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Friends and family of Mary Louise Hanvey

Friends and family of Francis Geer

Lucy Evans and family in the loss of her  
husband, Alvin Evans.

**THANK YOU NOTE**

First Baptist Church,

Thank you for the wonderful meal you provided our  
family before Dad's service. Please know how much it was  
appreciated!

Sincerely,  
The Family of Francis Geer



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**OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST**

**Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings Begins**

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Youth Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7WHQA-FM; 1280WANSAM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Youth Passport BBQ Fundraiser
- 5:30 PM Sunday Youth Fellowship

**Monday, March 11**

- 6:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday, March 12**

- 6:30 PM HS Coffee Conversations/Figs Café

**Wednesday, March 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 - Open Door SS Class
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

**Saturday, March 16**

- 9:00 AM Workshop/Lunch for Family Ministers

**Sunday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Installation Service for Dr. Josh Hunt
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANSAM
- 11:30 AM Celebration Luncheon
- 5:30 PM Sunday Youth Fellowship

**Monday, March 18**

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

**Tuesday, March 19**

- 10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 20**

- 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
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**Thursday, March 21**

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**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 the Passport summer  
youth camp.

*Pastoral Installation Service and Celebration Lunch*

**Sunday, March 17**



*Sacha, Josh, Sebastian, and Jude Hunt*

We welcome Dr. Josh Hunt as the 12th Pastor of First Baptist Church. Please join us for morning worship on Sunday, March 17, as we have a service of installation. Rev. Tony Vincent will deliver the sermon. A celebration lunch will be held following Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for lunch but reservations are required. To make your reservation please call the church office by Thursday, March 14: 224-1622 or email: sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org



## From one Minister to Another...

Although this is my last time to address you as my fellow ministers in *The Beacon*, it's still who we are as we share together in serving Christ and His Church. We all embrace this sacred calling, it's just that for the past thirty-seven years, mine has been to the unique role of Pastor.

My family and I (and thank you so much for flying our children in for this!) are all grateful that this calling brought us to Anderson to serve among you here at First Baptist Church. Over the past twenty-three plus years, we've shared in both sad and happy times—lots of both, actually!—but there has always been joy in serving together, and God's grace has been sufficient throughout the journey.

When our family entered the church on Sunday for the "celebration," I remembered the first time the Pastor Search Team showed Pam and me the FBC sanctuary. I thought to myself then, as I continue to think today, "What a beautiful, worshipful place." And when we know the history of this fine church, it simply adds to our sense of being privileged to be part of its past, present, and future.

Over these years, I was called upon to conduct memorial services for over 700 FBC members, most of these departed saints belonging to the aptly named, "Greatest Generation." We truly are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" here! Somehow, though, when Bolt McClain walked up the steps to the church door with us last Sunday, I expected him to have us stop and wait until Ramona was ready to play the selected piece on the organ, and then he would have everyone stand as the family entered.

After all, Addrian had been referring to the event as my "memorial service" for weeks now; and he had arranged for the choir and the congregation to sing some of my favorites! Josh and others he enlisted planned the rest of the service, and what a blessing it all was to me and every member of our family! From the beautiful flowers at the front of the sanctuary to Ramona's majestic arrangement of *The Doxology* on the organ, the choir and instrumentalists' singing of Langston's *God of Grace and God of Glory*, a favorite since Furman Singer days, and the choir's gift in our honor, "A Benediction of Peace," it was all so beautiful, and we felt deeply blessed by all the musical treasures included in the service.

And, yes, in between the music, other people actually did what I've done around here (among other things) for all these years—they talked, and prayed, and preached! I'm thinking Josh and Amy were the ones to thank for that Litany of Gratitude. How touching to have persons to whom I have ministered lead each section of the litany, some of whom brought a smile, while others produced some tears—but how very meaningful this was!

Kind words from CBF of SC coordinator, Jay Kieve, and Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, pastor, Lindsay Allen, reminded us of ministries beginning right here but extending far beyond. Bob Cline, AU Vice President, Carol Burdette, United Way CEO, and my friend, Terence Roberts, Mayor of Anderson, noted the "other hats" that Pastors are sometimes called upon to wear. Let's just say that serving this church greatly increased my number of hats! This, too, has been a privilege for which I'm grateful.

And how about reaching all the way back to Pam and my college days to find the preacher for the event, Dr. Jim Pitts. I was kept in the dark about this as well, but what a joy to have Jim and his wife, Nancy, with us for the day. Jim, as Furman's Chaplain, conducted our wedding 43 years ago—and when our paths cross, he never fails to tell us how encouraging it is to see one of "his couples" who are still together! I feel sure there are others, but I haven't gotten around to asking him.

And then, Josh Hunt, your new Pastor (good job, church!), was his usual affirming self in sharing remarks and presenting us with your gift. How did you know we would be spending time down on the Mobile Bay?!? Thank you so much for this very thoughtful gift!

I've known about the Grand Hotel in Pointe Clear, AL, for years; but it's stock went way up three years ago when our son, David, chose that beautiful place to propose to Christen. And if all goes as scheduled (?), we will be only a few miles from there when we welcome their first child, and our first grandchild into the world. It's a boy and his name is Daniel. Don't forget I left something for you in the vestibule that just happens to bear his name! Hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did writing it. May it serve as an on-going reminder of our love and appreciation for all of you!

Please know that as I enter into retirement, I do so with high hopes and great expectations for the future of the Lord's church here. You have an outstanding staff. Everyone in every position "is" top-notch in what they do and how they do it. Each one demonstrates a love for and devotion to the Lord and His church. And they have all been such a joy to serve alongside.

And our staff members are all privileged to serve a church that's blessed with a remarkable spirit of love and unity. Anderson First Baptist Church is a healthy, happy body of Christ-followers, and I look forward to the many ways our Lord will bless this church as it reaches forward toward its bicentennial and beyond! May the Lord continue to bless you richly as you faithfully serve Him, one another, and all those who come to be among you and to whom you go in the years ahead.

So grateful for the partnership we have shared... and with love,  
Jim Thomason (Pam, Claire, David, and Katie, too)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Don't forget to set your clocks forward, Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 10!

### NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING MARCH 13 - 6:15PM

The Study will be in the Open Door SS Class room.  
Seeing Our Way to God – A Four Week Guided Experience Using Prayer Drawing

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.

### WORKSHOP AND LUNCH FOR FAMILY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 16 - 9:00-11:30am,  
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.

### FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

March 31 - April 7

If you are interested in volunteering please see the sign-up sheet located just outside the Deacons' conference room or contact Shelby Clardy at 376-8696 or [shelby@bleckleyinn.com](mailto:shelby@bleckleyinn.com)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### YOUTH—PASSPORT CAMP

July 7 - 12 — \$50 Deposit due March 10.

The total cost is \$350. A *\$50 deposit is due* March 10 in order to sign up and reserve your spot. Please let Amy know if you need a scholarship to pay for the trip.

### PIZZA PARTY AT PIZZA BUFFET

Today — 5:30 - 7:00pm

For all youth who participated in Youth Sunday.

### YOUTH—COFFEE CONVERSATIONS

6:30—7:30pm

**High School: 2nd Tuesday** (March 12)  
**Middle School: 4th Tuesday** (March 26)

Meet at Figs Café and Farmacy in downtown Anderson.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

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Monday, March 11 - 6:00PM

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, March 19 - 10:00AM

### MEMBERS IN ACTION

#### March 10

**Worship Childcare:** Lynne Eaves

**Deacons of the Week:** Bob Lingle, Offertory Prayer  
Rusty Smith, Visitor Outreach

**Security:** Wes Wallace and Kevin McCoy

#### March 17

**Worship Childcare:** Lori Miller

**Deacons of the Week:** Kathy Adams, Offertory Prayer  
Skip Brown, Visitor Outreach

**Security:** Chad Walker and Roger Cason

#### March Collection Committee

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

### MEAL MENUS

#### March 13

**Lunch and Supper**

Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato and Salad Bar, Dessert,  
Tea/Coffee

#### March 20

**Lunch and Supper**

Oven Fried Chicken (Chicken Tenders for Supper)  
Parsley Potatoes, Fried Okra, Green Beans, Dessert,  
Tea/Coffee