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Our deepest Sympathy for:

Josh Hunt and family in the loss of his grandmother,
Ruth Reasor .

Haskell Bolt and family in the loss of his brother, Doug Bolt.
Pat Nalley and family in the loss of her husband, Parker Nalley.

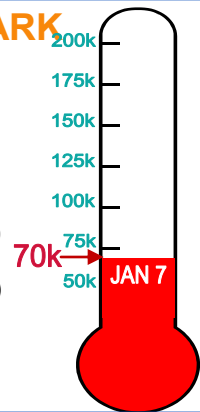
HARRISON PRUITT PARK

*For Church.
For Community.*

Contributions Needed: \$200,000

Harrison Pruitt Fund: \$400,000

Total Cost: \$600,000



Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, January 7

- 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
- 5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 9

- 6:30 PM 13 Basketball Game - First Presbyterian

Wednesday, January 10

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/ Luncheon
- 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

- Praise Team Rehearsal
- Conversation Café Room 212

- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

- 6:30 PM 15U Basketball Game - First Presbyterian
- 7:30 PM 17U Basketball Game - First Presbyterian
- Girls Basketball Game - First Baptist

Sunday, January 14 - Family Promise Week

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship - Deacon Ordination
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 11:30 AM Church Council Meeting
- 2:00 PM Unload FP Trailer and set up rooms
- 5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

Monday, January 15 - MLK Day

- No School
- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, January 16

- No School
- 6:30 PM 15U Basketball Game - First Presbyterian
- 7:30 PM Girls Basketball Game - First Baptist

Wednesday, January 17

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/ Luncheon
- 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

- Praise Team Rehearsal
- Conversation Café Room 212

- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18

- Basketball Tournament Begins

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WORSHIP IN JANUARY

January 7

Foundations: AUTHORITY (Luke 4:31-37)

January 14

Foundations: SERVANTHOOD (Matthew 20:20-28)
(Deacon Ordination)

January 21

Foundations: CONFIRMATION (Mark 9:2-8)

January 28

Foundations: WORSHIP (Luke 19:45-48)



January 14 - 20
Family Promise Week

For opportunities to serve,
please see the sign-up sheet
in the hallway outside the
Deacons' Conference room
or contact Shelby Clardy:
376-8696
shelby@bleckleyinn.com

Sunday, January 28 - 11:30AM

CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON



Fellowship Hall
(12:15pm if attending the conference only)

Elect Church Council
2017 Stewardship in Review

Menu: Oven Fried Chicken, Potato Salad,
Squash Casserole, Broccoli, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

(Adults \$5.00 and Children \$2.50)

Please make reservations for lunch
by calling: 224-1622.

First Baptist Church Contact Information

307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624
CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00; Fri. 9:00 - 3:00

Dr. James R. Thomason, Pastor

- Dr. Josh Hunt.....Associate Pastor
- Rev. Amy Brown.....Minister of Students
- Mr. Addrian Wilson.....Minister of Music
- Mr. Jamie Smith.....Assistant Music Director
- Mrs. Ramona Hallman.....Organist
- Mrs. Kelly Smith.....Pianist
- FBC Child Development Center.....224-2635
- Mrs. Shannon Griffin.....CDC Director

MINISTER ON CALL: (after hours & weekends)

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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From one Minister to Another...

Happy New Year, First Baptist Church. I'm thankful that we were able to share another year together in worship and in service to God, our community, and each other. Nothing about this world we live in is perfect—as I hope you know, the fact that we're part of it makes perfection unattainable!

But in spite of this, we can still feel incredibly blessed. I certainly do, and I trust that you do as well. Given where we live and what we have and share together, if our hearts are not filled with gratitude for the blessings of each new day, maybe we need an attitude adjustment for the new year! I encourage us to start each new day with "This is the day the Lord has made... I will rejoice and be glad in it!"

Again this year, our church sought to serve our community on January 1—and, of course, this effort began long before that! We harvested and prepared collards, cooked cornbread, peas, and deserts, served ham, hotdogs and all the trimmings, and provided warm blankets for some folks who needed our love and encouragement. People who know they are blessed try to find ways to bless others.

Thank you again, Men's Ministry, for providing leadership in this effort. A lot of planning, organization, and hard work is required each year for this to happen, along with a church family that has the "heart" to pitch in and do this. Being part of such a church is another blessing we share together.

JANUARY WORSHIP

We're beginning this new year with a focus on Jesus. Not that we've lost this focus, but as we looked at foundational passages of scripture in 2017, most of these came from the Old Testament. Beginning this Sunday, we'll be looking at foundational passages that help us to understand who Jesus Christ is and what He expects of those of us who follow Him.

As we've considered Old Testament texts, I've tried to always relate them to who we are as followers of Jesus Christ today. But with January comes a sharper focus on Jesus. We're not just called to be "believers" in Him, but also "followers" of Him.

Jesus made it clear that believing alone was not enough for us to be in relationship with Him. He still issues this life-changing call to us: "Come, follow me."

It is gratifying to see new servant leaders emerge in the life of our church, and on the second Sunday of January, we will have the privilege of ordaining four new Deacons. They are Kathy Adams, Skip Brown, Guy Eichman, and Ginger Smith.

These are persons who have already demonstrated servant-leadership in our church's life and ministry. It's exciting to see these four join our fellowship of Deacons. They will enrich our church's ministry through the gifts they bring to this important role. Thank you!

Again, Happy New Year! And may the Lord richly bless you and yours, and may He continue His blessings upon this church family we love.

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

January 7

Worship Childcare:

Kathleen Barnhart

Deacons of the Week:

David Stoddard, Offertory Prayer
Mathias Richardson, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Rusty Smith and Dewey Boyd

January 14

Worship Childcare:

Lori Miller and Lynne Eaves

Deacons of the Week:

Brian Eicke, Offertory Prayer
Glenn Torbert, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Pat Vickery and Glenn Bolt

January Collection Committee

Michael Davis, Jerry Neal,
Marian Moorhead, Gwen Bolt,
Alicia Neal Darby, Glenn Torbert

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

January 10

Lunch and Supper

Meat Loaf, Creamed Potatoes,
Fried Okra, Pear Salad,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

January 17

Lunch and Supper

Chicken Tenders, Green Beans,
Macaroni and Cheese, Slaw,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch & Supper Reservations

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

NEW YEARS DAY COMMUNITY MEAL 2018



Thanks to all who volunteered for prep and service.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE GAME SCHEDULE

January 7 - 16

DATE	CLASS	TIME	LOCATION
1/9	13U	6:30 PM	First Pres.
1/11	15U	6:30 PM	First Pres.
	17U	7:30 PM	First Pres.
	Girls	7:30 PM	First Bapt.
1/16	15U	6:30 PM	First Pres.
	Girls	7:30 PM	First Bapt.

Come Out and Support Our Teams!!

Basketball tournament begins on January 18.

COMING SOON!

Sunday, February 11

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

2:00 - 4:00pm

All FBC women are invited to fellowship at the Bleckley Inn. Featured musings by Boo Sheppard, door prizes, and light refreshments are provided. Sign up by calling the church office by **February 4th**.

February 16 - 18

D-NOW for YOUTH (Discipleship Now)

Cost: \$20

Sign up with Amy by **February 1.**