



SEND SOME LOVE TO OUR FBC YOUTH CAMPERS!

Our FBC Youth are heading to Passport Camp today.  
Send a note of encouragement, a card, or a letter by July 15, to let them know you're thinking of them!

**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, Anslie Blair, Sara Beth Clardy, Cora Fellabaum, Lillie Ann Hawkins, Natalie Murphy, Sara Kate Smith, Asia Thomason)

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

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 the Beacon or First Glance for more information.)

- 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 Beacon or First Glance 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!**

Pizza, Inflatable Water Slide, Games, and Ice Cream/Dessert  
FBC will provide the pizza, families please bring a churn of Ice Cream or Dessert if you don't have a churn. Visit [bit.ly/FBCBacktoSchoolBash-2025](https://bit.ly/FBCBacktoSchoolBash-2025)  
Or scan the QR code



**AUGUST 24 – CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON**  
**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](https://andersonfbc.org/community) or scan the QR code by 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 20.



Sunday, July 13 - Friday, July 18

FBC Youth at Passport Camp

Thursday, July 17

Beacon Published

Sunday, July 20

9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Youth Sunday Funday at the Lake (Check with the Clardy's for more details.)

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 20

Offertory Prayer: John Bone

Visitor Outreach: Skip Brown

Children's Worship: Elana Roach and Liz Marvin

Security: Alan Oxendine and Greg Shore

THANK YOU NOTE!

First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for choosing First Light as your VBS mission project! We are so touched by your generosity and the care you've shown in collecting snacks and drinks for the children we serve. These thoughtful gifts help bring comfort and a sense of normalcy to kids during some of their most difficult moments. You're truly making a difference!

Sincerely,  
April Carty

DEACONS MINISTRY

DEACONS MEETING

July 20 - 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hall



WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!

Michael and  
Jean Ellen Linkins



FIRST BAPTIST  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

307 South Manning Street, 29624 / 864.224.1622 / [AndersonFBC.org](https://AndersonFBC.org)

Welcome

July 13, 2025

Welcome!

We're so grateful for your presence this morning and invite you to engage fully in the worship, study, service, and fellowship life of First Baptist Church. For 200 years, this congregation has gathered in response to God's presence among us—worship is at the heart of who we are. It defines us, unites us, and brings us joy as we gather together in God's name.

Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time, we're glad you're here. Our prayer is that you encounter God in a meaningful way during our time of worship.

If you're a first-time guest, please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located on the back of the pew. You can use it to join our mailing list, share a prayer request, or reach out to our staff with any questions. If you're exploring your faith, we're here to walk alongside you and help you discover more about Christianity, our church, and what it means to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We're so glad you've joined us today. May you experience God's love and grace in a powerful way this morning.

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:  
Glenn Torbert

Visitor Outreach:  
Patricia Torbert

Children's Worship:  
Leslie Walker and Shawna Wilson

Security:  
Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky

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

# The Worship of God

**Prelude**  
We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

**Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship**  
While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at [andersonfbc.org/give](http://andersonfbc.org/give), through our church app, or by texting fbcanderson and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

Welcome		Jim Wooten
Prelude	<i>God Shall Bless Us: Psalm 67:7</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	Douglas E. Wagner
Chiming of the Trinity		
*Songs of Praise and Worship		Praise Team
	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i> - Rodman	
*Hymn No. 335	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	PROMISES
Invocation		Jim Wooten
Offertory Prayer		Glenn Torbert
Offertory Music	<i>On the Wings of the Morning</i>	Anthony Giamanco
Praising God For His Gifts To Us		GLORIA PATRI
	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.	
Anthem	<i>Be Strong in the Lord</i> Summer Choir	arr. Tom Fettke
	Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage, your mighty defender is always the same. Mount up with wings as the eagle ascending for victory is sure when you call on His name.	
	Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for He is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.	
	Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage, your mighty commander will vanquish the foe. Fear not the battle for the victory is always His. He will protect you wherever you go.	

(Children please exit for Children’s Worship at this time.)

Responsive Reading	<b>Sending Our Youth To Serve</b>	Timothy Clardy
	Leader: God calls each of us to serve, to learn, and to grow in faith.	
	<b>Congregation: Today, we send our youth to answer that call.</b>	
	Leader: They go to build relationships, to work with willing hands, and to share Christ’s love.	
	<b>Congregation: May they be bold in witness and gentle in spirit.</b>	
	Leader: We give thanks for the leaders who will guide and support them.	
	<b>Congregation: May they be patient, wise, and filled with joy.</b>	
	Leader: In new experiences and unfamiliar places, may they see God at work.	
	<b>Congregation: And may their hearts be open to the Spirit’s leading.</b>	
	<b>ALL: We bless them with our love and prayers—go in peace, go in service, go with God.</b>	
Prayer of Blessing for Passport Camp		Timothy Clardy
Scripture	<b>Psalm 3</b> (Pew Bible Page 532)	
	Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	<b>“Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep”</b>	Jim Wooten
*Hymn No. 66	<i>Day by Day</i>	BLOTT EN DAG
Benediction		Jim Wooten
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	arr. Robert Lau

**Children’s Worship**  
We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children’s Worship during the service this morning. Our Children’s Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

**The Invitation**  
We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer’s baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We’d love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.