

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING
THROUGH THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
Janie Chapman State Missions Offering (SBC)
Beverly Greer State Missions Offering (CBF)

CHURCH-WIDE
**CLEANUP
DAY**
OCTOBER 4
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Save the Date!
More information coming soon!



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

FBC Children's Ministry
BAKE AND TAKE COOKIES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:00-7:00 PM



Kids will be delivering the cookies they've baked to FBC Members living at The Garden House Assisted Living Facility.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

September 13 — Shannon Griffin — 9 years

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Offertory Prayer: Linda Chadbourne
Visitor Outreach: Mathias Richardson
Children’s Worship: Tracey Ramsey and Liz Marvin
Security: Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THIRD
HURSDAY
Senior Adult Ministry
Thursday, September 18
Noon in the Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$12.00
Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Garden Salad,
Garlic Bread, and Mounds Cake



We’re excited to welcome special guest, Vickie Rutledge, who will be sharing with us about the benefits of Home health Therapy. You won’t want to miss her insights and helpful information!

Call the Church Office or email sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org to sign up by 3:00 PM on September 11.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY
RESUMES ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
10:00 AM IN THE BRIDAL SUITE.

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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 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, September 10
5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
5:45 PM Children Bake and Take Cookies
Youth Group (Gym)
6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Youth “Homework & Hangout” (Gym)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 11
The Beacon Published
Sunday, September 14
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School

**FIRST BAPTIST**
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
307 South Manning Street, 29624 / 864.224.1622 / AndersonFBC.org

Welcome

September 7, 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:
Ginger Smith

Visitor Outreach:
Tom Allen

Children’s Worship:
Elana Roach and Shawna Wilson

Security:
Charlie Ballentine and Dale Ellenburg

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
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

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 Jim Wooten

Prelude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Anna Laura Page
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

*Hymn No. 227 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* JOYFUL SONG

Responsive Reading Jim Wooten

Leader: A woman, lost in the crowd, reached out and touched the hem of Jesus’ garment.

People: No one knew what had happened, but Jesus felt her faith and made her whole.

Leader: Jairus’ daughter was restored to life, the blind man received sight, the leper was cleansed.

People: The paralytic walked, the widow of Nain rejoiced, and the woman at the well drank living water.

Leader: Children were welcomed, Zacchaeus was embraced, the oppressed were freed by His hand.

People: All who reached for Him found mercy, hope, and love.

Leader: Still today, many are lost in the crowd, longing for His touch.

ALL: We believe Jesus sees us, reaches to us, and makes us whole by His grace!

Invocation Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 424 *Heavenly Sunlight* SUNLIGHT

Offertory Prayer Ginger Smith

Offertory Music *Great Is the Lord* arr. Rolin R. Mains
Dr. Howard Kim, Pianist

Praising God For His Gifts To Us GLORIA PATRI

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.

*Please stand if able.

Anthem *O Love* Elaine Hagenberg
Sanctuary Choir

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go.
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

Oh Love, that will not let me go.

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

Morning Prayer Becky Campbell

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.

Solo *He Touched Me* Bill Gaither
Addrian Wilson, Soloist

Scripture **Luke 8:40-48**
(Pew Bible Page 1025)

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

Sermon “The Hem of His Garment” Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 564 *Make Me a Channel of Blessing* EUCLID

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* arr. Anna Laura Page
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

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.