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MEMBERS IN ACTION	
<div>August 3</div> <div>Deacons of the Week:</div> <div>Chad Walker, Offertory Prayer</div> <div>Leslie Walker, Visitor Outreach</div> <div>Children's Worship:</div> <div>Tracey Ramsey and Kristen Gilmer</div> <div>Security:</div> <div>Kevin McCoy and Jack Abraham</div>	<div>August 10</div> <div>Deacons of the Week:</div> <div>Sonny Reed, Offertory Prayer</div> <div>Susan Reed, Visitor Outreach</div> <div>Children's Worship:</div> <div>Hannah Wimpey and Matt Wilson</div> <div>Security:</div> <div>T. J. Fusco and Adam Gathers</div>

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, August 3
9:30 AM Worship/Blessing of the Backpacks
10:30 AM Sunday School

Tuesday, August 5
First Day of School for Anderson District 5

Wednesday, August 6
5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (above the Chapel)
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 8
6:00 PM Dr. Collins Workshop Part 1 and Dinner

Saturday, August 9
8:30 PM Dr. Collins Workshop Part 2 and Brunch

Sunday, August 10
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School
4:00 PM Church Wide Back to School Bash

Wednesday, August 13
5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (above the Chapel)
5:45 PM Children's Music and Mission (Rock Room)
Youth Group (Gym)
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

Thursday, August 14
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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

ELOISE (ELLIE KATE) SHORE
JULY 2, 2025

5 LBS AND 11 OZ AND 19 3/4 IN

Proud Parents: Keifer and Maggie Shore

Great-Grandparents: Greg and Bunny Shore

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

August 10 — Kelly Smith — 17 years

August 15 — Addrian Wilson — 12 years

August 19 — Greg Wilson — 42 years



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THIS 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!



NEXT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

AUGUST 8 — 6:00–9:00 PM (*Dinner included) &

AUGUST 9 — 8:30–11:30 AM (*Light Brunch included) 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.



Dr. Travis Collins

Travis has been Senior Pastor of FBC, Huntsville since the spring of 2016.
He served as a missionary in Nigeria and Venezuela. He and his wife, Keri,
have three children and a growing number of grandchildren.

*Please note that 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.



I AM LOOKING FOR YOU ON AUGUST 8 AND 9



I am excited about the opportunity to meet and learn from Travis Collins at the two-day workshop scheduled for next Friday and Saturday. When I read his book, *What It Means to Be Welcoming*, I was impressed by the keen insights he had on a very challenging topic. His ability to articulate those insights brought clarity that I thought would resonate with and be helpful to our church family as we grapple with exactly how to address the issue of being “welcoming, but not affirming.”

Even better than reading a book, to interact directly with the author is a rare opportunity to learn and grow. I look forward to hearing Travis as he shares his story of how a church like ours has walked through these challenging times successfully embracing a stance that seeks to find the “appropriate emphasis on both grace and truth.”

I am encouraged by the number of folks who have already signed up to participate. I know it is a lot to ask of people to set aside a Friday night and Saturday morning for such a venture, but I can think of only a few moments in the church’s life that are more important. Your willingness is a sign of interest and commitment that will pay dividends in the future. We really need everyone to hear the same message and share the same experience so we have a common point of reference, so if you have not signed up, please do so by Monday, August 4. The Friday night supper and Saturday morning breakfast are free to encourage all to come.

I am grateful to the Transition Team (Susan Reed and Thomas Roach, co-chairs, along with Jack Anderson, Marie Turner, Chad Walker, Lisa Wallace, and Aaron Wimpey) for their hard work and thoughtful leadership throughout this whole process. This task has been demanding - mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually and time-commitment wise. They have taken it on without complaint and with a deep sense of commitment. We all owe them a debt of gratitude and continued prayer for each of them. They still have the big project of producing the all-important Church Profile and Pastor Profile ahead of them.

Finally, I am hopeful for what this weekend may mean for the future. It is so important that we find clarity and consensus around this issue as we begin the search for your next Pastor. Then we can devote our very best energies toward those opportunities that will make a positive impact for Christ in our community and beyond. I have high hopes for the next decade of this church’s history.

Dr. Jim Wooten,
Interim Pastor

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY



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.

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

*Please note there is an increase in cost to \$12.00 per person. (Children 18 and under continue to be free.)

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

CDC UPDATE



FIRST BAPTIST
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



NOW ENROLLING!
For more information call
(864)224-2635

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS CHOIR MUSIC PREVIEW
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

For anyone who would like to participate in this year’s Christmas Choir, we will preview the Christmas Music and enjoy lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

10:00 AM - Noon: Cost for lunch is \$12.00
Please RSVP to sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org by Friday, August 22.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 3, 7:00-7:30 PM.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THIRD
HURSDAY
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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH
FALL
RETREAT
2025

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OCTOBER 10-12
LOOKUP LODGE

\$100 PER STUDENT

Call or text (864)376-8698 to let
Shelby Clardy know you plan to attend.