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MEMBERS IN ACTION

January 11

Deacons of the Week:
Charlie Campbell, Offertory Prayer
Al Whitney, Visitor Outreach

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

Security:
Charlie Campbell and Vince Rutledge

January 18

Deacons of the Week:
Dewey Boyd, Offertory Prayer
David Turner, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
January Menees and Ann Newton

Security:
Matt Lathrop and Greg Shore

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, January 11

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

Wednesday, January 14

5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (above the Chapel)
5:45 PM Children's Music & Mission (Rock Room)
Youth Group (Gym)
6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

Thursday, January 15

12:00 PM Third Thursday Senior Adult Lunch
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 18

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Meet FBC Session 3 (Room 215)

Monday, January 19 - MLK Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 21

5:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (above the Chapel)
5:45 PM Children's Music & Mission (Rock Room)
Youth Group (Gym)
6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Youth "Homework and Hangout" (Gym)

Thursday, January 22

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DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 - 9:30 AM

*for Shelby Clardy,
Corry Lathrop, and Steven Smith*



SERMON SERIES ON THE 12 DISCIPLES TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 18, 2026



When I was a child, I loved to read, especially biographies about famous people. When I would visit my grandmother Wooten's house, she had a small book entitled *Jesus and the Twelve*, a widely-distributed volume (I think as some sort of promotional item, maybe with encyclopedias). It was mainly a collection of portraits by Alberta Richards, who enlisted a wide collection of ordinary men (postmen, engineering students, machinists, etc.) who looked the way she envisioned the various disciples to pose for the portraits. Each picture had a brief description of the Apostles' lives and traditional stories of their mission endeavors and where they died.

The pictures were stunning. On many occasions, I would sit quietly in the den, thumbing through the pages, imagining what the twelve were really like. I was fascinated with their stories and the way Jesus took such a diverse group of men and bound them together in his mission ... and I continue to be these sixty-plus years later. As an adult, that book was the one thing I asked for from my grandmother's house.

So, some years ago I put together a series of sermons entitled *There Were Twelve Disciples* (that also included one entitled *What About the Women?*, which focused on the women disciples who played such a key role in Jesus' earthly ministry). It was my own attempt to "paint a portrait" that caught some of the uniqueness of each character. That sermon series has been one of the most well-received I have done in several church settings.

So, it seemed good to me to share it with you, in the hopes that, along the way, you will perhaps learn something new about the disciples and how Jesus could take such a disparate group of ordinary people and change the world. More than that, I hope you will see yourself and others a little clearer through our shared humanity with the disciples and that you will be encouraged.

Be sure to join us in worship on January 18 as we kick off the series with the introductory sermon, *A Motley Crew*. Then be here as often as you can as we look at each disciple one by one to see what we can learn from them.

Watch for the next edition of the *Beacon* for the schedule of the upcoming sermons.

Dr. Jim Wooten,
Interim Pastor

Attention: All Deacons and Those Who Serve as Representatives of Teams and Committees!!

CLUSTER ORGANIZATIONAL & ORIENTATION MEETING

This Saturday, January 10 — 9:00-10:30 AM — In the Fellowship Hall

It is very important that you attend the Cluster Organizational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall this Saturday morning, January 10 from 9-10:30 AM. Your commitment and leadership will help us get the New Year off to a great start and you will have a better understanding of where you fit in the church's organizational life. We are all counting on each other to be there.

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

January 11 & 18 — 10:45-Noon

"MEET FIRST BAPTIST" FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

This Sunday, January 11, session 2 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 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.



February 8 — 2:00 - 4:00 PM
"NOT SO SUPER BOWL"



Join us for our annual Not So Super Bowl flag football game at **Watson Park (off Bellview Rd.)!** No commercials, no halftime drama, just good laughs, friendly competition, and lots of fun. All are welcome, whether you're ready to play or just cheer from the sidelines!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for caring volunteers to serve in our **Nursery during Worship and Sunday School** on a rotating schedule. Your willingness to help makes a big difference for our families!

If you are interested in serving, please contact Ann Self (864-226-1812) or Elana Roach (864-940-4199).

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

January 27—10:00 AM
In the Bridal Suite

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, Caramel Cake
Call the Church Office to sign up by 3:00 PM, January 8.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Teddy Bolt Boulware

December 31, 2025

Proud Parents: Garrett and Kelsey Boulware
Grandparents: Steve and Debbie Hand