



## WELCOME FROM THE WOMEN'S Fellowship

We are so happy you have chosen to worship with us today as we celebrate the incredible women of FBC. We honor all nurturers who have poured out love, wisdom, strength, and guidance to anyone. Your influence is a blessing to our church and community. The Women's Fellowship will recognize and celebrate some special women in our congregation during the service today. All women will receive a prayer book as you enter the sanctuary.

Proverbs 31:25 "She is clothed with strength and dignity..."



Pictured to the left is Mrs. Edith Williams, FBC's oldest mother at 99. Some of our Wednesday night girls' group visited her with flowers and cards, wishing her a very happy Mother's Day.

**FINDING FOREVERLAND**  
FIRST BAPTIST  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Join us for a week of imagination, faith, and fun as we explore what it means to follow the One who leads us home.

**JUNE**  
8<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup>  
5:30 - 8:30 PM

ADVENTURE AWAITS

REGISTER HERE

CRAFTS • MUSIC • GAMES • DEVOTIONS • FRIENDS • FAITH

**REGISTER EARLY!**

Register by **May 24** to guarantee your VBS T-shirt!



**Wednesday, May 13 - 5:30 PM**  
**MISSION RACERS**  
Racing and Dinner in the Fellowship Hall



**Thursday, May 28 - NOON**  
**LUNCH AT GRITS AND GROCERIES**  
Meet at Grits & Groceries:  
2440 Due West Hwy., Belton, SC  
Please sign up by 3:00 PM on May 21.



**SUMMER CHOIR**  
Regular Choir rehearsals continue through **Wednesday, May 27**. Summer Choir begins **Sunday, June 7**. Meet in the choir room at 9:00AM each Sunday before worship to rehearse. Anyone and everyone 4th grade or older is welcome to join us! Regular Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will resume **Wednesday, July 29**.

### UPCOMING MEETING

#### CLUSTER MEETING

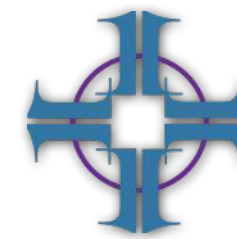
**May 17 - 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hall**

### OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- Wednesday, May 13**
- 5:30 PM Mission Racers and Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
  - 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)
- Sunday, May 17**
- 9:30 AM Worship
  - 10:30 AM Sunday School
  - 11:30 AM Cluster Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### MEMBERS IN ACTION MAY 17

- Deacons of the Week:**  
Leslie Walker, Offertory Prayer  
David Stoddard, Visitor Outreach
- Children's Worship:**  
Hannah Wimpey and Liz Marvin
- Welcome Team:**  
Mathias and Tina Richardson
- Security:**  
Charlie Campbell and Dale Ellenburg



**FIRST BAPTIST**  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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# Welcome

## May 10, 2026

## 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.

### Serving Today

**Offertory Prayer:**  
Marie Turner

**Visitor Outreach:**  
Patricia Torbert

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

**Welcome Team:**  
Mathias and Tina Richardson

**Security:**  
Wes Wallace and Vince Rutledge

- 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

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Welcome Ann Self

Prelude *Choral Song* Samuel S. Wesley

\*Hymn No. 507 *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families* NETTLETON

Responsive Reading Ann Self and Kathy Adams, Women's Ministry

Leader: We give thanks, O Lord, for the gift of mothers,  
**People: For their love, their sacrifice, and their faithful care.**

Leader: For those who nurtured us in body, mind, and spirit,  
**People: We praise You and remember them with gratitude.**

Leader: For mothers who taught us compassion and strength,  
**People: Who guided us with wisdom and patience.**

Leader: For those still walking beside us, and those held now in Your eternal care,  
**People: We honor them and bless their memory.**

Leader: For spiritual mothers, mentors, and all who have shaped our lives,  
**People: We give thanks for every reflection of Your love.**

**All: Loving God, we thank You for the women who have given us life, faith, and love. Help us to honor them in word and deed, and to reflect Your nurturing grace in all we do. Amen.**

Special Recognitions

Invocation Kathy Adams

\*Song of Praise and Worship Praise Team

*A Mother's Love* - arr. Mauldin

Offertory Prayer Marie Turner

Offertory Music *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Praising God For His Gifts To Us GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

## 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](http://andersonfbc.org/give), through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](text:73256) and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

Anthem

*I Have Felt the Hand of God*

Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

I have felt the hand of God in your hand.  
 Holding me, you gave me strength to stand.  
 When I was all alone, you came and met my need.  
 And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead.  
 Through your touch, God's hand reached out to me.  
 I have felt the hand of God in your hand.

I have heard the voice of God in your voice,  
 Singing praise, you taught me to rejoice.  
 Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end.  
 And when my faith was gone, you called me home again,  
 When you spoke, God's voice called out to me.  
 I have heard the voice of God in your voice.

I have seen the face of God in your face.  
 Giving all, you shared with me God's grace.  
 And you were faithful to guide me as I grew.  
 I saw your love for God and I saw God in you.  
 When you smiled, God's love surrounded me.

I have seen the face of God, I have heard the voice of God,  
 I have felt the hand of God through you.

(Children will remain in the service today.)

Morning Prayer

Phyllis Cooper

*Prayer concludes by saying in unison:*

**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.**

Scripture

**Luke 7:36-8:3**  
 (Pew Bible Page 1023)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**"Do You See This Woman?"**

Jim Wooten

\*Hymn No. 502

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SCOTT

Benediction

Jim Wooten

Postlude

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
 Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

arr. Charles Callahan

## 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.