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

#### Sunday, August 24

9:30 AM Worship Sunday School 10:30 AM

11:30 AM Church Conference and Luncheon

#### Wednesday, August 27

5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (above the Chapel) Children's Music and Mission (Rock Room) Youth Group (Gym)

6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

#### Saturday, August 30

10:00 AM Christmas Music Preview & Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

#### Sunday, August 31

9:30 AM Resounding Faith Music Service

10:30 AM Sunday School

#### Monday, September 1 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed

#### Wednesday, September 3

Handbell Choir Rehearsal (above the Chapel) Children's Music and Mission (Rock Room) 5:45 PM Youth Group (Gym)

6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

#### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**



August 5, 2025 8 lbs. 15 oz. 20 in.

**Proud Parents:** Aaron and Hannah Wimpey

Siblings: Wilson and Dorotheia **Grandparents:** Addrian and Kim Wilson

#### **MEMBERS IN ACTION**

#### August 24

#### Deacons of the Week:

Becky Campbell, Offertory Prayer Charlie Campbell, Visitor Outreach

#### Children's Worship:

Leslie Walker and Sammy Gilmer

#### Security:

Wes Wallace and Chad Walker

#### August 31

#### Deacons of the Week:

Leslie Walker, Offertory Prayer Chad Walker, Visitor Outreach

#### Children's Worship:

Children will remain in the service.

#### Security:

Jimmy Cooley and Vince Rutledge



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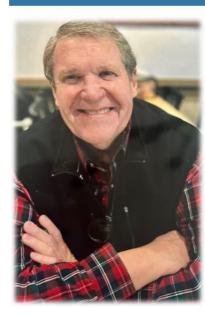


THIS SUNDAY **AUGUST 24 - 11:30 AM** IN THE **FELLOWSHIP HALL** 

**PLEASE NOTE:** During the Church Conference the Transition Team will present a proposal for your approval to adopt the document " A Statement on Sexuality/Implications for Membership and Leadership." This document was given to you during the August 8-9 weekend with Travis Collins and is also in his book "What Does It Mean to be Welcoming on pages 164-166. This is our last step toward completing our church profile so that our Pastor Search Team can begin their work. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in working through this series of conversations with us. Your attendance at all of our gatherings has been amazing! We know you all love FBC and are praying for our future pastor. God bless us all during these exciting days in the life of our church.

# RESOUNDING FAITH PRAISE MUSIC SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 31-9:30 AM

Join us for a special Fifth Sunday Music Service filled with powerful praise and inspiring worship. Come experience a joyful morning of music that lifts the spirit and celebrates our shared faith!



#### INVITATION TO THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

There's something special about coming together as a church family—and our upcoming **Church Conference** is a wonderful opportunity to do just that... and it will only be for about an hour or so (not a two-day conference) this time! Four times a year, after worship and Sunday School, we share a delicious meal, enjoy meaningful fellowship, and hear exciting updates about the life and future of our church.

This gathering will include:

**Voting on New Members** – always a joyful time of welcoming new friends into our fellowship.

**Financial Report** – a chance to celebrate God's provision and see how our resources are being used for ministry.

Pastor Search Team Update – important news on the progress being made in this vital process.

**Transition Team Proposal** – an opportunity for us to discuss and vote on important steps for our church's journey forward.

We hope you'll make every effort to be part of this significant time. It's not just a business meeting—it's a family gathering where we celebrate what God is doing, share in His blessings, and make decisions together about our future.

Come hungry, come prayerful, and come ready to be encouraged!

Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

#### **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

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

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



#### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**



The Women's Fellowship will meet on **Sunday, September 7**, immediately following Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note the new date — we've moved the event off Labor Day weekend so more women can attend and enjoy this special time together.

We warmly invite women of all ages to join us for this meaningful gathering, there's a place for you here! Becky Wooten will be sharing her testimony and you won't want to miss it!

Call the Church Office to sign up by August 31.

#### MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Resumes on Tuesday, September 23 10:00 AM in the Bridal Suite.

#### YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

PICNIC AND PLAY at LINLEY PARK OCTOBER 5 — 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Youth and Children will leave during
Sunday School (10:30 AM) and take the bus
to the Park for a picnic lunch and time to
play on the playground. They will
return by 3:00 PM. Please let Elana Roach
or Shelby Clardy know if you plan to attend.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

### **YOUTH FALL RETREAT**

OCTOBER 10-12
LOOKUP LODGE
\$100 PER STUDENT

Call or text (864)376-8698 to let Shelby Clardy know you plan to attend.