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<p> 307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624 CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER — 224-2635 Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <div> FirstBaptistAnderson andersonfbc.org</div>	<p>Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Church Office Closed</p> <p>Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day Church Office Closed</p> <p>Sunday, December 28 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve No regularly scheduled activities.</p> <p>Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day Church Office Closed</p> <p>Sunday, January 4 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM "Meet First Baptist" Session 1 (Room 215) For New and Prospective members</p> <p>MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING</p> <p>Lottie Moon Christmas Offering & CBF Global Missions Offering</p> <p>Given to date: \$1580</p>
<p>MEMBERS IN ACTION</p>	
<p><u>December 21</u></p> <p>Deacons of the Week: Ann Self, Offertory Prayer Marie Turner, Visitor Outreach</p> <p>Children's Worship: Elana Roach and Aaron Wimpey</p> <p>Security: Terry Atkins and Thomas Roach</p>	<p><u>December 28</u></p> <p>Deacons of the Week: Tom Allen, Offertory Prayer Greg Shore, Visitor Outreach</p> <p>Children's Worship: Tracey Ramsey and Liz Marvin</p> <p>Security: Wes Wallace and Chad Walker</p>





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Candlelight Communion Service

Tuesday, December 23 - 7:00 PM

BENEVELENCE OFFERING

Many say the Candlelight Communion Service is their favorite of the year. We hope you will join us and that you will get the word to family, friends and neighbors so they too may enjoy the wonder and beauty of this special time of fellowship and worship. Be sure to share the Facebook post.

This year the Christmas Offering that will be taken in the service will go directly to our Benevolence Fund which helps meet the needs throughout the year of those who may face serious and unforeseen financial challenges. What better time than Christmas to think of those among us who may need a helping hand!



The Staff of First Baptist Church extends the warmest best wishes to you this Christmas, with a prayer that the New Year ahead may bring the richest of God's blessings upon your life and the life of our church. We count it a privilege to share the journey of faith with each of you, and we offer our gratitude for the many ways you love and support us. May the celebration of our Savior's birth deepen our faith and stir our hearts to renewed commitment to Him and to one another.

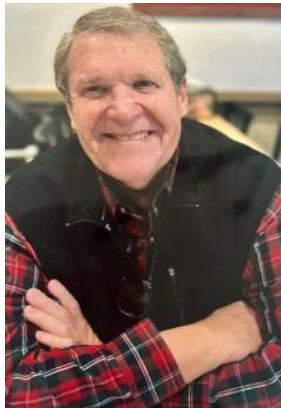
Merry Christmas!



Addrian, Greg, Jamie, Jim,
Kelly, Lesley, Mary Alice, Natalie,
Shannon, Sharon, and Tom



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR
FROM JIM WOOTEN, INTERIM PASTOR



Even as we are in the middle of the Advent celebration, caught in the afterglow of the outstanding presentation of our Christmas Tapestry by our fantastic musicians and choir, while also anticipating an equally compelling Candlelight and Communion Service on December 23rd, we cast an eye to some important happenings that kick off the New Year.

“Meet First Baptist” for Both New and Prospective Members

Curious about First Baptist? Thinking about membership—or just wanting to learn more? **Meet First Baptist** is a welcoming, three-session experience designed especially for new and prospective members. In a relaxed, conversation-friendly setting, you’ll have space to ask questions, connect with others, and explore what makes our church unique.

I will be leading these sessions that offer an inside look at some of the basics of our faith, our mission, and our life together as a church—without pressure, and with plenty of time for discussion and fellowship.

I hope you will join me for all three sessions on **January 4, 11, and 18**, from **10:45 a.m. to noon**, in **Room 215**. I’d love the chance to spend some time together and help you feel at home at First Baptist.

And you can help me! This is a pilot program to help us create an on-going orientation process that meets the needs of those who are interested in our church. It is intended to be a prerequisite to church membership, so your feedback can be crucial in how we develop an effective and informative experience.

Please contact the Church Office 864-224-1622 or email: sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org. You may also reach out to me personally by text 843-271-7520 if you plan to attend.

Taking the Next Step Together- Cluster Meetings Begin

Last year, our church began an important season of refinement—clarifying how we organize ourselves so we can better live out our mission. As part of that work, we developed **Deacon Teams** to lead and support the **seven key areas of church life**, helping us see more clearly how committees and ministry teams fit and work together.

Now it’s time for the next step. On **Saturday, January 10**, we will bring together representatives from these areas for a **major organizational orientation meeting**. This gathering will help ensure shared understanding, alignment, and a strong foundation as we move forward together.

The meeting will be held from **9:00–10:30 a.m.** in the **Church Fellowship Hall**. **Doughnuts and coffee will be served**, and all involved are encouraged to attend as we continue building a healthy, well-connected church.

See the 2026 Cluster Organizational Chart included as an insert in this edition of *The Beacon*.

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY



NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
GUEST PASTOR, REV. KEN DILL

Rev. Ken Dill is an ordained elder in the Wesleyan Church. He has pastored in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He recently retired from Southern Wesleyan University where he was the University Chaplain for 34 years. He is the mayor elect of the town of Central and will take office in January. Donna Nelson was his sister-in-law and many of you may have heard his moving eulogy for her at her memorial service.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, January 15
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

DISCOVERING LOCAL WILDLIFE WITH
SHAWN HANNA (DNR)

Menu:

Taco Soup, Corn Muffin, Garden Salad, and
Caramel Cake
Call the Church Office to sign up by
3:00 PM on January 8.

PLEASE NOTE



All end of the year gifts should be turned in or postmarked before **Wednesday, December 31**, to be counted in the 2025 year. If you have any questions please contact Lesley Hudgins in the FBC Church Office.

COMING SOON!

January 4, 11, & 18 — 10:45-Noon
“MEET FIRST BAPTIST” FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

January 10 — 9:00-10:30 AM
CLUSTER ORGANIZATIONAL & ORIENTATION MEETING

January 11 — 9:30 AM
DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

January 25 — 11:30 AM
CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON

YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Lunch and Ice Skating at the Pavilion in Greenville
Sunday, January 11 - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM



RSVP to Elana Roach (864-940-4199)
or Shelby Clardy 9864-376-8698

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



December 10, 2025
8 lbs. 6 oz. 20 in.

Proud Parents: Justin and Blaire Hall
Siblings: Saylor, Hudson, and Parker