

COMING SOON

January 11 & 18 — 10:45-Noon
“MEET FIRST BAPTIST” FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS (Room 215)

The 2nd and 3rd session of the three part introduction to life at FBC Anderson. Every church (like every person) has a unique personality and distinctive ways of doing things. These sessions are designed as an opportunity to get better acquainted and to answer questions you may have- whether you have been coming here for a while or whether you have just started attending; whether you have recently joined or are just exploring possibilities of uniting with our church. Please contact Sharon in the church office by calling (864-224-1622) or email sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org, or contact Jim Wooten directly by texting (843-271-7520) or by email wootenj83@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend.

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

January 11 - 9:30 AM
DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE
Shelby Clardy, Corry Lathrop, and Steven Smith

January 25 - 10:30 AM
CHURCH CONFERENCE
The January Church Conference will not include a luncheon due to the unavailability of our caterer. To ensure the conference concludes in a timely manner and allows everyone time for lunch, Sunday School will not meet that day. The conference will be held at **10:30 AM**, immediately following the morning worship service.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
& CBF Global Missions Offering

Given to date: \$1855

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 864-376-8698

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

January 27—10:00 AM

In the Bridal Suite

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, January 7

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	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	Youth “Homework & Hangout” (Gym)

Thursday, January 8

The Beacon Published

Saturday, January 10

9:00 AM	Cluster Organizational and Orientation Meeting
---------	--

Sunday, January 11

9:30 AM	Worship/Deacon Ordination
10:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Meet FBC Session 2 (Room 215)
11:30 AM	Youth and Children Ice Skating (Greenville)

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Offertory Prayer: Charlie Campbell

Visitor Outreach: Al Whitney

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

Security: Charlie Campbell and Vince Rutledge



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

Welcome

January 4, 2026

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:
Chad Walker

Visitor Outreach:
Leslie Walker

Children's Worship:
Timothy Clardy and Lucia Wilson

Security:
Charlie Ballentine and Dale Ellenburg

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.

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. Adrian Wilson, Minister of Music

Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

The Worship of God

Welcome		Thomas Roach	Anthem	How Great Our Joy Sanctuary Choir	Craig Courtney
Prelude	Shepherd's Noel Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	J. Wayne Kerr		While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright. How great our joy, how great our joy.	
Chiming of the Trinity				There shall be born, so did he say, In Bethlehem a Child today. How great our joy, how great our joy.	
*Hymn No. 395	God of Grace and God of Glory	CWM RHONDDA		There shall a Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall redeem us all. This gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill.	
Responsive Reading		Thomas Roach		Praise we the Lord, praise we the Lord in heaven on high. How great our joy.	
	Leader: As a new year begins, we pause to remember the road behind us. People: With gratitude, we recall the ways in which You have cared for us and shaped us.			(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)	
	Leader: Yet we do not dwell on what is past. People: We press on toward what lies ahead.				
	Leader: With hopeful anticipation, we turn our eyes to the future You are unfolding. People: Guide us, O God, as You have guided us before.				
	Leader: Give us receptive hearts and willing spirits to follow where You lead. People: Trusting Your call, we step forward into this new year with You.				
	All: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.				
Invocation		Thomas Roach	Morning Prayer		Susan Reed
*Song of Praise and Worship	Angels We Have Heard on High - arr. D. Chapman	Praise Team		<i>Prayer concludes by saying in unison:</i>	
Offertory Prayer		Chad Walker		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.	
Offertory Music	O Holy Night Jamie Smith, Trumpeter	Chip Davis			
Praising God For His Gifts To Us		OLD 100th	Scripture	Matthew 2:13-23 (Pew Bible Page 956)	
	Doxology			Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.	
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen		Sermon	"Out of Egypt"	Jim Wooten
				I Am Resolved	RESOLUTION
			Benediction		Jim Wooten
			Postlude	Go, Tell It on the Mountain Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	arr. Albin C. Whitworth

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.

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.

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.