

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

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.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS
BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, October 28
10:00 AM in the Bridal Suite

Mission Focus:
The Patrick Harris Hospital
Christmas Gift Packs

Please Note: We'll meet on the Third Tuesday
for November (18) and December (16)

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Offertory Prayer:
Kathy Adams

Visitor Outreach:
Mathias Richardson

Children's Worship:
Children Remain in the Service.

Security:
Terry Atkins and Thomas Roach

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.

THANK YOU NOTE!

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring plastic bags for AIM's food pantry! They want you to know how much they truly appreciate your generosity. Keep them coming!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

October 1 - Mary Alice Edmonds — 1 year

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, October 15

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 16

11:15 AM Third Thursday Senior Adult Outing

Sunday, October 19

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Deacons Meeting (Deacons Conference Room)



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Welcome

October 12, 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:
Timothy Clardy

Visitor Outreach:
Dewey Boyd

Children's Worship:
Hannah Wimpey and Aaron Wimpey

Security:
T. J. Fusco and Adam Gathers

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 Ann Campbell

Prelude ***This Is My Father’s World*** arr. David Hegarty
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

*Hymn No. 16 ***O Worship the King*** LYONS

Responsive Reading Ann Campbell

Leader: Lord, teach us to pray aright.
People: Let our words rise from hearts of sincerity and humility.

Leader: Teach us to trust in Your provision.
People: For You know our needs before we ask.

Leader: Teach us to be open to Your will in our lives.
People: For Your ways are higher than our ways.

Leader: Teach us to seek not our own glory, but to please You.
People: For You alone are worthy of our devotion and praise.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayers, shape our hearts, and guide our lives, that we may live as Your faithful people.

Invocation Ann Campbell

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Beautiful One - Hughes
Breathe on Me Breath of God - arr. Chapman

Offertory Prayer Timothy Clardy

Offertory Music ***Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*** arr. Anna Laura Page

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 ***Beautiful In His Time*** Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir

He hath made all things beautiful in His time
and I know that what God doeth, it shall be forever.
He had made all things beautiful in His time.

To everything there is a season
and a time to every purpose under the heaven.
And I know that whatever God doeth, it shall be forever.

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

Morning Prayer James Chadbourne

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 **Luke 15:1-3; 11-24**
(Pew Bible Page 1035)

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

Sermon **“Two Prayers”** Jim Wooten

Hymn No. 287 ***Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord*** LANGLEY

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude ***God of Grace and God of Glory*** arr. J. Wayne Kerr
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.