



We extend a warm welcome to
Guest Pastor Dale Lynch, who will be
delivering the message this morning.

After serving a long tenure as Senior Pastor at FBC Belton, Dale retired and moved to Greenville with his wife Harrianne. He just completed serving an interim as Associate Pastor of Earle Street Baptist Church. We are delighted to welcome him back as a guest preacher at FBC, Anderson.

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING THROUGH THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Janie Chapman State Missions Offering (SBC) AND Beverly Greer State Missions Offering (CBF)
Given to date: \$1355

CHURCH
CONFERENCE
& LUNCHEON

ELECT DEACONS, ELECT
COMMITTEES, AND PRESENT
THE 2026 BUDGET

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 11:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MENU

Parmesan-Crusted Chicken (Chicken Tenders for Kids),
Yeast Roll, Broccoli Casserole, Blueberry Salad, Coconut Cake
Cost: \$12 per person and children 18 and under are free.
Please call the church office, scan the QR Code, or visit
andersonfbc.org/community to make a reservation by October 22.



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

October 1 - Mary Alice Edmonds — 1 year

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Offertory Prayer: Timothy Clardy

Visitor Outreach: Dewey Boyd

Children's Worship: Hannah Wimpey and Aaron Wimpey

Security: T. J. Fusco and Adam Gathers

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

The Beacon Published

Friday, October 10 - Sunday, October 12

Youth Fall Retreat at Lookup Lodge

Sunday, October 12

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM

1807 LINDALE RD., ANDERSON, SC 29621

CRAFTS, GAMES, HOT CHOCOLATE,
ROASTED MARSHMALLOWS,
AND LOTS OF CANDY



We need lots of volunteers, candy, and new/gently used stuffed animals. If you are interested in helping, please contact Timothy Clardy. (Please bring candy and stuffed animal donations to the church office or drop off in the vestibule.) We also need soup/chili and individually packaged desserts. Please contact Nichole Niemeyer if interested in helping with food.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, October 16

11:15 AM - 2:30 PM

Meet in front of the Fellowship
at 11:15 to ride the bus or carpool.

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.



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Welcome

October 5, 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:
Liz Marvin

Visitor Outreach:
Marian Moorhead

Children's Worship:
Leslie Walker and Sammy Gilmer

Security:
Kevin McCoy and Alan Oxendine

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 Steven Smith

Prelude *Praeludium* Gordon Young
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

I Could Sing of Your Love - Smith

Rescue - Anderson

Responsive Reading Steven Smith

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: We gather with hearts lifted in gratitude.

Leader: The joy of worship fills our souls with gladness.

People: We come to sing, to pray, and to listen for God’s voice.

Leader: Each new day is a gift from the hand of our Creator.

People: We receive it with thanksgiving and hope.

Leader: The blessings of God are poured out upon us without measure.

People: We open our hearts to receive and to share.

ALL: Thanks be to God for the joy of worship, the gift of this day, and the blessings we have received!

Invocation Steven Smith

*Hymn No. 406 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

Offertory Prayer Liz Marvin

Offertory Music *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Ovid and Young
Leslie Nation and Kelly Smith, Pianists

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 and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

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.

Anthem *Lean On Me (Everlasting Arms)* Pepper Choplin
Sanctuary Choir / Anne Whitney, Soloist

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Sometime in our lives, we all have pain.
We all have sorrow, but if we are wise, we know that there’s always tomorrow.
We know that we have hope for tomorrow.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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

Morning Prayer Anne Whitney

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 **Matthew 16:18-19** Dale Lynch
(Pew Bible Page 973)

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

Sermon **“The Church-Built to Last”** Dale Lynch

Hymn No. 354 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

Benediction Dale Lynch

Postlude *The Church’s One Foundation* arr. James Mansfield
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.