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Our deepest Sympathy for:

Vickie Cothran and family in the loss of her
husband, Wilton (Buddy) Cothran, Jr.

Laura Smith and family in the loss of her father, Clay Walters.

FBC has a group email list for special event
reminders, funeral announcements etc...

If you would like to be on this list please contact
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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, July 23

- 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
- 6:00 PM Youth Summer Sunday Party

Tuesday, July 25

- 9:45 AM Terrific Tuesday - Movie at Amstar

Wednesday, July 26

- 12:00 PM Bible Study / Luncheon
- 3:33 PM Youth Summer Bible Study

Thursday, July 27

- 9:30 AM Youth - Tubing

Sunday, July 30

- 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
- 6:00 PM Youth Summer Sunday Party

Monday, July 31

- Youth - Mission Anderson

Tuesday, August 1

- Youth - Mission Anderson
- 10:30 AM Terrific Tuesday - Water Day at FBC

Wednesday, August 2

- Youth - Mission Anderson
- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 5:00 PM GA's Summer Meeting - Figs Downtown
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 3

- Youth - Mission Anderson

Friday, August 4

- Youth - Mission Anderson



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FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

August 6 – 12

To serve please sign up on the sheet located
near the Deacons' Conference room or

Contact Shelby Clardy:

376-8698 / shelby@bleckleyinn.com



AUGUST 27

BAPTISM

PROMOTION
SUNDAY



PATRIARCH SERMON SERIES

- July 23 — *Abraham II - The Surprise:* Genesis 18:9-13, 21:1-7
- July 30 — *Abraham III - The Test:* Genesis 22:1-8
- 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 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August 27

FBC'S 196th ANNIVERSARY

(cf. Pastor's Article for more information.)

From one Minister to Another...

Have you marked your calendar yet for Sunday, August 27th? On that day, we'll mark the 196th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Anderson.

Less than a year after I was called as your Pastor, it was my privilege to lead us in our 175th anniversary celebration. I quickly came to appreciate the remarkable history of this church and its role in the Anderson community and beyond.

At that time, we began celebrating our church's anniversaries at five-year intervals. When we hit our 190th year, though, we decided to take note of them each year leading up to our Bicentennial (200th year) in 2021.

The date for this year's celebration is the Sunday after school starts back after the summer. It's the hope of our Bicentennial Committee that most of our folks will be "back home" by then and able to participate.

Our July dates consistently produced responses of regret that went something like, "But we're out of town on vacation then." We'll see if this works better for us—let us know.

A lot is planned for August 27th. Worship that day will be very full with both baptism and the Lord's Supper being observed. And as always, the music will be outstanding! (How about that "Summer Choir" last week?!?)

We also have a church conference planned that will include recommendations from our "Playground Committee." These will involve a more comprehensive approach to our church property that borders on Fant Street. I hear the plans are pretty exciting! We may throw in a surprise or two as well that day.

So, again, make sure you have August 27th marked on your calendar. Plan to participate in our anniversary observance personally and reach out to former and out-of-town members to invite them to share in the day with us as well.

SERMON SERIES ON THE PATRIARCHS CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY

It was good to be back in the pulpit last Sunday after a couple of weeks away visiting our daughters in New York and Washington. Yes, we drove—and that went well, except for the last two hours as we made our way around the outskirts of New York City heading to Claire's place in Bronxville, a small city just north of the big city.

This was on the Friday evening before the long July 4th weekend. Let's just say we weren't the only ones that night who had chosen to head that way! But we made it there, had a wonderful time, and then made it back home too. Thank you, Lord!

So, it was good to be back home and to share with you the first of three sermons on Abraham. We turned to Genesis 12 as we considered the call of Abraham and how this event changed the relationship between God and people.

In a sense, the story that began with Abraham, the "father of our faith," continued to be told through the lives of Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Jesus. In fact, it's still being told through our lives today.

I really love the part of the story we get to this Sunday, and I think you will too. It will make you smile, and maybe laugh out loud. It won't be the first time it's had this effect on folks, though. I hope you'll join us to see what effect it has on you. See you Sunday!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

July 23

Worship Childcare:

Lynne Eaves and Lori Miller

Deacons of the Week:

Greg Shore, Offertory Prayer
Bob Lingle, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Pat Vickery and Bill Wilson

July 30

Worship Childcare:

Caty Wentzky

Deacons of the Week:

John Nichols, Offertory Prayer
Dewey Boyd, Visitor Outreach

Security:

T.J. Fusco and Donnie Campbell

July Collection Committee

Haskell Bolt, Becky Campbell, Jeff Neal,
Bolt McClain, Gwen Bolt, Al Whitney

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

July 26

Sandwich and Salad Bar,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

August 2

Chicken Tenders, Creamed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Squash Casserole,
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.

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Mission Anderson						
		Terrific Tuesdays! 10:30am Water Day at FBC	Noon Bible Study/Luncheon 5:00pm - Figs GA's Summer Meeting			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Family Promise Host Week						
9:30am Worship Josh Hunt Preaching 6:00pm Youth Summer Sunday Party	Terrific Tuesday Kids and Youth Carowinds		Noon Bible Study/Luncheon 3:33pm Youth Summer Bible Study 5:00pm - Figs GA's Summer Meeting			9:30am Saturday Servants (Gillespie Class)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am Worship Josh Hunt Preaching 6:00pm Youth Summer Sunday Party		Terrific Tuesdays! End of Summer Party	Noon Bible Study/Luncheon			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30am Worship Isaac I - Finding God's Will Genesis 24:1-14 11:30am Deacons' Meeting 6:00pm Youth Summer Sunday Party	6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	First Day of School 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	Noon Bible Study/Luncheon			
27	28	29	30	31		
9:30am Worship & Baptism/ Lord's Supper Isaac II - Following God's Way Genesis 26:19-25 FBC 196th Anniversary SS Promotion Church Conference & Luncheon		7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	5:30pm Music & Missions Kickoff and Hot Dog supper			
Staff Anniversaries: August 1 - Josh Hunt - 5 years August 10 - Kelly Smith - 9 years August 15 - Addrian Wilson - 4 years August 19 - Greg Wilson - 34 years						