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The Margaret Williams Bible Study
Resumes September 26 - 10:00AM
Study guide: *The Thirteen Apostles*
By J. Ellsworth Kalas

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us keep our records up to date. If you no longer have a land line at home, have a new home phone/cell phone number or have a change of address, please notify the church office by:

calling 224-1622, or email: sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org

Thank you!

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, September 10

- 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 Youth and Parent Meeting
- 5:00 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

Monday, September 11

- 7:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

- 7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, September 13

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 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 Bible Study
- 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 17

- 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 Youth - Open Gym
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

Monday, September 18

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

- 7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, September 20

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 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 Bible Study
- Praise Team Rehearsal
Conversation Café Room 212
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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Thursday, September 21

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SEPTEMBER 10 - 11:30 AM

Youth and Parent Meeting
in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your insurance
Card (or a copy).



The Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church Anderson invites you to be a part of our Advent/Christmas season.

Christmas music rehearsals are:
Wednesdays 7:00-7:45 p.m.
Childcare is provided. For details
Contact Addrian Wilson:
addrian.wilson@andersonfbc.org
or 245-1008.

SEPTEMBER 24 ~ 5:00 - 7:00 PM

*Church Wide Picnic
and Ground Breaking for the
Harrison Pruitt Park*

(Fant Street Side of the Church.)

Inflatables for the children!

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

PATRIARCH SERMON SERIES CONTINUES:

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



From one Minister to Another...

Happy 196th Birthday

What a wonderful time of worship we enjoyed this past Sunday. Our time together included the observance of the Lord's Supper, a celebration of the baptism of our brother and sisters in Christ—Dixon Davies, Emma Miller, and Meri Drake Venturella, a special blessing for our Sunday School teachers, and a lunch celebration. We also heard from our Bicentennial Team detailing planning for our bicentennial in just a few years. It was a great day for First Baptist!

Harrison Pruitt Park

In our church conference this past Sunday, you unanimously approved a proposal from our playground committee to transform our property adjacent to Fant Street—the property that currently contains our playground—into Harrison Pruitt Park, a gathering and play space for people of all ages. I'm sure you'll hear more about this exciting project, but suffice now to say that the redesigned area includes a covered pavilion for outdoor gatherings, larger green space, new fence, new church signage, beautiful landscaping, and a handicap ramp to make it all accessible to more people. We're praying that this investment will benefit our church family, Child Development Center, and our community neighbors – all while creating a more usable and attractive area for us to gather together. The proposal included renaming this space in memory of Harrison Pruitt, whose care for children who were in need led two of those children, as adults, to give money to create the Harrison Pruitt Fund at First Baptist. Some of the earnings generated from that fund will be used to pay for two-thirds of this project. We're encouraging prayerful giving from the First Baptist family to fund the remaining 1/3. Work is slated to begin on Monday, October 30, so stay tuned!

Church Picnic

We'll have a special groundbreaking for the new park at our upcoming church picnic. (See the front of *The Beacon* for more information.) I hope you will make plans to join us for this fun event. As usual, the church will provide an entrée and drinks and we'll feast on side dishes or desserts you bring with you. We'll enjoy a great time of fellowship and some yard games for children and kids at heart.

Deacon Nominations

Finally, I want to ask you to pray for our upcoming deacon election process. First Baptist is fairly unique in Baptist life in that we maintain responsibilities for our deacons that are described in scripture. Namely, our deacons lead us in serving. As family ministers, they are front-line caregivers when you or someone in your family is in need. They pray for the families they serve. They participate each week in the leadership of our worship services. As our deacon nomination date draws nearer, please be praying about the persons God would have you nominate for this important church office – and for the persons who will be elected to serve in this way. God is doing some wonderful things at First Baptist as we celebrate our rich heritage and think strategically about our future; we need to discern and affirm these godly servants as we continue to seek God's will for our church.

Peace of Christ to you.

Josh

Our Members in Action

September 10

Worship Childcare:
Kathleen Barnhart and Jan Page

Deacons of the Week:
Glenn Bolt, Offertory Prayer
Gwen Bolt, Visitor Outreach

Security:
Jeff Neal and Brian Eicke

September 17

Worship Childcare:
Jennifer Simmons,
Lisa and Delaney Wallace

Deacons of the Week:
Alene Sullivan, Offertory Prayer
Charlie Ballentine, Visitor Outreach

Security:
Mike Eaves and Roger Cason

September Collection Committee

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

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

September 13

Lunch
Baked Ham, Pineapple Casserole,
Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper
Chicken Tenders, Creamed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Corn, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

September 20

Lunch
Country Fried Steak, Rice and Gravy,
Green Peas, Carrot and Raisin Salad,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper
Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

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



**DEACON NOMINATIONS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Ballots for the nomination of deacons will be distributed Sunday, September 24th, in the 9:30am worship service. The following persons are already serving and are NOT eligible for nomination.

Tom Allen	Brian Eicke	Mathias Richardson
Charlie Ballentine	Lamar Gaillard (Life)	Greg Shore
Joe Beusse (Life)	Margaret Hicks	Fran Singleton
Glen Bolt	Bob Lingle	Rusty Smith
Gwen Bolt	Steve Madden	Ed Sokol
Haskell Bolt	Liz Marvin	David Stoddard
Dewey Boyd	Bolt McClain	Alene Sullivan
Bob Brock (Life)	Larry Mitchell	Glenn Torbert
Becky Campbell	Marian Moorhead	Patricia Torbert
Charles Cromer	Howard Murphy	Pat Vickery
Alicia Neal Darby	Jeff Neal	Chad Walker
Michael Davis	Jerry Neal	Leslie Walker
Joe Drennon	John Nichols	Al Whitney
		Hazel Young (Life)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our children's ministry is in need of volunteers! We are looking for caring adults to hold and pray with our young children during Sunday morning worship. Our preschool choir is also in need of a leader on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in serving, please contact Amy Brown (amy.brown@andersonfbc.org).

“Children are a gift from the Lord.” Psalm 127:3

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Our church picture directories are coming soon, but before they're printed, we're giving anyone who didn't get to have a picture taken or anyone who wants to have a picture retaken that opportunity. Contact the church office to sign up for pictures. The directory will be printed and delivered a few weeks after the new pictures are taken.

Staff Anniversaries:
Jim Thomason - 22 years

September 10-17
Janie Chapman State
Missions Offering
and CBFSC State
Missions Offering