Gabrielle Roach. Lisa Wallace and Cathy Drew are their chaperones. They may want mail too!)

**FBC Youth:** At camp July 13–18. Mail by **July 15.**

**Camper Name, FBC Anderson**  
**PASSPORTchoices at Converse University**  
**580 East Main Street**  
**Spartanburg, SC 29302**

(Campers are Greg Bishop, Ethan Blair, Isaac Clardy, Cooper Greer, Thomas Henderson, Virgil Niemeyer, Anslee Blair, Sara Beth Clardy, Cora Fellabaum, Lillie Ann Hawkins, Natalie Murphy, Sara Kate Smith, Asia Thomason)

## CONDOLENCES

Marshall Hobson and family on the passing of his son, John Hobson, on June 19, 2025.

Family and friends on the passing of Lucy Evans on June 29, 2025.

Marcia Stow and family on the passing of her husband, Doug Stow, on July 1, 2025.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear First Baptist Family,

Thank you for all the love and support you showed to me as I dealt with the death of my dear Russell. I send an extra special thanks to our sanctuary choir for all they did and all the love shown to me. You are all such a blessing and your kindness will never be forgotten.

With love and appreciation,  
Dona Shiflette

Dear Church Family,

What a wonderful church Jeanne and I are a part of. We have always been amazed with the love we have received. Thank you for your cards and prayers, they lifted up Jeanne so much during her illness. She cherished each card and kept them near her all the time. Thanks so much for your love.

Skip Brown

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

4:00 - 7:00 PM at the Pavilion

CHURCH-WIDE



Pizza, Inflatable Water Slide, Games,  
and Ice Cream/Dessert

FBC will provide the pizza, families please bring a churn of Ice Cream or a dessert if you don't have a churn.

Visit [bit.ly/FBCBacktoSchoolBash-2025](https://bit.ly/FBCBacktoSchoolBash-2025)  
or scan the QR CODE to RSVP  
for this event.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

