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Dear FBC,
 Please accept our sincere appreciation for the wonderful luncheon you prepared for us.
 Everything was so beautifully done and the food was delicious. Thank you for honoring Mother in such a wonderful way.
 I know she was so proud of the outstanding efforts made to feed her very large extended family.
 We are all truly grateful.
 With love,
 Elizabeth, Frances and Dexter

FIRST BAPTIST CONTACT INFORMATION

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 CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622
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Rev. Amy Brown, Minister of Students
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 Mr. Jamie Smith, Assistant Music Director
 Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
 Dr. James R. Thomason, Pastor
 Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

MINISTER ON CALL: (after hours & weekends)
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 and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.



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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, August 26
 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/Sunday School Promotion
 11:30 PM Church Conference and Luncheon
Wednesday, August 29
 5:30 PM Kick Off for Music and Missions
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 1— Monday, September 3
 Youth Back to School Retreat
Sunday, September 2
 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 Open Gym
 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal
Monday, September 3 - Labor Day
 Church Office Closed
 No School
Wednesday, September 5
 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 Worship Service - Youth SS Room
 Praise Team Rehearsal
 Conversation Café Room 212
 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor
Thursday, September 6
 Beacon Mailed
Friday, September 7
 5:00 PM Homeless for the Homeless/
 520 Woodcrest Dr., Anderson, SC

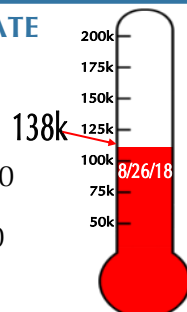
HARRISON PRUITT PARK UPDATE

*For Church.
 For Community.*

Contributions Needed: \$200,000

Harrison Pruitt Fund: \$400,000

Total Cost: \$600,000



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**This Sunday, August 26:
 SUNDAY SCHOOL
 PROMOTION DAY**

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY
 NIGHT SCHEDULE**

Resumes September 5th

- 12:00pm - Bible Study/Luncheon
- 5:00pm - Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm - MS & HS Discipleship
 M & M Check-In (3rd floor)
- 5:45pm - Children's Music & Missions
- 6:00pm - Praise Team Rehearsal
 Conversation Café Room 212
- 6:15pm - Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 GA & RA Check-Out (3rd floor)

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

**9:30 AM—FBC's 197th Anniversary
 And Candidate for Pastor's Trial Sermon**

(At the close of worship, vote on nominee for Pastor.)

Also at 11:30AM

CHURCH CONFERENCE/LUNCHEON

(Fellowship Hall)

Kick Off - Wednesday, August 29th



5:30—7:00pm: Playground & Inflatables

5:30—7:00pm: Registration for Music, Missions & Discipleship in the breezeway outside the Fellowship Hall

6:00—6:30pm: Hot Dog Supper in the Fellowship Hall (no charge)

Wednesday night suppers will resume September 5, 2018. If you would like a standing reservation or want to renew the standing reservation you had last year please call the church office (224-1622).

From one Minister to Another...

Well, I understand a lot happened while Pam and I were away for vacation last week! A wonderful worship service was followed by a church conference in which the BIG REVEAL happened.

Our congregation learned that our Pastor Search Team was recommending that our Associate Pastor, Josh Hunt, become the next Pastor of Anderson First Baptist Church. His salary package was presented and discussed, all done according to our church bylaws that I shared with you in the last issue of the Beacon.

All that's left now—at least, from our perspective; from Josh's perspective, it may feel like a LOT is still left to do—but it's really only that small matter of the TRIAL SERMON, followed by our vote as a congregation.

I feel confident the Lord will continue to bless and guide these proceedings just as He has all along. In fact, I've felt the Lord's blessing on this process going all the way back to when we first invited Josh to sit down with our Associate Pastor Search Team six years ago. I am excited for Josh and his family, and for our First Baptist family, that we have reached this point of confirmation for the next chapter of his ministry among us.


This Sunday was already to be a banner day in the life of our church. We're observing our 197th Anniversary, complete with a dinner after worship. Sharon told me this morning that we are at full capacity for the luncheon and a waiting list is forming. We'll do our best to get everyone in!

And how better to celebrate our church's anniversary than to make such an important decision about its future! This feels right to me, and I'm really looking forward to our worship together this week. I hope you pray for our service each week, but especially do so for our gathering on Sunday.

As I explained to you back in April of this year when I announced my retirement for March of 2019, I felt strongly convicted that our church's 200th Anniversary should be observed with a new Pastor in place. Such a milestone should be celebrated not only with deep gratitude for the church's past but also with a clear vision for its future.

This will require a process of discernment that should not be rushed. Your new Pastor will have two and a half years to help the church get focused on a new century of mission and ministry for Anderson First Baptist. I sincerely believe the timing of this is right for all of us!

Again, I want to emphasize what an important day this Sunday is. Be here. Invite others to join us. Pray about and look forward to all the Lord is going to do in the life of our church this week—and in the weeks and years to come! And, yes, pray for Josh too. There's a reason they call them "Trial Sermons!"

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

August 26

Worship Childcare:

Paula Ballentine

Deacons of the Week:

David Stoddard, Offertory Prayer
 Glenn Torbert, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Wes Wallace and Bill Wilson

September 2

Worship Childcare:

Kathleen Barnhart

Deacons of the Week:

Timothy Clardy, Offertory Prayer
 Guy Eichman, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Pat Vickery and Jim McCombs

September Collection Committee

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

Wednesday Lunch

August 29

No Noon Meal or Bible Study

5:30pm

Music and Missions Kick Off and Hot Dog Supper

September 5

Lunch

Baked Potato and Salad Bar,
 Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

Chicken Tenders, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Fruit Salad,
 Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch and Supper Reservations:
 Please contact the church office by Noon on Tuesdays to make or cancel your reservations.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEKS September 9th - September 15th and October 14th - October 20th For opportunities to serve, please see the signup sheets on the table outside the Deacons' conference room or contact Shelby Clardy: 376-8696 or Shelby@bleckleyinn.com						1 Youth Back to School Retreat September 1-3
2 9:30am Worship Service 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	3 LABOR Day Church Office Closed No School	4	5 Noon Bible Study/ Luncheon 5:00pm Supper 6:15 Bible Study	6 Beacon Mailed	7 HOMELESS FOR THE HOMELESS 9/7 at 5 p.m. - 9/8 at 7 a.m. Anderson County Recycling & Education Center, 520 Woodcrest Dr. Anderson, SC For more information: https://www.familypromiseanderson.org/homeless-for-the-homeless.html	8
9 9:30am Worship Service 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	10 6:00pm Men's Ministry Meeting	11 6:30pm High School Youth Coffee Conversations Starbucks on Hwy 81	12 Noon Bible Study/ Luncheon 5:00pm Supper 6:15 Bible Study	13	14	15
Family Promise Week						
16 9:30am Worship Service 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	17 6:00pm Stewardship Meeting	18	19 Noon Bible Study/ Luncheon 5:00pm Supper 6:15 Bible Study	20 Beacon Mailed	21 Staff Anniversaries: September 1 - Jim Thomason - 23 years September 13 - Shannon Griffin - 2 years	22
23 9:30am Worship Service 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	24	25 10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study 6:30pm Middle School Youth Coffee Conversations Starbucks on Hwy 81	26 Noon Bible Study/ Luncheon 5:00pm Supper 6:15 Bible Study	27	28	29
30 9:30am Worship Service 5:00pm Church Wide Picnic	September 30 — 5:00 - 7:00pm CHURCH WIDE PICNIC Inflatables for the children! Covered dishes of vegetables, salad, and desserts are welcome. The church will provide fried chicken tenders, bread and tea.					

The Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church Anderson invites you to be a part of our Advent/Christmas season. Christmas music rehearsals are: **Wednesday Evenings ~ 7:00-7:45 p.m.** each week beginning September 12th. Childcare is provided. For all the details **Contact:** Addrian Wilson addrian.wilson@andersonfbc.org or 245-1008.