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#### *Our Deepest Sympathy for:*

Family and friends of Betty Engram

Family and friends of Eloise Burton

### CONGRATULATIONS!!



#### Parker Wiles Williams

Born: February 6, 2019

8lbs 21in

**Proud Parents:** Dustin and Emily Williams

**Proud Grandparents:** Eddie and Sherry Wentzky



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Ken and Lynn Rada**

#### FIRST BAPTIST CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist

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Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist

Dr. James R. Thomason, Pastor

Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

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Call: 224-1622, Press 6, leave name, number and a brief message  
and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.



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#### Opportunities at First Baptist

##### Sunday, February 24

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

4:00 PM Basketball Banquet

5:30 PM Sunday Youth Fellowship/Campbell's  
Home

##### Tuesday, February 26

6:30 PM MS Coffee Conversations/Figs Café

##### Wednesday, February 13

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

##### Sunday, March 3

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)

9:30 AM Celebration to Honor the Thomasons

10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANSAM

2:00 PM Reception for the Thomasons

5:30 PM Sunday Youth Fellowship

##### Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM Luncheon and Ash Wednesday Service

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 Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

##### Thursday, March 7

Beacon Mailed

##### Saturday, March 9

9:00 AM BBQ Prep for the Youth Fundraiser



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#### THOMASONS' RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

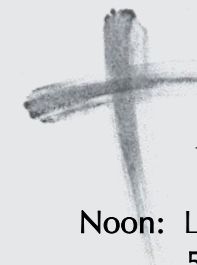
Next Sunday

March 3 - 9:30 AM

(Sunday School Classes will not meet)

2:00-4:00 PM

Reception in the Fellowship Hall



#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 6

Join us for the Ash Wednesday fellowship  
meals and worship services.

Noon: Lunch with Service following in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM: Supper with Service following at

6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Reservations are required for meals, please call: 224-1622

or email: sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org



MARCH 10

9:30 AM — YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth will lead the Morning Worship Service

11:30 AM — YOUTH PASSPORT BBQ  
FUNDRAISER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Youth will be serving BBQ with all the "fixin's," dessert and tea!  
Donations will go toward the cost of Passport summer youth conference.

Please note: Saturday, March 9 — 9:00-11:00AM BBQ Prep for the fundraiser.

**From one Minister to Another...**

A 23-year pastorate—the longest in our 200 years—is noteworthy in itself. That is a truly exceptional number. But you’re reading this article, and you know some—but not all—of what has been required of Jim, Pam, Claire, David, and Katie in these 23 years.

So let those who are on the outside looking in marvel at the number of years the Thomasons have served this church. Those of us who are in the First Baptist family don’t come to this point in the journey thinking primarily about years, but rather about words of support; wisdom gleaned in a counseling session; a line in a sermon that spoke to our souls; the presence before surgery, during sickness, or in the midst of grief. Weddings. Baby dedications. Baptisms. Eulogies. We’re mindful not of 23 years, but of all that’s happened in 23 years—in our lives, in our culture, in our nation, in our church.

In his memoir *The Pastor*, the late Eugene Peterson wrote, “I can be hired to do a job, paid a fair wage if I do it, dismissed if I don't. But I can't be hired to be a pastor, for my primary responsibility is not to the people I serve but to the God I serve. As it turns out, the people I serve would often prefer an idol who would do what they want done rather than do what God, revealed in Jesus, wants them to do. How do I, as a pastor, prevent myself from thinking of my work as a job that I get paid for, a job that is assigned to me by my denomination, a job that I am expected to do to the satisfaction of my congregation?”

Jim and I were talking Sunday after the deacons meeting about the rare gift in ministry of being able to finish well. Such a milestone is made possible not by the accumulation of days but by seeking to be a disciple each day.

Jim will preach his final service as our pastor on February 24. Claire, David, and Katie—who in their individual ways follow in their parents footsteps as they serve others—will come back home to join us on March 3 as we thank God for the indelible mark the Thomasons have made at First Baptist Church. I hope you’ll be here, too. It will be a wonderful day of reflection and celebration.

Peace of Christ,  
Josh

**Our Members in Action**

**February 24**

**Worship Childcare:**

Paula Ballentine

**Deacons of the Week:**

Liz Marvin, Offertory Prayer  
Frances Singleton, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Jeff Neal and Bradley Orr

**March 3**

**Worship Childcare:**

Lisa Wallace

**Deacons of the Week:**

Bolt McClain, Offertory Prayer  
Pat Vickery, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Steve Thrasher and Charlie Campbell

**March Collection Committee**

Pat Vickery, Fran Singleton,  
Rusty Smith, Ed Sokol,  
Alene Sullivan, Greg Shore

**Wednesday Menus**

**February 27**

**Lunch and Supper**

Baked Chicken, Rice and Gravy,  
Butter Peas, Slaw, Dessert,  
Tea/Coffee

**March 6**

**Lunch and Supper**

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

**Lunch and Supper Reservations:**

**Please contact the church office by  
Noon on Tuesdays to make or  
cancel your reservations.**

*March*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARCH 17</b> <b>Installation of Dr. Josh Hunt</b> Please join us for morning worship on Sunday, March 17, as we have a service of installation for Dr. Josh Hunt as 12th pastor of First Baptist Church. Rev. Tony Vincent will deliver the sermon. A celebration lunch will be held following Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. <b>There is no cost for lunch but reservations are required.</b> To make your reservation please call the church office by <b>Thursday, March 14:</b> 224-1622 or email: sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org					1	2
3 9:30am Celebration to Honor Jim and Pam Thomason 2:00pm Reception in the Fellowship Hall 5:30-7:00pm Youth Bible Study Location TBD	4	5	6 Noon Luncheon/ Ash Wednesday Service  5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	7  Beacon Mailed	8	9  9:00am BBQ Prep for the Youth Fundraiser
10 9:30am Youth Sunday 11:30am Youth BBQ fundraiser  5:30 - 7:00pm Youth Bible Study Location TBD	11  6:00pm Men's ministry meeting	12  6:30pm HS Coffee Conversations Figs Cafe	13 Noon Luncheon & Bible Study 6:15pm New Bible Study Begins Taught by Rev. Stephanie Totty Patterson 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	14	15	16  <b>Saturday, March 16</b> <b>Workshop and Lunch for Family Ministers</b> <b>9:00-11:30am,</b> Lunch to follow in the Fellowship hall  The meal is the church's gift to you with gratitude for your service, but registration is required. Contact the church office by Monday, March 11, to reserve your spot.
17 <b>St Patrick's Day</b> 9:30am Worship  11:30am Deacons' Meeting  5:30 - 7:00pm Youth Bible Study Location TBD	18  6:00pm Stewardship Meeting	19  10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study	20 Noon Luncheon & Bible Study 6:15pm Bible Study taught by Rev. Stephanie Totty Patterson 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	21  Beacon Mailed	22	
24  9:30am Worship	25	26  6:30pm MS Coffee Conversations Figs Cafe	27 Noon Luncheon & Bible Study 6:15pm Bible Study taught by Rev. Stephanie Totty Patterson 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	28	29	30
31	<b>NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING MARCH 13 - 6:15PM</b> <b>Seeing Our Way to God – A Four Week Guided Experience Using Prayer Drawing</b> Often when we have “sighs too deep for words” verbal expression falls short of what we need to communicate to God. In four sessions, we will explore prayer-drawing, a way of illustrating and coloring prayers. The time will begin with a brief history and overview of different aspects of contemplative practice and art - then we will move into a guided experience. Art materials are provided – all that is needed is a willing spirit. As a part of a doctor of ministry research project, participants may choose to complete reflection questions about their experience. This data will be collected anonymously and published in a thesis. Stephanie Totty Patterson is an ordained minister who is a visual artist. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia, Duke University, and is currently working on a doctorate in ministry from McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University.					
9:30am Worship	<b>FAMILY PROMISE WEEK</b>					
5:30 - 7:00pm Youth Bible Study Location TBD						

