#### **CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY**

#### 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.

#### 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.

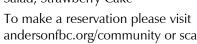


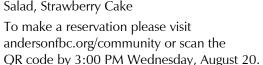
#### **CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON**

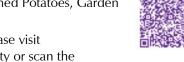
AUGUST 24 — 11:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Cost: \$12 per person, children 18 and under are free

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







#### **CDC UPDATE**



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

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT** 

**ELOISE (ELLIE KATE) SHORE** 

**JULY 2, 2025** 

5 lbs. 11 oz. 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

#### **SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**



#### **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.

#### **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 RSVP to sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org by Friday, August 22.

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

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **YOUTH FALL RETREAT 2025** OCTOBER 10-12 — LOOKUP LODGE

\$100 per student Call or text (864)376-8698 to let Shelby Clardy know if you plan to attend.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST**

#### Tuesday, August 5

First Day of School for Anderson District 5

#### Wednesday, August 6

5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, August 8

6:00 PM Workshop with Dr. Collins Part 1 and Dinner

#### Saturday, August 9

8:30 AM Workshop with Dr. Collins Part 2 and light brunch

#### Sunday, August 10

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

Church Wide Back to School Bash (Pavilion) 4:00 PM

#### **MEMBERS IN ACTION**

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

Offertory Prayer: Ginger Smith Visitor Outreach: Susan Reed

Children's Worship: Hannah Wimpey and Matt Wilson

**Security:** T. J. Fusco and Adam Gathers



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# 11/elcome

August 3, 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: Chad Walker

Visitor Outreach: Leslie Walker

Children's Worship: Tracey Ramsey and Kristen Gilmer

Security:

Kevin McCoy and Jack Abraham

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

# Back To School Sunday

#### 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 Marie Turner

Prelude What Wondrous Love Is This arr. Albert Zabel

Ethan Harper, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Hymn No. 424 Heavenly Sunlight **SUNLIGHT** 

### Blessing of the Backpacks

Timothy Clardy Responsive Reading

Leader: As a new school year begins, we gather to bless backpacks, students, and all who support them.

People: We thank God for the gift of learning and the joy of discovery.

Leader: For teachers who inspire, for friends who encourage, for parents and guardians who care—

People: We are grateful for those who walk with us on the journey.

Leader: In every classroom and hallway, on every bus and playground—

People: May God's presence go with us, bringing courage, peace, and hope.

Leader: Let these backpacks remind us that we are never alone—

People: God's love surrounds us wherever we go.

ALL: May this school year be filled with growth, kindness, and God's guiding light!

Timothy Clardy Prayer of Blessing

Praise Team \*Songs of Praise and Worship

> **Lord, I Lift Your Name on High** - Founds You are Holy - Imboden

Offertory Prayer Chad Walker

Offertory Music How Beautiful **Timothy Webb** 

Sara Kate Smith, Violinist and Kelly Smith, Pianist

Praising God For His Gifts To Us

# GLORIA PATRI Children's Worship

#### 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 Total Praise arr. Carol Cymbala Sanctuary Choir

> Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen

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

**Morning Prayer** Jane Jarahian

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 Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible Page 957)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "How to Deal with Temptation." Dale Lynch

I Am Resolved \*Hymn No. 301 **RESOLUTION** 

Benediction Dale Lynch

Postlude Magnificat Jean Francois Dandrieu Ethan Harper, Organist

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.

#### 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 and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.