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Thank you for the comfort that you have provided for us during Martha's illness and upon her passing. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, calls and acts of kindness that you have bestowed. We are grateful to be members of such a loving church family.

Sincerely,
Jim Clamp & Paula, Charlie and Ben Ballentine

I want to say thank you to the Margaret Williams Bible Study for their monetary donation to the child development center.

It was a very thoughtful and much appreciated gift.

Sincerely,
Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

Dear Encouragers' Class,

Thank you so much for your love and support after the sudden passing of my brother, Dr. J. Duncan Burnette. The cards, emails, and phone calls were a comfort and to see some of your faces at his service was a blessing, I am truly grateful to be a part of such a group of loving Christian women.

Mary Ellen Burnette Ellenburg

Thank you so much for the delicious meal after Dad's (Bob Brock) funeral. No words can express our appreciation.

As a family, we still struggle with our sudden loss. Always remember how important his church family was to him.

Love, Jane and Beth

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, January 27

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANSAM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 11:30 AM Church Conference/Luncheon

Monday, January 28

- 8:30 PM 17U Basketball/ First Baptist

Tuesday, January 29

- 7:30 PM 13U Basketball/ First Presbyterian

Wednesday, January 30

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study - Gym
- Praise Team Rehearsal
- Conversation Café Room 212
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

Thursday, January 31

- 6:30 PM 13U Basketball/First Presbyterian

Sunday, February 3

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 2:30 PM "Not So Super Bowl"
- 4:30 PM Youth Super Bowl Viewing Party

Wednesday, February 6

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study - Gym
- Praise Team Rehearsal
- Conversation Café Room 212
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

Thursday, February 7

- Beacon Mailed
- 7:30 PM 13U Basketball/First Presbyterian

Our Deepest Sympathy for:

Mary Ellen Ellenburg in the loss of her brother,
Dr. J. Duncan Burnette.

Anna-Logan Minyard in the loss of her
boyfriend, Jack Humphrey



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**CHURCH CONFERENCE/
LUNCHEON**

This Sunday, January 27
11:30AM
(Fellowship Hall)

Elect Church Council and
2018 Stewardship in Review

NOT SO SUPER BOWL!
Old McCants Field

 February 3 - 2:00PM
Join us for our annual Flag
Football Game! All ages and
abilities (or lack!) are invited!

**YOUTH SUPER BOWL
VIEWING PARTY**

To follow in the gym
until halftime.

You're Cordially Invited



Help us celebrate the ministry of Jim and Pam Thomason at First Baptist and wish them well in their retirement.

Twenty-three years after his first sermon here, Dr. Thomason will preach his last sermon here as our pastor on Sunday morning, February 24. He retires as the longest-serving pastor in First Baptist's 198-year history.

A special worship service marking the Thomasons' retirement will take place on Sunday morning, March 3, with special guests in attendance. A reception in their honor will be held that afternoon.

From one Minister to Another...

So... when Sharon handed me a copy of *The Beacon* a few moments ago and said she needed my article ASAP, I happened to notice a familiar looking couple on the front: an attractive woman who seems to be married to an older man. I then realized that portrait was part of a "cordial invitation."

This was all news to me! To be honest, I had picked up on some plans that our children were making to be here for something. I just didn't know what it was. Of course, I still don't know "what," just "when." I hope you'll remember to behave yourselves!

You've already surprised us big time at the church picnic back in September. Having our names on that beautiful pavilion is an honor and greatly appreciated. If anything else was planned, I sorta' figured you'd keep that a secret as well! But there it is on the front of the newsletter.

Since you've let us in on this little secret, I'll let you in on one too. When you've pastored a church for twenty-three-plus years, it's a genuine joy to know that your departure is associated with something "cordial!"

Last Sunday, I began a six-week series of messages that I'm calling "In Conclusion." According to public speaking teachers (yes, I did have one), this is a phrase to be avoided, along with "Finally" and "Just let me finish with this."

Evidently, words and phrases like these send a message to the audience that it's time to stop listening. In reality, though, I think many people get that message much sooner! Yes, I'm smiling as I write this, but it occurs to me that a really high-decibed "FINALLY" might wake some people up!

In this case, however, "In Conclusion" seems appropriate to what I'm attempting to share with you in these final weeks together. These are all messages to a church I dearly love and to people whom I cherish and that I've been privileged to serve since 1995.

As I said Sunday, though, these messages are not random observations. What I'm sharing will be firmly based on the Holy Scriptures, especially the portion we know as II Timothy. We believe this to be the last letter written by the Apostle Paul. With his "departure at hand," the Lord inspired Paul to cram lots of vital Truth into this short epistle.

Yes, we started on a holiday weekend (MLK Day), the youth are on their ski retreat this weekend, and who knows what we'll face weather-wise in the heart of winter, but please join us for worship as you're able. I pray that what I'll be sharing in these services will help prepare Anderson First Baptist Church for an exciting and productive new chapter in its very long and blessed history.

Our family counts it a great privilege to have been part of this most recent chapter, and we look forward to what the future holds! May the Lord richly bless each one of you. See you Sunday!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

Jim
James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

January 27

Worship Childcare:

J. J. and Bradley Orr

Deacons of the Week:

Charlie Campbell, Offertory Prayer
Sam Drew, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Rusty Smith and David Frye

February 3

Worship Childcare:

Chad and Kara Waters

Deacons of the Week:

Greg Shore, Offertory Prayer
Alene Sullivan, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Ed Sokol and John Nichols

February Collection Committee

Charlie Campbell, Jerry Minyard,
Phil Marett, Bolt McClain,
Jeff Neal, Ginger Smith

Wednesdays

January 30

Lunch and Supper

Baked Ham, Potato Salad,
Pineapple Casserole, Broccoli,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

February 6

Lunch and Supper

Country Fried Steak, Rice and
Gravy, Black Eyed Peas, Carrot and
Raisin Salad, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch and Supper Reservations:
Please contact the church office by
Noon on Tuesdays to make or
cancel your reservations.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>FBC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PAINT PARTY February 10 — 2:00-4:00pm — Calhoun Academy of the Arts All FBC Women are invited to fellowship and create a beautiful painting to take home. Cost is \$10. Space is limited to the first 25 women who sign up and pay by February 6. Members of the Women's Fellowship Leadership Team will visit Sunday School classes starting January 27 to collect registrations and payments. The office will also receive payments until the class is full.</p>					1	2
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK						
3 9:30am In Conclusion... TAKE RESPONSIBILITY II Timothy 2:1-13 2:30pm "Not So Super" Bowl Followed by Youth Super Bowl Viewing Party	4	5	6 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	7 7:30pm 13U Basketball First Presbyterian Beacon Mailed	8	9
10 9:30am In Conclusion... BE YOUR BEST II Timothy 2:14-26 2:00pm Women's Fellowship Paint Party 5:30 - 7:00pm Youth Bible Study Stoddards' Home	11	12 6:30pm HS Coffee Conversations Figs Cafe	13 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	YOUTH DNOW February 15-17 Cost is \$20.00 Sign up with Amy by Feb. 6. Host Homes are needed!	
17 9:30am In Conclusion... PERSEVERE II Timothy 3:1-5, 10-17 11:30am Deacons' Meeting	18  6:00pm Stewardship Meeting	19 10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study (Moved to 3rd Tuesday for February).	20 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	21 Beacon Mailed	22	23
24 9:30am In Conclusion... FINISH WELL II Timothy 4:1-8 4:00pm Basketball Banquet Fellowship Hall 5:30 - 7:00pm Youth Bible Study Location TBD	25	26 6:30pm MS Coffee Conversations Figs Cafe	27 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	Staff Anniversaries: February 1 - Jamie Smith - 11 years February 19 - Janice Fouts - 45 years		