

## BOOK SIGNING TODAY

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.

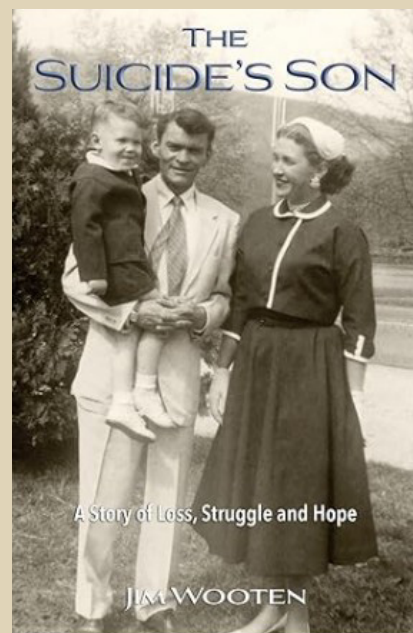
**Date: June 14**  
**Time: 10:30 AM**

**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!



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# Welcome

**June 14, 2026**



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!



A heartfelt thank you to all who volunteered and contributed. Your time, energy, and generosity made VBS 2026 a true success.

## UPCOMING MEETING

### DEACONS MEETING

**TODAY - 11:30 AM**

**Deacons Conference Room**



The sanctuary flowers are placed in memory of Harriet George Smith (June 18, 1926 – June 21, 2022), on her 100th birthday.

Given in love and gratitude for her life by Emily S. Dobson and Cliff Smith.

**“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”**  
**I Corinthians 13:13**

## OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

### Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day

9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Sunday School

## MEMBERS IN ACTION JUNE 21

### Deacons of the Week:

Al Whitney, Offertory Prayer  
Charlie Campbell, Visitor Outreach

### Children's Worship:

Children will remain in the service.

### Welcome Team:

Lynne Eaves and Lisa Wallace

### Security:

Jimmy Cooley and Thomas Roach

## 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:**  
David Turner

**Visitor Outreach:**  
Dewey Boyd

**Children's Worship:**  
Tracey Ramsey and Debbie Cooley

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

**Security:**  
Alan Oxendine and Steven Smith

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

## 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 and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

Welcome		Joe Drennon
Prelude	<b><i>With the Saints in Glory Shining</i></b> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	Edward Broughton
Anthem	<b><i>Loving God, Loving Each Other</i></b> Summer Choir	arr. Jay Rouse
*Hymn No. 301	<b><i>I Am Resolved</i></b>	RESOLUTION
Invocation		Joe Drennon
Responsive Reading - <b>"Pressing On"</b> (Based on <i>Philippians 3:12-14</i> )		Joe Drennon
	Leader: We have not yet arrived at all God intends for us to be. <b>People: Yet by His grace, we continue to grow and move forward.</b>	
	Leader: We release the burdens, failures, and regrets of yesterday. <b>People: God's mercy is greater than our past.</b>	
	Leader: We also release yesterday's successes and accomplishments. <b>People: Our greatest victories still lie ahead in Christ.</b>	
	Leader: God calls us onward toward His purpose and promise. <b>ALL: With faith and hope, we press on toward the future God has prepared, trusting His guidance every step of the way. Amen.</b>	
*Songs of Praise and Worship		Praise Team
	<b><i>Come Now Is the Time to Worship</i></b> - Doerksen <b><i>Prepare Our Hearts</i></b> - Moffitt	
Offertory Prayer		David Turner
Offertory Music	<b><i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i></b>	arr. Marvin Gaspard

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.

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

Morning Prayer

Corry Lathrop

*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

**Philippians 3:12-13**

(Pew Bible Page 1163)

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

***People: Thanks be to God.***

Sermon

**"Mulligans"**

Jim Wooten

\*Hymn No. 484

***Higher Ground***

HIGHER GROUND

Benediction

Jim Wooten

Postlude

***O Zion, Haste***

arr. Richard F. Cook

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.