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MEMBERS IN ACTION	
<div>July 20</div> <div>Deacons of the Week:</div> <div>John Bone, Offertory Prayer</div> <div>Skip Brown, Visitor Outreach</div> <div>Children's Worship:</div> <div>Elana Roach and Liz Marvin</div> <div>Security:</div> <div>Alan Oxendine and Greg Shore</div>	<div>July 27</div> <div>Deacons of the Week:</div> <div>Patricia Torbert, Offertory Prayer</div> <div>Glenn Torbert, Visitor Outreach</div> <div>Children's Worship:</div> <div>Children remain in the service.</div> <div>Security:</div> <div>Bill Wilson and Dale Ellenburg</div>

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 — 9:30 AM

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us as we lift up students, teachers, and school staff in prayer for a new school year.

Kids, bring your backpacks!



CHURCH-WIDE

Back to School BASH!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

4:00 - 7:00 PM at the Pavilion

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 or scan the QR CODE to RSVP for this event.





Many Hands Make Light Work

The old adage holds true – a job that can be overwhelming when undertaken by too few becomes a cinch when everybody pitches in. Below are some of the places in the life of the church where we could use a few more hands. See if one might fit you!

Security Team: T.J. Fusco heads up our security team. Each Sunday, it is comprised of two two-men teams. One is stationed at the Fant Street entrance (back entrance)- sits at the welcome station and lets folks in the back door. The other is stationed on the Manning Street side to monitor folks entering the sanctuary. Depending on weather conditions, some will sit in their car and some stand on the front porch. In a nutshell, security monitors the only unlocked doors to the church (all other access doors are locked.)

Currently, volunteers serve about six times a year. They all do a great job and have willingly taken on the responsibility, but it would make T. J. very happy not to have to call on them as frequently as he has recently.

If you would like to find out more about being a part of this vital ministry, please call the church office or, better yet, contact TJ personally (864-940-4702). It would be a big help!

Greeters: This is a similar need. TJ and Tulip Fusco, Emmie Hazle, and Terry Atkins are here every Sunday morning-faithfully holding the door, helping people up steps, handing out bulletins and greeting members and newcomers alike. They love doing it and they are good at it, but it would be helpful to have a few others to share the load and fill in when they have to be out.

So, if you like sprucing up a little, putting on a happy face and making people (especially guests) feel welcome and cared for, this may be just the spot for you! Again, contact Sharon in the church office or contact TJ personally.

Nursery Care for Preschoolers: We have paid nursery workers, but we always need a couple of additional volunteers each Sunday. The good news is that we are starting to have more preschoolers in regular attendance, so the need for volunteers has grown. If you would be willing to take one Sunday every couple of months, it would make the burden lighter for those who already serve. Elana Roach (864-940-4199) is a good contact if you have questions. Contact Sharon in the church office or Elana to add your name to the list.

I am so grateful for all those who give of their time and energy to make the church an inviting, safe and welcoming place for those who share the journey with us. It warms my heart to see people who give so generously of themselves. I am also excited about new folks and new opportunities that point to renewed growth and possibilities in the coming months.

Dr. Jim Wooten,
Interim Pastor

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

**AUGUST 8 (6:00–9:00 PM)
& AUGUST 9 (8:30–11:30 AM)
in Fellowship Hall**

**TWO-PART WORKSHOP WITH
DR. TRAVIS COLLINS, AUTHOR OF
*WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE WELCOMING?***

Don't miss this important two-day event.

Friday: Dinner included

Saturday: Light brunch provided

There is **no cost** for meals but please make reservations to attend by contacting the church office or email sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org no later than Monday, August 4.

BOOK UPDATE

The second shipment of 40 books is scheduled to ship between July 16-23. We will make them available for those who have signed up as quickly as we receive them.

WELCOME!



Michael and Jean Ellen Linkins

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRY SANCTUARY CHOIR

**Rehearsals Resume
July 30th - 7:00 PM**

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**THIRD
THURSDAY**
Senior Adult Ministry

Thursday, August 21



Meet at Noon for lunch at Dyars Diner
(2216 Old Greenville Hwy, Pendleton, SC 29670)

Plan to play around in Downtown Pendleton after Lunch.

Please call the church office to make a
reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, August 14.

CHURCH

CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 - 11:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

MENU

Roast Beef with Gravy (Chicken Tenders for Kids),
Yeast Roll, Creamed Potatoes, Garden Salad,
Strawberry Cake

To make a reservation please visit andersonfbc.org/community
or call the church office by 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 20.