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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, August 27 - FBC's 196th Anniversary

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
- 9:30 AM Worship/Baptism/Lord's Supper
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 11:30 AM Church Conference and Luncheon

Wednesday, August 30

- 5:30 PM Music and Missions Kick Off/Hot Dog Supper
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 2 - Monday, September 4

Youth Back to School Retreat—Look Up Lodge

Sunday, September 3

- 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

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed
No School

Tuesday, September 5

7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, September 6

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 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 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 7

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SEPTEMBER 5

7:07 AM

**Youth Breakfast Club
Chick-fil-a on Hwy. 81**

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY
NIGHT SCHEDULE**

Resumes September 6th

- 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)

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during Swain's passing. Your kindness was deeply appreciated by me and my family.
Love,
Betty Jo Thompson, Tripp and Michael

ADULT OPEN LEAGUE BASKETBALL

If you're over 18 and interested in playing on our FBC team, please contact Amy by **August 27**. Season starts September 5.

**Thank you to all the volunteers
who helped with
Family Promise Week!**

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Mrs. Kelly Smith.....Pianist
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FBC'S 196th ANNIVERSARY

This Sunday, August 27th

BAPTISM

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION
Due to the 196th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday School classes will not meet. Those being promoted should attend their new classes next Sunday, September 3.

CONFERENCE / LUNCHEON
If you forgot to make a reservation for lunch please check the no show list at 11:45am.



**AUGUST 30 - 5:30 - 7:00pm
Kick-Off and Hot Dog Supper**

5:30 - 7:00pm Playground & Inflatables Open

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

5:30 - 6:30pm Hot Dog Supper in the Fellowship Hall (no charge)

From one Minister to Another...

Church centennial celebrations are like eclipses—they don't come around very often, but what a privilege to experience one! We're only four years away now from Anderson First Baptist Church's Bicentennial—it's 200th anniversary! We're already laying the groundwork for that great event which takes place in 2021.

Fortunately, although we must wait a long time for centennials, anniversaries happen every year—and we plan to celebrate one this Sunday in worship and with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, a church conference to discuss and vote on plans for the land on the Fant St. side of our church—yes, where the playground is now.

If adopted, the updates will include not only an improved playground, but so much more that should benefit the entire church family and community. These are exciting plans—you'll want to hear them and be a part of this next chapter in our congregations life and ministry.

This church was officially organized in July of 1821. The exact day of the month is not in the records. Because of vacation schedules in the summer, our Bicentennial Team chose to establish the first Sunday after school starts as the time to observe our anniversary. As I write this, Anderson county schools are back in session, so... have a great year, kids! Teachers and administrators too!

Every anniversary celebration is an opportunity to express gratitude for those who've come this way before us. We'll also share in baptism and the Lord's Supper. I've done some research concerning hymns that would have been available to the folks who founded this church. We'll sing some of these in worship. Don't worry—you know them, and we still sing them!

Lunch this week is provided by the church—I hope you've let us know of your plans to attend—I hear we're at full capacity! You'll also hear about some plans being put in place for our Bicentennial!

This would also be a wonderful time to bring a special gift—whether directed toward our Church Budget or our Bicentennial Fund. We would not still be around after almost two centuries but for the generosity of those who have called AFBC their church home.

I don't plan to spend much time on our history this Sunday, but here are a few things you may have forgotten. Our church was first called Mount Tabor and was located on what is now Murray Ave. When the village of Anderson began to take shape about a mile away, the church, with its 86 members, relocated to a little white frame building on the village square—which continues to be our location today.

The name was changed to Anderson Baptist Church. It was not until 1892 that the word "First" was added to the name. There is so much about that church family that we don't know—but we do know this. They were people of faith. And they were tenacious about freedom.

It was the combination of these two characteristics that attracted them to the expression of Christian church life known as Baptist. As free and faithful people, they formed this church—and the Lord has continued to blessed it!

These AFBC "patriarchs" served and sacrificed. They built buildings, proclaimed the Gospel, and cared for one another through good times and bad.

But they stayed faithful to the Lord and to one another. They did all the other things that churches must do if they are to last for 196 years—and more, of course, if the Lord tarries. So, we have a lot to celebrate, don't we? I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

August 27

Worship Childcare:

Beverly and Danny Stone

Deacons of the Week:

Howard Murphy, Offertory Prayer

Jerry Neal, Visitor Outreach

Security:

David Turner and Jimmy Newton

September 3

Worship Childcare:

JJ and Bradley Orr

Deacons of the Week:

Leslie Walker, Offertory Prayer

Chad Walker, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Wes Wallace and David Frye

September Collection Committee

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

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

August 30

No Noon Meal or Bible Study

5:30pm Music and Missions Kickoff and Hot Dog Supper

September 6

Lunch

Baked Chicken, Rice and Gravy, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

Baked Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Pear Salad, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch Reservations

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Youth—Back To School Retreat 9/2 - 9/4 Look Up Lodge	
3 9:30am Worship Josh Hunt Preaching	4 Church Office closed No School	5 7:07am - Youth Breakfast Club Resumes	6 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study Supper and Regular Wednesday Night Schedule Resumes	7 Beacon Mailed	8 Homeless for the Homeless: Box City contact Timothy Clardy for more information 864-276-6238 or timothyclardy@charter.net	9
10 9:30am Worship Jacob I Being Blessed Genesis 27 11:30am Youth & Parent Meeting 6:00pm MS & HS Discipleship	11 7:00pm Men's Ministry Meeting	12 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	13 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study	14	15	16
17 9:30am Worship Jacob II Being Fearful Genesis 28 11:30am Deacons' Meeting 6:00pm MS & HS Discipleship	18 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	19 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	20 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study	21 Beacon Mailed	22	23
24 9:30am Jacob III Being Deceived Genesis 29 	25	26 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club 10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study	27 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study	28	29	30