

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

To make a reservation please visit andersonfbc.org/community or scan the QR code by 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 20.

CDC UPDATE



FIRST BAPTIST
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

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



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

307 South Manning Street, 29624 / 864.224.1622 / AndersonFBC.org

Welcome

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	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i> Ethan Harper, Organist	arr. Albert Zabel
Chiming of the Trinity		
*Hymn No. 424	<i>Heavenly Sunlight</i>	SUNLIGHT

Blessing of the Backpacks

Responsive Reading		Timothy Clardy
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!		

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.

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>Total Praise</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Carol Cymbala
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
<i>Prayer concludes by saying in unison:</i>		
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: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		
Sermon	“How to Deal with Temptation.”	Dale Lynch
*Hymn No. 301	<i>I Am Resolved</i>	RESOLUTION
Benediction		Dale Lynch
Postlude	<i>Magnificat</i> Ethan Harper, Organist	Jean Francois Dandrieu

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.