



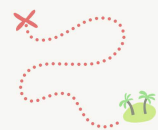
Join us for a week of imagination, faith, and fun as we explore what it means to follow the One who leads us home.

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

Open to children who have completed 4K-5th grade  
Dinner provided each night

CRAFTS • MUSIC • GAMES • DEVOTIONS • FRIENDS • FAITH

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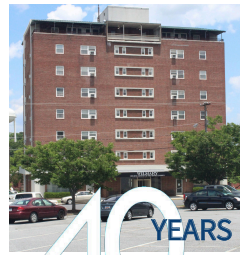


OR AT OUR WEBSITE

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/FBCVBS2026](https://bit.ly/fbcvbs2026)



**WILMARY**  
HOUSING MINISTRY  
FIRST BAPTIST ANDERS



We are excited to share that The Wilmary, a Housing Ministry of First Baptist Church, is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year!

Please keep The Wilmary, its residents, and staff in your prayers as we celebrate this milestone.

More information about the anniversary will be coming soon!

### UPCOMING MEETING

#### DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, June 14 - 11:30 AM

Deacons Conference Room

### MEMBERS IN ACTION JUNE 14

#### Deacons of the Week:

David Turner, Offertory Prayer  
Dewey Boyd, Visitor Outreach

#### Children's Worship:

Tracey Ramsey and Debbie Cooley

#### Welcome Team:

Ann Louise Nicolopoulos and Vickie Rutledge

#### Security:

Alan Oxendine and Steven Smith

### OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

#### Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11

5:30 PM VBS "Finding Foreverland"

#### Sunday, June 14

9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Book Signing with Jim Wooten  
11:30 AM Deacons Meeting

### BOOK SIGNING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Join us for a special book signing event with our own Jim Wooten, author of *The Suicide's Son*. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about his book, and get your copy personally signed.

**Date: June 14**

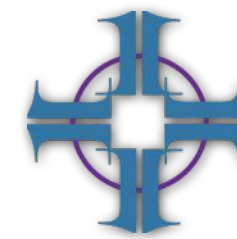
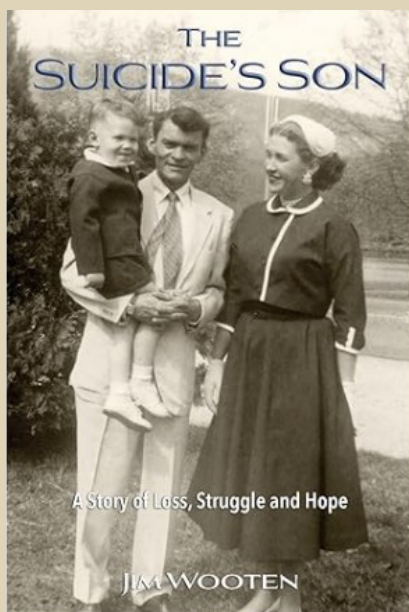
**Time: 10:30 AM**

**Location: Sanctuary** (Immediately after the morning worship Service.  
**Note that Sunday School Classes will not meet.**)

Books will be available for purchase at the event, or you may bring your previously purchased copy:

- Paperback – \$13
- Hardcover – \$20

We'd love for you to be part of this memorable experience! Bring a friend and enjoy an inspiring time with us!



**FIRST BAPTIST**  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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# Welcome

## June 7, 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:**  
Steven Smith

**Visitor Outreach:**  
Becky Campbell

**Children's Worship:**  
All VBS Leaders

**Welcome Team:**  
Ann Louise Nicolopoulos & Vickie Rutledge

**Security:**  
Charlie Ballentine 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 Timothy Clardy

Prelude **Great Spirit, Come, and Rest in Me** arr. Robert J. Powell  
Natalie Rutledge, Violinist

\*Hymn No. 184 **Jesus Is All the World to Me** ELIZABETH

Invocation Timothy Clardy

Responsive Reading - "Let the Children Come" (Based on Mark 10:13-16) Timothy Clardy

Leader: People brought little children to Jesus, and He welcomed them with open arms.  
**People: Lord, help us welcome every child with Your love.**

Leader: Jesus saw children not as interruptions, but as treasures of God's kingdom.  
**People: Open our eyes to see their value and their potential.**

Leader: As Vacation Bible School begins, we pray for every child, youth, and family we will serve.  
**People: May they discover the love of Christ and grow in faith.**

Leader: Call us to make children and youth a priority in our prayers, our service, and our ministry.

**ALL: With grateful hearts, we commit ourselves to nurturing the next generation and helping them follow Jesus. Amen.**

\*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

**Majestic** - Brewster

**We Fall Down** - Tomlin

Offertory Prayer Steven Smith

Offertory Music **The Light of the World Is Jesus** arr. Hayes  
Kelly Smith, Pianist

## 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:fbcanderson) and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

Praising God For His Gifts To Us

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## 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.

Introduction of our VBS Mission Partner Elana Roach

The LOT Project Nate Knox, Director

Morning Prayer Elana Roach

*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.**

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Scripture **Mark 10:13-16**  
(Pew Bible Page 1002)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **"Front Row Seats"** Jim Wooten

\*Hymn No. 261 **Wonderful Words of Life** WORDS OF LIFE

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude **The Heavens Are Telling** arr. Dorothy Wells  
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

## 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.