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 Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

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Opportunities at First Baptist

**Sunday, September 9**  
 Family Promise Host Week Begins  
 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  
 2:00 PM Unload FP Trailer and Set Up Rooms  
 5:00 PM Youth Open Gym  
 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

**Monday, September 10**  
 6:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday, September 11**  
 6:30 PM High School - Coffee Conversations  
 Starbucks Hwy. 81

**Wednesday, September 12**  
 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 Bible Study - Gym  
 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

**Sunday, September 16**  
 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  
 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting  
 5:00 PM Open Gym  
 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

**Monday, September 17**  
 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

**Tuesday, September 18**  
 10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 19**  
 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 Bible Study - Gym  
 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 20**  
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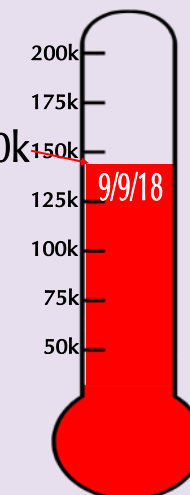
**September 9th - September 15th and**

**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

**HARRISON PRUITT PARK**  
 For Church. 140k  
 For Community.

**Contributions Needed:**  
 \$200,000  
**Harrison Pruitt Fund:**  
 \$400,000  
**Total Cost:**  
 \$600,000



## CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

**September 30 — 5:00 - 7:00pm**

**Inflatables for the children!**

Covered dishes of vegetables, salad, and desserts are welcome. The church will provide fried chicken tenders, bread and tea.

### From one Minister to Another...

You did good, First Baptist! You overwhelmingly affirmed the recommendation of your Pastor Search Team and called Josh Hunt as the next Pastor of our church. I am so pleased for Josh and his family. I am also pleased for me and my family. Above all, I'm pleased for the church family that I know we both love and count it a privilege to serve!

Change is hard for most of us. Sometimes in the midst of change, we're not on our best behavior. It says good things about the life and health of our church that we are handling change with grace and purposefulness, thankful for the past while looking forward to God's future for this wonderful congregation. May the Lord continue to bless us all!

#### Back to School Sermon Series

For the past several years, as our children have made their way back to school and as our church re-gathers from summer vacations—granted, this is not a church that limits its vacations to summertime... but anyway—I have led you in consideration of a Biblical book or theme spanning the first several weeks of the new school year.

We've looked at the "songs" found in the book of Psalms, messages concerning "the Kingdom" found in Matthew's Gospel, and the way Jesus is portrayed in Hebrews. "Inspecting the Harvest" focused on the fruit of the Holy Spirit at work in us. You may not specifically remember any of these series, but hopefully you were nourished by them and were strengthened in your Christian walk as a result.

During the eight remaining Sundays of September and October, we will take an in-depth look at the Beatitudes. A while back, as part of our "Foundations" series, we considered Jesus' Sermon on the Mount—all of it except the opening verses. The first eight teachings, just a verse each in length, serve as prelude to everything else Jesus says in this sermon. They set forth a new way of thinking and living that Jesus wants those who follow Him to embrace.

When we do, others are drawn to the Lord we love and serve. When we don't, however, others see our faith as shallow and disconnected to our lives. Early in my preparations, I ran across this familiar quote from Gandhi:


**"The message of Jesus as I understand it is contained in the Sermon on the Mount unadulterated and taken as a whole... If then I had to face only the Sermon on the Mount and my own interpretation of it, I should not hesitate to say, 'Oh, yes, I am a Christian.' But negatively I can tell you that in my humble opinion, what passes as Christianity is a negation of the Sermon on the Mount..."**

Then I ran across a quote from a "radio talk show" pundit, who sometimes poses as a theologian for those who don't know enough about Jesus to realize how wrong he is. He proclaimed **"Christians should leave their churches if they hear preaching about social or economic justice. They are code words for communism and Nazism!"**

Statements like that demonstrate that Gandhi was on to something that we need take to heart. Jesus warned us about 'prophetic wolves' that come to us in sheep's clothing. Jesus said, **"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."**

This Sunday, I encourage you to listen for Jesus' voice as we consider His first beatitude, the opening words of His Sermon on the Mount. See you Sunday!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

  
James R. Thomason, Pastor

### Our Members in Action

#### September 9

##### Worship Childcare:

Lynne Eaves

##### Deacons of the Week:

Chad Waters, Offertory Prayer

Gwen Bolt, Visitor Outreach

##### Security:

Steve Thrasher and Michel Hatchett

#### September 16

##### Worship Childcare:

Lori Miller

##### Deacons of the Week:

Greg Shore, Offertory Prayer

Alene Sullivan, Visitor Outreach

##### Security:

Donnie Campbell and T. J. Fusco

#### September Collection Committee

Michael Davis, Jerry Neal,

Ginger Smith (9/9), Jerry Minyard (9/16),

Chad Walker (9/23,30), Marian Moorhead,

Alicia Neal Darby, Glenn Torbert

### Wednesday

#### September 12

##### Lunch

Braised Beef over Rice, Lima Beans,  
Fried Squash, Pear Salad,  
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

##### Supper

Country Fried Steak, Rice and Gravy,  
Green Beans, Corn, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

#### September 19

##### Lunch

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

##### Supper

Hamburgers with Trimmings,  
Baked Beans, French Fries,  
Slaw, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

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

### NEW SERMON SERIES BEATITUDES

September 9

#### Foundations: THE FIRST BLESSING

Matthew 5:3

September 16

#### Foundations: THE SECOND BLESSING

Matthew 5:4

September 23

#### Foundations: THE THIRD BLESSING

Matthew 5:5

September 30

#### Foundations: THE FOURTH BLESSING

Matthew 5:6

October 7

#### Foundations: THE FIFTH BLESSING

Matthew 5:7

October 14

#### Foundations: THE SIXTH BLESSING

Matthew 5:8

October 21

#### Foundations: THE SEVENTH BLESSING

Matthew 5:9

October 28

#### Foundations: THE EIGHTH BLESSING

Matthew 5:10

### 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](mailto:addrian.wilson@andersonfbc.org) or 245-1008.

### Janie Chapman State Missions Offering and CBFSC State Missions Offering

September 9-16

## Youth - Coffee Conversations

6:30—7:30pm

High School: **2nd Tuesday of the month**  
(September 11)

Middle School: **4th Tuesday of the month**  
(September 25)

Meet at Starbucks on Hwy 81 for  
drinks and devotions. Bring  
money for a beverage.

## Margaret Williams Bible Study Resumes

**Tuesday, September 18 - 10:00 AM**

This first meeting will be on a Tuesday but  
please note that following meetings will  
be on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

## Shake It Up (GA/RA Event)

Saturday, September 22

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Connie Maxwell Children's Home

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

An exciting day of hearing missionaries,  
making a craft, playing games, and  
participating in a service project.

Contact Beverly Stone:  
[bastone@charter.net](mailto:bastone@charter.net) or  
(864) 940-5226.