

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

AUGUST EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AUGUST 3

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!

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

AUGUST 8 (6:00–9:00 PM) & AUGUST 9 (8:30–11:30 AM) IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

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.

CHURCH-WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

AUGUST 10 — 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!

We'll have 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. To sign up for this event visit bit.ly/FBCBacktoSchoolBash-2025 or scan the QR code



CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON

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 scan the QR code by 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 20.



DEACONS MINISTRY

DEACONS MEETING

TODAY! - 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hall

MUSIC MINISTRY

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SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsals Resume

July 30th - 7:00 PM

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, July 23

6:00 PM Youth Tennis Baseball at YMCA Baseball Field beside AnMed

Sunday, July 27

9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 27

Offertory Prayer: Patricia Torbert

Visitor Outreach: Glenn Torbert

Children's Worship: Children remain in the service.

Security: Bill Wilson and Dale Ellenburg

THANK YOU NOTE!

Dr. Wooten, staff, and church,

Thank you all so very much for all the love which you have shown to Terry and me during our ongoing illnesses and hospitalizations - through cards, visits, calls, and so many other kindnesses. Special thanks go to Skip Brown and especially Charley Ballentine for the ramp which the Men's Ministry built for us. FBC is a special light on a hill, and has been for 200 years - and never more so than now.

Thanks!!

Terry and Tom Martin



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Welcome

July 20, 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:
John Bone

Visitor Outreach:
Skip Brown

Children's Worship:
Elana Roach and Liz Marvin

Security:
Alan Oxendine and Greg Shore

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.

Welcome

Jim Wooten

Prelude

Voluntary
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Gordon Young

Chiming of the Trinity

*Hymn No. 261

Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

Responsive Reading

Asia Thomason

Leader: We gather to worship the God who speaks life into our hearts.

People: God’s Word is living and active—shaping us, sending us, sustaining us.

Leader: This week, at Passport, we have listened for God’s voice—through Scripture, in worship, in service, and in each other.

People: God speaks wonderful words of life—words of truth, of love, of challenge, of hope.

Leader: Through mission and ministry, we have seen God at work in unexpected places.

People: And have been stretched, humbled, and inspired by what God can do through open hands and willing hearts.

Leader: Today, we return ready to testify—to share the blessings of our time at Passport.

People: As you speak, may we hear wonderful words of life again—through you, for us, and for the world.

ALL: Speak, Lord—we are listening. Lead us, Lord—we are ready. Use us, Lord—for the sake of Your kingdom!

Invocation

Lillie Ann Hawkins

*Songs of Praise and Worship

Praise Team

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, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](https://www.facebook.com/andersonfbc) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Open the Eyes of My Heart - Baloché

Offertory Prayer

John Bone

Offertory Music

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

Robert Lau

Praising God For His Gifts To Us

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Summer Choir

arr. Joel Raney

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
as I am daily walking close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day leaning on the everlasting arms.

When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;
reach down and guide me gently, safely o’er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord.
Lord, let it be; a closer walk with thee.

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

Morning Prayer

Danny Hoard

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture

Psalms 119:105-112
(Pew Bible Page 610)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

“Light to See By”

Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 502

Open My Eyes That I May See

SCOTT

Benediction

Jim Wooten

Postlude

Go Out With Praise
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Gilbert M. Martin

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.