

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

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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 26

Offertory Prayer:
Greg Shore

Visitor Outreach:
Charlie Campbell

Children's Worship:
Elana Roach and Liz Marvin

Security:
Wes Wallace and Chad Walker

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.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

GROCERY BAGS FOR AIM

AIM is in need of plastic grocery bags! If you'd like
to help, please drop off your donations in the
collection basket located in the vestibule. Your
support is greatly appreciated!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

October 1 - Mary Alice Edmonds — 1 year

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, October 22

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 23

The Beacon Published

Sunday, October 26

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Church Conference and Luncheon
(Fellowship Hall)



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Welcome

October 19, 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:
Kathy Adams

Visitor Outreach:
Mathias Richardson

Children's Worship:
Children will remain in the Service.

Security:
Terry Atkins and Thomas Roach

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 Alan Oxendine

Prelude *Choral Song* arr. Dorothy Wells
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team
Mighty to Save - Morgan
In Christ Alone - Getty

Responsive Reading Alan Oxendine

Leader: Gracious God, You have called us to be Your people in this world.
People: Help us to be people of faith, trusting You in all things.
Leader: Help us to be people of love, caring for others as Christ cares for us.
People: Help us to be people of hope, confident in Your promises that never fail.
Leader: May our lives bear fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of Your will.
People: May Your strength sustain us with patience, endurance, and joy.
Leader: Let gratitude shape our words and actions as we walk in Your light.
People: May others see Your presence in us and be drawn to You through our lives.
All: For You are a great God and worthy of all praise.

Invocation Alan Oxendine

*Hymn No. 429 *All That Thrills My Soul* HARRIS

Offertory Prayer Kathy Adams

Offertory Music *The Lord’s My Shepherd* arr. Gilbert Martin

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 *To Love Our God* Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir/Sonny Reed, Soloist

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?
The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full.
How can these things be? How can these things be?

Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.
We all return to dust from when we came. All is empty, all is vain.
To Love our God, the reason we live; To love our God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole.
For this purpose we were made... To Love our God.

(Children will remain in the service today.)

Morning Prayer Lise Lingle

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 **Colossians 1:1-14**
(Pew Bible Page 1165)

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

Sermon **“What Have They Heard About Us!”** Jim Wooten

Hymn No. 571 *Let Others See Jesus in You* COLEMAN

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Charles Callahan
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

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.