

AUGUST EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  
NEXT SUNDAY, 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](mailto: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](https://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](https://andersonfbc.org/community) or scan the QR code by 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 20.



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.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

GROCERY BAGS FOR AIM

AIM is in need of plastic grocery bags! If you'd like to help, please drop off your donations in the collection basket located in the vestibule. Your support is greatly appreciated!

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

**Wednesday, July 30**  
5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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

MEMBERS IN ACTION

**NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 3**  
**Offertory Prayer:** Chad Walker  
**Visitor Outreach:** Leslie Walker  
**Children's Worship:** Tracey Ramsey and Kristen Gilmer  
**Security:** Kevin McCoy and Jack Abraham



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Welcome

July 27, 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:  
Patricia Torbert

Visitor Outreach:  
Glenn Torbert

Children's Worship:  
Children will remain in the service.

Security:  
Bill Wilson and Dale Ellenburg

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

<h1>The Worship of God</h1>			Anthem	<i>Draw Me Near</i> Summer Choir	arr. Mary McDonald
Welcome		Ann Campbell	<p>I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the power of grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in thee.</p> <p>Draw me nearer, nearer, To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious bleeding side.</p> <p>O the pure delight of a single hour, That before Thy throne I spend; When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! There are depths of love that I cannot know, Till I cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach, Till I rest in peace with thee.</p> <p>(Children will remain in the service today.)</p>		
Prelude	<i>Voluntary in A Minor</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	David Lasky			
Chiming of the Trinity					
*Hymn No. 604	<i>Come, All Christians, Be committed</i>	BEACH SPRING			
Responsive Reading		Ann Campbell			
<p>Leader: We give thanks to God for our church, <b>People: A place where hearts are joined and lives are shared.</b></p> <p>Leader: For the ties that bind us in Christian love, <b>People: Stronger than fear, deeper than diversity.</b></p> <p>Leader: For the difference the church makes in our lives, <b>People: Guiding us with grace, shaping us with truth.</b></p> <p>Leader: For the difference the church makes in our community, <b>People: Bringing light, hope, and healing to those in need.</b></p> <p>Leader: Help us to be devoted to one another with renewed fervor, <b>People: Encouraging, forgiving, and building one another up.</b></p> <p>Leader: Let us cherish the unity we have in Christ, <b>ALL: And live as one body, bound together in faith and love.</b></p>					
Invocation		Ann Campbell	<p><i>Prayer concludes by saying in unison:</i></p> <p>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.</p>		
*Songs of Praise and Worship	<i>Draw Me Close</i> - Carpenter	Praise Team			
Offertory Prayer		Patricia Torbert			
Offertory Music	<i>Moment by Moment</i>	arr. Robert Hughes			
Praising God For His Gifts To Us	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	GLORIA PATRI			
<p>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.</p>			Scripture		
			<p>Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b></p>		
			Sermon	<b>“How Sweet It Is!”</b>	Jim Wooten
			*Hymn No. 613	<i>The Servant Song</i>	BEACH SPRING
			Benediction		Jim Wooten
			Postlude	<i>Recessional</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	Robert Hughes

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/fbcanderson) and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

arr. Mary McDonald

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Corry Lathrop

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**Psalm 133**  
(Pew Bible Page 615)

Jim Wooten

BEACH SPRING

Jim Wooten

Robert Hughes

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.