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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### Emma Miller

by profession of faith

### Meri Drake Venturella

by profession of faith



### Margaret Williams Bible Study Circle Brunch at the Bleckley Inn

Tuesday, May 23 - 9:30AM

Come and enjoy the food and fellowship!  
(This will be the last meeting before the summer break.  
The Bible Study will resume in September.)

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### Opportunities at First Baptist

#### Sunday, May 21

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
- 9:30 AM Worship - Graduate Recognition
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study (Children's Breakfast Fundraiser)
- 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting
- 11:30 AM Children's Spring Program Dress Rehearsal
- 4:15 PM VBS Planning Meeting
- 5:00 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 6:00 PM MS & HS Discipleship

#### Tuesday, May 23

- 7:07 AM Youth Breakfast Club
- 9:30 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study/Brunch at The Bleckley Inn

#### Wednesday, May 24

- 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Children's Spring Program followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday, May 28

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 4:15 PM VBS Planning Meeting
- 5:00 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 6:00 PM MS & HS Discipleship

#### Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

No School

#### Tuesday, May 30

- 7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

#### Wednesday, May 31

- 12:00 PM Bible Study / Luncheon
- 6:00 PM RA Racers and Hot Dog Supper
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Dear First Baptist,

Thank you for the wonderful breakfast you provided us from Panera Bread during Teacher Appreciation week. The Child Development Center and all the teachers are very thankful for the support and encouragement you give.

In Christ,  
CDC Staff and Teachers

#### Our deepest Sympathy for:

Rufus Martin in the loss of his sister, Jesse Herlong.

Family and friends of Kay King.

Dorothy Jeanne McClain and family in the loss of her husband, Randall McClain.

Sonja Sokol in the loss of her mother, Hazel Coward.



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## FIRST BAPTIST ANDERSON VBS 2017

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 10  
8:30AM - 12:15 PM

## LOST IN SPACE

RISING 1ST-6TH GRADE INVITED  
CLOSING CELEBRATION AND BLOCK PARTY,  
JUNE 10, 11:30 - FREE LUNCH FOR FAMILIES  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR FREE TSHIRT IS JUNE 1  
REGISTRATION LINK AT ANDERSONFBC.ORG

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 High School and College Graduates!

Join with us in honoring these students at our

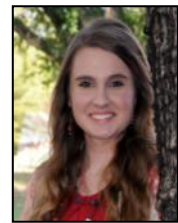
Graduate Recognition Service, this Sunday, May 21, 9:30am.



Olivia Fleischman  
Oakwood Christian



Kendra Hamilton  
TL Hanna



Maria Hatchett  
Home School



Kyle Minyard  
TL Hanna



Meg Simmons  
TL Hanna



Courtney Stoddard  
TL Hanna



Elizabeth Walker  
TL Hanna



Delaney Wallace  
TL Hanna



Michael Wilson  
TL Hanna



Gunnar Page  
Lander University



Karley Wilson  
Clemson University

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

THANK YOU! Not only have you generously donated for our trips to Passport, but you've also been extremely encouraging after the children and youth led us in worship. How exciting that both Emma Miller and Meri Drake Venturella have made decisions to follow Christ and be baptized soon! We are thankful for another year of faithful teachers and leaders who shape the lives of young people in our children and youth ministries. Our congregation is truly blessed because of so many who are sharing God's love with this generation.

We have a great opportunity for everyone to join in with our children's ministry this summer!

**Vacation Bible School will be June 8-10 from 8:30-12:15.**

As you know, FBC has a longstanding tradition of producing an incredible VBS week for children. We design our own theme, curriculum, games, skits, and more to make it truly unique and engaging. You may have heard by now that we are making some exciting changes this year. We are changing the format to only 3 days, and instead of having a kick-off event, we will host a Block Party after the Closing Celebration on Saturday afternoon. I think these changes can positively influence the children and families in our congregation and community. We can reach out to the community and show what an engaging fellowship we have at FBC!

The theme for VBS this summer is "Lost in Space." Our youth have been developing this idea for months and we are excited to share it with everyone! Each day, the children will learn about God's love and loving our neighbors. The mission offering will be items for the patients at Anmed Children's Hospital. Their biggest needs are new stuffed animals (especially ones with stitched eyes), sippy cups, and children's underwear.

We are personally inviting children from our congregation, FBC's Child Development Center, Calhoun Elementary, and the YMCA Day Camp to participate this year. If you have a child, grandchild, or neighbor who would like to participate, all rising 1st-6th graders are invited. The registration is online this year, and you can find the link to sign up on the homepage of the church's website.

There are 5 important ways you can help:

1. Serve throughout the 3 days as leaders. We have plenty of youth who are excited to serve, but we need more adults to interact with children as leaders in music, crafts, recreation, and teaching. If you are available to help in any of these areas, or are comfortable to be placed where ever you are needed, please let me know! I have curriculum designed for every area, so your job will be easy!
2. Attend Saturday's Closing Celebration and Block Party at 11:30. I have asked the Men's Ministry to prepare the hamburgers and hot dogs, but we need sides and desserts. Please call the church office to sign up to bring a dish. We would love for all church members to attend this event to engage and interact with the families in attendance!
3. Donate for crafts. We need the cardboard from your toilet paper rolls and/or paper towel rolls. Bring those by the church office or see Meridith Venturella.
4. Feed the volunteers. See Virginia Boyd to donate to the fund or sign up in Sunday School to provide snacks for the youth and adults who are serving each day.
5. Pray for VBS. We need it!

It was at Vacation Bible School that I first made the decision to accept Christ, sitting on the floor with a beloved teacher and surrounded by close friends. That was a life-changing moment for me and one reason why I think VBS is so important. I hope you'll serve as God's hands and feet this summer with our children. Your support is valued and appreciated, and does not go unnoticed!

In Christ,  
Amy

**Our Members in Action**

May 21

**Worship Childcare:**

Beverly Stone, Lisa and Delaney Wallace

**Deacons of the Week:**

Charlie Ballentine, Offertory Prayer  
Alene Sullivan, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Rusty Smith and John Nichols

May 28

**Worship Childcare:**

Lynne Eaves and Lori Miller

**Deacons of the Week:**

Pat Vickery, Offertory Prayer  
Michael Davis, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

David Turner and Jimmy Newton

**May Collection Committee**

Glenn Torbert, Patricia Torbert, Ed Sokol,  
Pat Vickery, Marian Moorhead, Greg Shore

**Wednesday Lunch & Supper**

May 24

**No Noon Meal or Bible Study**

Join us at 5:00 pm for  
Supper

Chicken Tenders, Potato Salad, Broccoli,  
Squash Casserole, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

**And then at 6:00 pm**

The Children's Spring Program:  
**Courage Conquers Fear**  
followed by refreshments in  
the Fellowship Hall

May 31

**Lunch**

Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato,  
Tossed 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                    |
|---|--------|---|--|---|--------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Terrific Tuesdays!!</b><br>(ages: rising 1st - 6th grade)<br>Exciting and fun activities for kids on<br>select Tuesdays this summer.   |        |   |  | 1   | 2      | 3                           |
| 4   |        | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9      | 10                          |
| 9:30am<br>Foundations:<br><i>In the Beginning...</i><br>Our Families<br>Genesis 3:1-7   |        | Last Day of School  | No Noon or Evening<br>Meals or Bible Studies<br><br>6:30pm<br>Important meeting<br>for Youth and Adult<br>VBS Volunteers<br>(In the Sanctuary) | <b>VBS 2017 - LOST IN SPACE</b><br>8:30am - 12:15pm<br><br>VBS Closing Celebration and Block Party:<br>Saturday, June 10th ~ 11:45am - 2:30pm<br>The Men's Ministry will prepare hamburgers and hot dogs,<br>but we need sides and desserts. Please call the church office<br>(224-1622) to sign up to bring a dish. AND, please attend<br>the event! We want all church members to engage and<br>interact with the families! |        |                             |
| 11  | 12     | 13  | 14   | 15  | 16     | 17                          |
| 9:30am<br>FITB... <i>A Fresh Start</i><br>Genesis 6<br><br>6:00pm<br>Youth Summer<br>Sunday Party   |        | <b>Terrific Tuesdays!</b><br>10:00am<br>Bowling &<br>Lunch<br>(\$7 for lunch at<br>Chick-Fil-A) | Noon<br>Bible Study/Luncheon<br><br>3:33pm<br>Youth Summer Bible<br>Study  |   |        | 9:30am<br>Saturday Servants |
| 18  | 19     | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23     | 24                          |
| 9:30am<br>FITB... <i>A New Relationship</i><br>Genesis 2:18-25<br><br>11:30am<br>Deacons' Meeting   |        | <b>Terrific Tuesdays!</b><br>10:00am<br>Tubing &<br>Water Slide<br>(\$10-bring bag<br>lunch)    | Noon<br>Bible Study/Luncheon<br><br>3:33pm<br>Youth Summer Bible<br>Study  |   |        |                             |
| 25  | 26     | 27  | 28   | 29  | 30     |                             |
| 9:30am<br>FITB... <i>Sign of the Covenant</i><br>Lord's Supper<br><br>11:30am<br>Passport meeting for<br>parents of youth<br>and children<br><br>6:00pm<br>Youth Summer<br>Sunday Party |        |   | Noon Bible Study/<br>Luncheon  |   |        |                             |
|   |        |   | <b>Staff Anniversaries:</b><br>June 17 - Sharon Royals - 7 years   |   |        |                             |
|   |        |   | Passport Kids 6/27/17 — 6/30/17 Summerton, SC  |   |        |                             |
|   |        |   | CBF General Assembly - Atlanta   |   |        |                             |