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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, November 23 - Christ the King Sunday

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM CARE Team Meeting (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 25

- 5:30 PM Children's Dinner and Big Air (Meet at Arnolds Restaurant)

Wednesday, November 26

Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day

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Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Women's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, December 3

- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (above the Chapel)
- 5:45 PM Children's Program Dress Rehearsal Youth Group (Gym)
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

Thursday, December 4

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307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624
 CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622
 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER — 224-2635
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 - Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
 - Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
 - Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager
 - Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor
- Urgent Needs (after hours, Friday's, and weekends):
 Call: 224-1622, Press 3, leave name, number and a brief message and someone will return your call promptly.



MEMBERS IN ACTION

November 23

Deacons of the Week:
 Mathias Richardson, Offertory Prayer
 Dennis Fowler, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
 Timothy Clardy and Kristen Gilmer

Security:
 Bill Wilson and Jack Abraham

November 30

Deacons of the Week:
 Skip Brown, Offertory Prayer
 Liz Marvin, Visitor Outreach

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

Security:
 Jimmy Cooley and Adam Gathers



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Celebrate the season with FBC Anderson!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SERVICE
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 9:30 AM

WOMEN'S HOLLY JOLLY MIX & MINGLE
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 11:30 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECORATING THE CHRISMON TREE
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 9:30 AM

MEN'S LOW COUNTRY BOIL
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 9:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 9:30 AM

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD AT 7:00 PM

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 23



Christ The King Sunday???

In the secular world, the new year begins on January first. For most of the Christian world, the new year begins on the first Sunday of Advent- the season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Increasingly, through the years, many Baptist churches have begun to embrace the Christian liturgical calendar in planning their worship, recognizing the richness of many of the traditions that have their roots in the ancient church.

Everybody in our church knows all about the season of Advent. For decades FBC has observed the four Sundays preceding Christmas as the season of Advent. We do Advent big time around here.

Of course, we have found great meaning in Holy Week services... Maundy Thursday and maybe Good Friday and Easter sunrise services. We are familiar with the seasons of Epiphany and Lent. We observe Pentecost Sunday... and, from time to time, maybe some of the other designated Sundays on the Christian calendar.

I'm not sure who among us have ever heard of "Christ the King Sunday". That is how this Sunday (November 23) is designated on the Christian calendar. Christ the King Sunday arose, not in the early church (like Advent and Lent), or even in the medieval church. For most of Christian history, this Sunday was simply known as the last Sunday after Pentecost- the last Sunday of the Christian year before Advent arrives once again and a new year starts.

This year, we will observe Christ the King Sunday. I think there is something to it- something that makes sense in how we end one year before beginning another. I hope you will join us. The sermon is "A King Unlike Any Other."

Dr. Jim Wooten
Interim Pastor

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE

This week, the Sanctuary received a new air conditioner and air handler unit. After 57 years of faithful service, the previous unit—installed in 1968—had begun to leak and experience significant failures. Below are a few photos of the crew unloading the new, much-needed unit.



ALSO FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS

SKILLS AND WILLINGNESS SURVEY

Building and Grounds has placed a **Skills and Willingness Survey** in the vestibule. If you are interested in lending a hand with upcoming projects in the year ahead, please take a moment to fill one out. Completed surveys may be dropped in the clearly labeled **Communications Box**, also located in the vestibule. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

FROM THE C.A.R.E. TEAM

C.A.R.E TEAM MEETING — November 23 -11:30AM – in the Chapel

If you've agreed to serve as part of our C.A.R.E. Team ministry—reaching out to seniors who are homebound, in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, and others who may need a little extra care—please plan to attend a brief meeting to receive information about the person(s) you will be ministering to.

If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact Dewey or Virginia Boyd.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY



Return your shoe box November 23. Packing suggestions: toothbrushes, small tools, sewing kits, stuffed animals. Contact Cathy Drew with questions (864)617-1014

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



CHILDREN'S DINNER AND BIG AIR
Tuesday, November 25
5:30 - 7:30 PM
Meet at Arnolds restaurant.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The FBC Women's Fellowship cordially invites women of all ages to a **HOLLY JOLLY MIX & MINGLE** November 30, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments of vegetables, fruit, cheese and crackers, ham biscuits and Christmas treats for dessert will be served. Come fellowship with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please sign up for our last fellowship of the year by Wednesday, November 26.

CONDOLENCES

Family and friends of Betty Walker on her passing on November 17, 2025.

2nd week haul for AIM Food Drive! Thanks for your generosity! We're halfway to our 2000lb goal!



AIM Food Drive
Accept. Inspire. Minister.
Drop off at First Baptist Church Anderson
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Church office and FBC vestibule

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

- Canned Meat
- Breakfast Foods
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Dried Rice/Beans
- Pasta/Sauces
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Soup
- Shelf-stable Items
- I.E. Sugar/Flour/Oil

PLEASE DROP OFF BY NOVEMBER 30TH

Search your hearts and pantries to help Anderson County feed its hungry citizens!