

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

PLEASE NOTE

At the regularly scheduled Church Conference on August 24, 2025, 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.

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.

RESOUNDING FAITH MUSIC SERVICE

AUGUST 31 — 9:30 AM

Join us for our 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!

DEACONS MINISTRY

Please note that there will not be a Deacons Meeting this morning.

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 August 22.

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

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Offertory Prayer: Becky Campbell

Visitor Outreach: Charlie Campbell

Children's Worship: Leslie Walker and Sammy Gilmer

Security: Wes Wallace and Chad Walker

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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 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

Wednesday, August 20

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)

5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions (Rock Room)

Youth Group (Gym)

7:00 PM Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 21

Beacon Published

12:00 PM Third Thursday Senior Adult Ministry

(Meet at Dyars Diner in Pendleton)

Sunday, August 24

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Church Conference & Luncheon

(Fellowship Hall)

CONDOLENCES

Brenda Bone and family on the passing of her husband, John Bone, on August 9, 2025.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lenora Faye Wimpey

August 5, 2025

8 lbs. 15 oz. 20 in.

Proud Parents: Aaron and Hannah Wimpey

Siblings: Wilson and Dorotheia

Grandparents: Addrian and Kim Wilson

The rosebud on the pulpit today is placed in celebration of the birth of Lenora.



FIRST BAPTIST

ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Welcome

August 17, 2025

Welcomel

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:

Dale Ellenburg

Visitor Outreach:

Jack Anderson

Children's Worship:

January Menees and Aaron Wimpey

Security:

Terry Atkins and Thomas Roach

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		
Welcome		Bob Lingle
Prelude	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	arr. Anna Laura Page
Chiming of the Trinity		
*Hymn No. 537	<i>I Will Sing the Wondrous Story</i>	WONDEROUS STORY
Responsive Reading		Bob Lingle
<p>Leader: God calls each church to be faithful in the place where He has planted it.</p> <p>People: We embrace the mission God has given us, unique to who we are.</p> <p>Leader: No two congregations are the same; each is shaped for a special purpose.</p> <p>People: We celebrate the gifts and calling God has entrusted to us.</p> <p>Leader: Our neighbors are our mission field, and our community our place of witness.</p> <p>People: Here, we will live out Christ's love in ways that speak to those around us.</p> <p>Leader: As we follow Christ, we become vessels of His blessing.</p> <p>People: May our distinct mission reflect the heart of God to the world.</p> <p>ALL: Lord, send us forth as the church You have made us to be—faithful to our calling, generous in love, and bold in sharing Your hope.</p>		
Invocation		Bob Lingle
*Songs of Praise and Worship		Praise Team
	<i>Love the Lord</i> - Brewster <i>Better Is One Day</i> - Redman	
Solo	<i>Hear My Cry, O God</i> Ethan Harper, Soloist	Cesar Franck
Offertory Prayer		Dale Ellenburg
Offertory Music	<i>Meditation on "Arlington"</i>	Fred Bock
Praising God For His Gifts To Us		GLORIA PATRI
	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<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>		

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

Sanctuary Choir

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey,
Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
What is my labor, and where it shall be.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord here am I."
Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead,
Only support me with grace in my need.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord here am I."
Living or dying, I still would be Thine,
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.

Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
Pity and bring me again to the light,
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord here am I."

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

Morning Prayer Phyllis Cooper

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 **1 Corinthians 9:19-27**
(Pew Bible Page 1134)

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

Sermon **"All Things to All People?"**
Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 569 ***Make Me a Blessing***
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Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude ***Postlude in B-Flat***
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist
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Caleb Simper

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.

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.