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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, September 28

9:30 AM Worship/Communion
10:30 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, October 1

5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (above the Chapel)
5:45 PM 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, October 4

9:00 AM Church-Wide Clean Up Day

Sunday, October 5

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School
Youth and Children Picnic and Play at Linley
Park

Wednesday, October 8

5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (above the Chapel)
5:45 PM 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)

Thursday, October 9

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Friday, October 10 - October 12

Youth Fall Retreat at LookUp Lodge

MEMBERS IN ACTION

September 28

Deacons of the Week:
Thomas Roach, Offertory Prayer
Joe Drennon, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
January Menees and Matt Wilson

Security:
Bill Wilson and Jack Abraham

October 5

Deacons of the Week:
Liz Marvin, Offertory Prayer
Marian Moorhead, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
Leslie Walker and Sammy Gilmer

Security:
Kevin McCoy and Alan Oxendine



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DEACON NOMINATIONS

This Sunday, September 28

Ballots for the nomination of deacons will be distributed this Sunday, September 28th. Please note that the following persons are already serving and are NOT eligible for nomination.

Kathy Adams	Glenn Torbert	Tom Allen
Jack Anderson	Dewey Boyd	Skip Brown
Linda Chadbourne	Becky Campbell	Charlie Campbell
Joe Drennon	Dennis Fowler	Timothy Clardy
Dale Ellenburg	Ginger Smith	Elizabeth Marvin
Larry Mitchell	David Stoddard	Mathias Richardson
Marian Moorhead	Patricia Torbert	Thomas Roach
Sonny Reed	Chad Walker	Ann Self
Susan Reed	Leslie Walker	Greg Shore
	Hannah Wimpey	Marie Turner

See article inside for more information regarding the nomination of this year's Deacons.



REFLECTIONS ON THIS YEAR'S DEACON ELECTION
Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor and Joe Drennon, Deacon Chair

The past year has been one of major transition in the life of our church. One of the changes has been in the role of the deacon, especially in relation to efforts to organize the church to more effectively fulfill its purpose as defined in its purpose statement.

In the past thirty or more years, the primary defined role of the deacon has been to provide ministry to assigned families in the church. With changing circumstances, needs and demographics, a different approach to deacon ministry proved desirable. **While the Deacon Family Ministry Plan is no longer in effect, we will be seeking to develop ministry approaches that meet the various needs of people in our congregation. The CARE team for Senior Adults (those who are homebound, in assisted living centers or with special needs) is the first step in this process.**

The key shift in the role of the deacon has been a *re-emphasis* on the deacon as a “servant-leader”, working in conjunction with pastoral staff to provide *leadership and support* to those who work in the various areas of church life (Worship, Spiritual Growth, Ministry, Fellowship, Missions, Outreach, as well as Administration).

As always, our congregation is seeking men and women who display spiritual maturity, faithful devotion, willing service, and a humble and cooperative spirit to fill this vital role. With the renewed emphasis on leadership, we also seek those with a passion and vision for the work of the church who can help guide our church into the future God has awaiting us.

A REPORT FROM THE DEACON TEAM ASSIGNED TO THE ADMINISTRATION CLUSTER

Dale Ellenburg, Dewey Boyd, Marie Turner

As the role of the deacons has shifted from primarily the old Deacon Family Ministry plan, the first order of business this team wanted to focus on is **making sure we have job descriptions for all officers and committees that fall under the Administration area of church life.**

Using a template to insure consistency of format in all the job descriptions, we are contacting each of the officers and committees and asking them to outline their duties. This will help to provide clarity, not only for those currently serving, but especially for new people that are recruited and assume responsibilities.

While creating clear job descriptions will be important in other areas of the church as well, the Administration Cluster has an unusually large number of entities (officers and committees). Many of these rotate memberships each year. It is particularly important that those who serve in these capacities are clear about the duties and expectations.

Currently, we have the following entities that comprise the Administration Cluster:

Officers:

Moderator: Deacon Chair, Joe Drennon

Treasurer: James Chadbourne

Church Clerk: Ann Campbell

Assistant Church Clerk: Ann Newton

Trustees: Dewey Boyd, Mathias Richardson,

David Stoddard, Shelby Clardy, Greg Shore,

Anne Whitney

Committees (W/ Chairpersons):

Building and Grounds: Skip Brown

By-Laws: Susan Reed

Facility Use: Dewey Boyd

Nominating: Danny Hoard

Personnel: Mathias Richardson

Stewardship: Anne Whitney

Security Team: TJ Fusco

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING THROUGH THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Janie Chapman State Missions Offering (SBC) and Beverly Greer State Missions Offering (CBF)

Given to date: \$1035

2026 AREAS OF INTEREST SURVEY

If you haven't had a chance to fill out your 2026 Areas of Interest Survey, we'd love for you to do so! Copies are available at the Welcome Center in the vestibule, and completed surveys can be placed in the box there by this Sunday, September 28. Your responses help us connect you with opportunities to serve and be involved in ways that match your gifts and interests.

CHURCH-WIDE
CLEANUP DAY
OCTOBER 4
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Please see inserts in Sunday's Bulletin for volunteer opportunities, tools needed, and sign-up information. You may also scan the QR code to the right to sign-up.



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH 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.



CONDOLENCES

Ann Newton and family on the passing of her mother-in-law and former FBC member, Doris Blevins, on September 12, 2025.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THIRD THURSDAY
Senior Adult Ministry

Thursday, October 16
11:15 AM - 2:30 PM

LUNCH AT COLD SPRING CAFÉ

1151 HWY. 20, Abbeville, SC

followed by

DESSERT AT SWARTZENTRUBERS BAKERY

139 HWY. 28 S., Abbeville, SC

Call the Church Office to sign up by 3:00 PM on October 10.

COMING SOON!

CHURCH
CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON

ELECT DEACONS,
ELECT COMMITTEES,
AND PRESENT THE
2026 BUDGET

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 11:30 AM