

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING THROUGH THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

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2026 AREAS OF INTEREST SURVEY

If you haven’t had a chance to fill out your 2026 Areas of Interest Survey, there is still time! Copies are available at the Welcome Center in the vestibule, and completed surveys can be placed in the box there this morning. 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 today'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

NEXT SUNDAY, 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.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Offertory Prayer: Liz Marvin

Visitor Outreach: Marian Moorhead

Children’s Worship: Leslie Walker & Sammy Gilmer

Security: Kevin McCoy and Alan Oxendine

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, October 1

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)

5:45 PM Children’s Music and Missions
Youth Group (Gym)

6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 PM Youth “Homework & Hangout” (Gym)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 4

9:00 AM Church-Wide Clean Up Day

Sunday, October 5

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

Youth & Children Picnic/Play at Linley Park

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.



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Welcome

September 28, 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:
Thomas Roach

Visitor Outreach:
Joe Drennon

Children’s Worship:
January Menees and Mat Wilson

Security:
Bill Wilson and Jack Abraham

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.

Gathering Music	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i> Alex Nation, Violinist	arr. Keveren
Welcome		Jim Wooten
Prelude	<i>Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	arr. David Paxton
Chiming of the Trinity		
Call to Worship	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i> Sanctuary Choir	Jane M. Marshall
*Hymn No. 19	<i>We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer</i>	KREMSER
Invocation		Jim Wooten
*Songs of Praise and Worship		Praise Team
	<i>O Come to the Altar</i> - arr. Galbraith Jamie Smith and Madeline Nation	
Offertory Prayer		Thomas Roach
Offertory Music	<i>In Sacred Memory</i>	Donald Lee Moore
Praising God For His Gifts To Us		GLORIA PATRI

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](https://www.facebook.com/andersonfbc) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

(Children please exit for Children’s Worship at this time.)		
Morning Prayer		Ann Self
<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	Luke 14:15-24 (Pew Bible Page 1034)	
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. People: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		
Homily	“Come!” - The God Who Invites	Jim Wooten
Solo	<i>How Beautiful</i> Anne Whitney	arr. Lloyd Larson

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

SERVING OF THE BREAD

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - arr. Bill Holcombe
Nichole Niemeyer, Flautist

SERVING OF THE CUP

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts - arr. David Lasky
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Benediction Hymn No. 387	<i>Blest Be the Tie</i>	DENNIS
Postlude	<i>Father, We Thank Thee</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	Louis Bourgeois

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.