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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, July 9

- 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

Sunday, July 9 - Friday, July 14

Youth – Passport Conference

Wednesday, July 12

- 12:00 PM Bible Study / Luncheon

Sunday, July 16

- 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
- 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting
- 6:00 PM Youth Summer Sunday Party

Monday, July 17

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, July 18

Time TBD Terrific Tuesdays—Swimming

Wednesday, July 19

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 5:00 PM GA's Summer Meeting - Figs Downtown

Thursday, July 20

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Did you know.....
You can access the Beacon, Bulletin, Birthday List, Calendar, and Prayer Guide on-line through our website www.andersonfbc.org.

FBC has a group email list for special event reminders, funeral announcements etc...
If you would like to be on this list please contact the church office by calling 224-1622 or email sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org.

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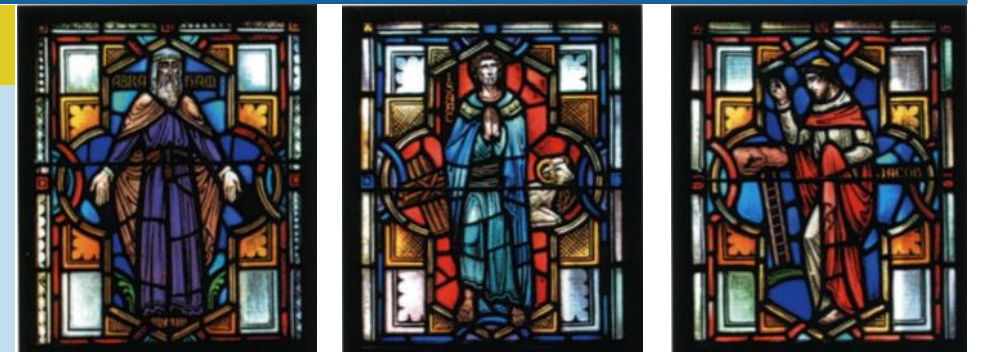
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PATRIARCH SERMON SERIES

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 16

Abraham I - The Call: Genesis 12:1-8

July 23

Abraham II - The Surprise: Genesis 18:9-13,21:1-7

July 30

Abraham III - The Test: Genesis 22:1-8

August 6 and 13

Josh Hunt Preaching

August 20

Isaac 1 - Finding God's Will: Genesis 24:1-14

August 27

Isaac II - Following God's Way: Genesis 26:19-25

September 3

Josh Hunt Preaching

September 10

Jacob I - Being Blessed: Genesis 27

September 17

Jacob II - Being Fearful: Genesis 28

September 24

Jacob III - Being Deceived: Genesis 29

October 1

Jacob IV - Being Faithful: Genesis 32

Deacons' Meeting
July 16 ~ 11:30am
Deacons' Conference Room

Save the Date!
August 27
Two special events:
Baptism
and
FBC's 196th
Anniversary Celebration

From one Minister to Another...

This past Sunday, just before Independence Day, we spent some time together in worship thanking God for the privilege of living in the United States. We also thought about the fact that, though we live in a society that seems divided, we can be more godly and redemptive in our relationships. It's a subject that strikes me as being heavenly-minded and heavenly-focused. After all, "the kingdom of God is at hand," Jesus told us. He instructed us to pray that God's will would be done "on earth as it is in heaven."

There's a familiar Yiddish story about a baker named Morris. Seems Morris had always lived in the same little village. He awoke one morning bored and disgusted with his life. He looked over at his sleeping wife and asked himself, "Why her?" Rising from bed, he peeped into his children's bedroom. "Why them?" he muttered and walked out of the house. Looking back at his old tumbledown house from the walkway he was overcome with gloom again. "Why that?" As Morris walked to the village his mood grew darker still: "I'll never be able to fix up that old house. My wife never gives me a moment's peace. My children are selfish and foolish. I barely make a living baking bread."

Then Morris remembered something his rabbi said. "Someday we will all go to heaven," the old man said, "and there everyone will be happy, content and no one will know trouble or pain again."

"When will I get to go to heaven?" wondered Morris. Suddenly, he answered his own question: "Now! I will go now to find heaven!" So, instead of walking to the bakery, Morris started off in the opposite direction, the direction the old rabbi pointed whenever he talked about heaven. Off Morris went toward the horizon. As night fell, Morris took off his boots and pointed them in the direction he was walking, so that when he awoke, he would know which direction to go. He then collapsed into a deep sleep. While Morris slept, as the story goes, an angel came along the same path. The angel stood over the sleeping baker, listening to him snore.

Then the angel noticed Morris' boots pointing toward heaven and gave a quiet chuckle. He realized Morris' intentions, and acting mischievously, turned Morris' boots back toward home and then faded into the night. Morris awoke with the morning sun, put on his boots and started off in the direction they were pointing.

As Morris walked, he noticed that the path looked oddly familiar, especially when he came to an old wooden gate that seemed to be an entrance to heaven. He was surprised it wasn't made of gold or expensive wood. Still, he lifted the latch and went into the yard. This heavenly yard looked so much like his yard back home. The door to the heavenly house also looked familiar.

He entered the house and sat down at the table, the smells of heavenly food making his mouth water and his stomach rumble. A woman, so very like his wife, served him a large steaming bowl of soup and a fat roll. He ate everything put before him.

Meanwhile, two young children danced into the kitchen and smiled up at him. These children in heaven were so nice, quiet and friendly that Morris had to sigh with happiness. "Yes," he thought, "it is exactly as the rabbi said. I have found heaven, and it is simply wonderful."

At the center of this old story is the truth of the gospel. When we grow weary of what's around us, Jesus can reorient us to doing God's work in a world where God's work needs to be done.

Peace of Christ,
Josh

Our Members in Action

July 9

Worship Childcare:

Kathleen Barnhart and Jan Page

Deacons of the Week:

Bob Lingle, Offertory Prayer
Mathias Richardson, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Chad Waters and Jim McCombs

July 16

Worship Childcare:

Jennifer Simmons,
Lisa and Delaney Wallace

Deacons of the Week:

Larry Mitchell, Offertory Prayer
Tom Allen, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Chad Walker and Jimmy Newton

July Collection Committee

Haskell Bolt, Larry Mitchell (9th & 16th),
Jeff Neal, Bolt McClain, Gwen Bolt, Al Whitney

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

July 12

Cubed Steak, Rice and Gravy,
Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

July 19

Oven Fried Chicken, Fried Squash, Lima
Beans, Pear Salad, Dessert, Tea/Coffee
(Suppers will resume September 6, 2017)

Lunch Reservations

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

YOUTH AT PASSPORT CAMP

Please pray for our youth who will be leaving for Passport Camp in Greensboro, NC this Sunday, July 9. Let them know you're praying by sending a letter to camp before Thursday, July 13, so it will be received before they leave Friday morning.

**Camper Name, FBC Anderson
PASSPORT at Greensboro College
815 West Market St.
Greensboro, NC 27401**



SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULE

July

- 7th - 10:00am: **Hiking** Bring bagged lunch
- 9th—14th: **Passport Choices** final payment due July 9
- 16th, 23rd, 30th - 6:00pm: **Summer Sunday Party**
- 26th - 3:33pm: **Summer Bible Study**
- 27th - 9:30am: **Tubing \$10**, bring bagged lunch
- 31st: **Mission: Anderson** begins

August

- 1st—4th: **Mission: Anderson** continues
- 6th, 13th, 20th - 6:00pm: **Summer Sunday Party**
- 7th: **Carowinds \$35**, sign up by August 1
- 9th, 16th - 3:33pm: **Summer Bible Study**
- Date TBA: **Back to School Retreat**



GA'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

Meet at Figs on Main St., in Downtown Anderson from 5 - 7pm. At 7pm, GA's will walk to Wren Park for fun in the splash fountain until 8pm. Bring Money for food, a change of clothes for splash fountain, and a towel. Study will be on missionaries in Norway and Denmark. Dates are: **July 19; August 2 and 9**



(ages: rising 1st - 6th grade)

7/18

Swimming

(Location and time: TBA)

7/25 - 9:45am

Movie

(Amstar, bring \$4)

8/1 - 10:30am

Water Day

(FBC, free)

8/7

Carowinds

(deadline for this event has expired.)

8/15:

End of Summer Party

(Location and time: TBA)