



OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Church Office Closed
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Saturday, April 4

11:00 AM Church-Wide Easter Fellowship and Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5 - Easter

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service (Pavilion) followed by
Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School

Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 8

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)

Sunday, April 12

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Youth Sunday Funday
11:33 AM CARE Team Meeting (Chapel)

Wednesday, April 15

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, April 16

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

Sunday, April 19

8:15 AM Women 's Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 AM Worship/Parent Child Dedication
10:30 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Deacons Meeting (Deacons Conference Room)

Monday, April 20

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Office Conf. Room)

Wednesday, April 22

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, April 23

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Sunday, April 26

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



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ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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THE BEACON

HOLY WEEK 2026

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

This Sunday, March 29th at 9:30 AM

Due to Spring Break for Anderson schools, many of our young families will be away. The Palm Procession is a great opportunity for others to step in and be part of a special moment in our service! We'd love for you to volunteer and help make this a meaningful experience. We will gather at the back of the church, where Tina Richardson will provide instructions and distribute the palms. Come be a part, we'd love to have you join in!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM

A reflective service held in the Sanctuary remembering the Last Supper and the love Christ demonstrated through sacrifice.

CHURCH-WIDE EASTER FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, April 4th at 11:00 AM

Held in the Fellowship Hall and Pavilion. Includes a story and craft for children, followed by lunch and an egg hunt. Members are invited to bring sides or desserts to share; meat will be provided. In the case of inclement weather, Elana will communicate any schedule or location updates.

Please call the Church office or email sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org to let us know you plan to attend.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 5th at 7:00 AM

Held at the Pavilion, followed by Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. If weather is poor, the Sunrise Service will be moved inside to the Sanctuary.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 5th at 9:30 AM

MEMBERS IN ACTION

MARCH 29

Deacons of the Week: Hannah Wimpey, Offertory Prayer
Liz Marvin, Visitor Outreach

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

Welcome Team: Stacy and Harriet Hamilton

Security: T. J. Fusco and Adam Gathers

APRIL 5

Deacons of the Week: Liz Marvin, Offertory Prayer
Timothy Clardy, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship: Children will remain in the service

Welcome Team: Stacy and Harriet Hamilton

Security: Jerry Minyard and Jack Abraham



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CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER — 224-2635

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

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.

Holy Week

A note from Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

As you can see, a major focus of this month's edition of The Beacon is devoted to the plans for Holy Week worship and activities. It is a truly special time in the life of the church. Holy Week commemorates the events that are at the heart of the Christian faith and our FBC Anderson family does our very best to make it a rich and meaningful experience for all who come to share this time with us. Invite your friends and neighbors to join in our celebration!

You can check details in the various announcements, but I wanted to add a few personal remarks.

I read an article in Christianity Today that described Palm Sunday as a doorway into the Passion of Jesus – a day of “jarring juxtapositions and clashing contrasts. Triumph -Hosanna to the Son of David- and tragedy- the leaders reject him. We hear the cheering of the crowds and the weeping of Christ. The waving of palm branches and the waving of a whip... So, Palm Sunday is not, and cannot be, just a day of triumph (he's King!), but also the start of his suffering (the only crown the King will wear is thorns). That is why Palm Sunday is also called the Sunday of the Passion.”

We will begin our worship with a procession of palms (we are looking for all who are willing to walk down the aisle, waving a palm, to meet in the entrance to the sanctuary to receive your palm and instructions); but we will end with the story of another processional- when Simon of Cyrene carried the cross through the crowds for Jesus. The title of the sermon is "*The Wrong Place at the Wrong Time?*" Jamie Smith has a wonderful song called *Watch the Lamb* that goes with it.

Maundy Thursday is always a moving experience as we share the Lord's Supper and recount, in scripture and in music, the gathering shadows that lead from betrayal to suffering to crucifixion to the tomb. Our choir and musicians always do an amazing job of touching our hearts and stirring our souls!

Easter Sunday we begin with the sunrise, outdoors, in the Pavilion, amidst the beauty of God's creation, as close as we can get to what that first Easter must have felt like. Then, after breakfast together, we gather in our sanctuary for a big celebration of the most wonderful news the world has ever heard: He Is Alive! The sermon is "The Last Enemy," based on Paul's words to the Corinthian church (I Corinthians 15:12-26) telling them exactly what it means and why it is crucial that Jesus has been resurrected.

YOUTH
FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

April 12
11:30AM - 6:30PM
SUNDAY FUNDAY



FLYING RABBIT
ADVENTURES

Lunch will be provided.

THIRD THURSDAY
Senior Adult Ministry

April 16 - Noon - Fellowship Hall

PLANT SWAP

Bring a Plant and Take a Plant
Speaker - Matt Lathrop

Menu:
Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese,
Green Beans, Rolls, Pineapple Cake

Call the Church Office to sign up by 3:00 PM April 10.

WOMEN'S
Fellowship Breakfast

APRIL 19 - 8:15 AM - Fellowship Hall

All ladies of the church are invited to a Women's Fellowship Breakfast on April 19 at 8:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

To sign-up, please call the church office or email sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org. The breakfast will include a yogurt and bagel bar, fruit and coffee cake. Please join us for a time of devotion and a local mission project. As women of FBC, we are woven together by grace and bound by love.

Sunday, April 19
9:30 AM

PARENT CHILD
DEDICATION
SERVICE FOR
Lenora Wimpey

CHURCH
CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - 11:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL


MENU

Baked Ham, Veggie Casserole, Green Beans,
Yeast Roll and Carmel Cake
Cost: \$12.00 per person.
(Children 18 and under are free.)

To make a reservation please scan the code, visit andersonfbc.org/community, or call the church office by 3:00 PM Wednesday, April 22.



GRADUATE
RECOGNITION SERVICE
Sunday, May 3 - 9:30 AM



Graduate Recognition Sunday is just around the corner! If you have a student connected to our church who is graduating this year—whether from high school or a post-secondary institution—we would love to include them in our recognition during the worship service on Sunday, May 3. Please send the graduate's name, school, degree (if applicable), and future plans, along with a photo for the cover of the Beacon, to Sharon at sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org so we can celebrate their hard work and accomplishments. Kindly submit all information and photos by Monday, April 20.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Sam & Sally Wimberly



Jason & Starr Wimberly

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SENIOR ADULT CARE TEAM MEETING
April 12 - 11:35 AM - Chapel

For those who are serving in this in-reach ministry, caring for FBC Senior Adult members, please join us for a brief check-in to share thoughts and updates.

DEACONS MEETING
April 19 - 11:30 AM - Deacons Conference Room

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 20 - 6:00 PM - Office Conference Room

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to our FBC friends for the many prayers, phone calls, cards, and expressions of love and support during Steve's surgery and recovery. We are so grateful for each of you.

With love,
Sharon and Steve Royals

Dear Margaret Williams Bible Study Group,

I wanted to thank you for your generous support of our child development center during the month of March. Your kindness and willingness to give make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

We are truly grateful for your heart to help and for the positive impact your donations will have.

Sincerely,
Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

MARCH 2, 2026

STELLA RAMSEY STROUD - 5lb 11oz
OLIVIA "LIBBY" CHARLOTTE STROUD - 5lb 9oz

Proud Parents: Mitchell & Leigh Stroud

Big Brother: Jack

Grandparents: Don & Tracey Ramsey

Great Grandmother: FBC's Libby Hendrix

CONDOLENCES

Family and friends on the passing of
Frank Garrison, Jr., on February 28, 2026.