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*Our Deepest Sympathy*

Wayne Edwards and family in the loss of his wife, Barbara Edwards.

Alvin Evans in the loss of his brother, Lawrence Evans.

Kevin Capell in the loss of his mother, Mary (Peggy) Capell.

Family and friends of Leon Phillips.

**HARRISON PRUITT PARK UPDATE**

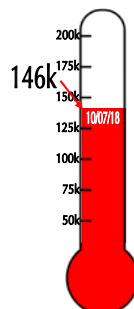
*For Church.*

*For Community.*

**Contributions Needed:** \$200,000

**Harrison Pruitt Fund:** \$400,000

**Total Cost:** \$600,000



**FIRST BAPTIST CONTACT INFORMATION**

307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624  
 CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622  
 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER — 224-2635  
 Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00; Fri. 9:00 - 3:00

Rev. Amy Brown, Minister of Students  
 Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director  
 Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist  
 Dr. Josh Hunt, Associate Pastor  
 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)  
 Call: 224-1622, Press 6, leave name, number and a brief message  
 and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.



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Opportunities at First Baptist

**Sunday, October 7**

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship/World Communion Day
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 9**

- 6:00 PM Women's Fellowship Gathering  
Thomason Pavilion

**Wednesday, October 10**

- 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, October 14 - Family Promise Host Week**

- 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 Church Council Meeting
- 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, October 15**

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

**Wednesday, October 17**

- 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 - Youth 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, October 18**

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**Saturday, October 20**

- 9:30 AM Saturday Servants/Walker SS Class



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**THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7  
 WORLD COMMUNION  
 SUNDAY**

Pastor's Message:  
**Foundations:  
 THE FIFTH BLESSING**  
 Matthew 5:7



**CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE  
 BEGINS SOON!**

Cost is \$25.00. Turn in a registration form to Amy Brown by **October 21**. Registration forms are located at the Welcome Center desk outside the youth Sunday School room.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
 GATHERING**

**Tuesday, October 9 — 6:00 - 8:00pm**  
 The Thomason Pavilion

Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by October 7, in Sunday school or by calling the church office (224-1622.)



**CHURCH CONFERENCE/LUNCHEON**  
 (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, October 28 — 11:30AM**

**Elect Deacons and Committees/Present 2019 Budget**

**Menu: Turkey, Dressing and Gravy, Sweet Potatoes,  
 Broccoli, Dessert, Tea/Coffee**  
 (Adults \$5.00 and children \$2.50)

**To make a reservation, please call 224-1622.**

**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

**Wednesday, October 31**



Join us on October 31 at The Clardy's house (1807 Lindale) for a Halloween Carnival from 6:00-8:30pm. Volunteers are needed to distribute candy and lead games. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us. Fellowship opportunity for all! Bring a covered dish to share and spend time with your church family in the back yard. Costume contest for youth volunteers.  
**Please donate individually wrapped candy to the church by October 28.**

### From one Minister to Another...

Okay, so you pulled one over on the preacher! And his wife! I thought I knew the whole agenda for the church picnic and park dedication, but there was one detail that had been kept from me. Not entirely sure how that happened in a Baptist Church—we don't tend to keep secrets all that well—but I have to hand it to you, you managed to do it this time.

When Pam and I pulled in the parking lot, we were pleased to see so many of our folks present for the picnic. We were blessed with a beautiful evening, and there was far more than enough food—and really good food, as always!

Pam and I were almost late. Because of several pressing needs that afternoon, we didn't make it back home to change clothes or to pick up the dishes Pam had prepared. But that was okay—again, plenty of food already; and everyone understood why we were a bit overdressed for the event.

There was another factor that came into play during this remarkable evening. As we pulled into the parking lot, we received a text from Christen, our daughter-in-law, letting us know that we could now share some special news with the church family.

Since Labor Day weekend, we had been sworn to secrecy; and I dare say our secret was even harder to keep than yours was! Of course, it was just the two of us having to keep quiet—but learning that you're expecting your first grandchild is really big news!

In case you haven't heard, we are. I can't tell you how many people, when they asked about what we would do in retirement, I've told among several other things that I hoped eventually we might have a grandchild to visit. Hearing that David and Christen were expecting was great news, but then when they told us the due date was March 28, that just about took my breath away! I mean, that's really good timing!

So, in case you were not with us at the picnic, I got to share that news before leading us in a blessing. We all enjoyed a wonderful meal and then turned our attention to the dedication of our new park. Amy and Josh, along with several of our church leaders and children took part in the dedication.

It was in the midst of the dedication service that Pam and I learned that the church had voted to name the new pavilion after us. That came as such a complete surprise it took a moment for it to sink in. We were very touched and feel so honored by this. You've always found ways to express your love and appreciation to us over the years, but we will always remember this special moment and have even more reason to "sing your praises!" Thank you so much. You are very dear to us.

But there's more—then came the evening's entertainment. Several of our children and young people have been selected for lead roles in upcoming musicals, while others are in supporting roles. Four of them were far enough along with rehearsals to share songs with us. And, listen—they were all outstanding! Let me give you a few quick details.

Savannah Smith (lead), Sara Kate Smith, and Natalie Murphy are in the Project Challenge Playhouse production of *Beauty and the Beast* (Oct. 18-20, 25-27 evenings, and 21 and 28 matinees).

Sara Orr is *Peter Pan* at the Clemson Little Theatre in Pendleton (Oct. 19-20, 26-27 evenings, and 21 and 28 matinees). We were delighted to hear from all of the above Sunday evening—WOW!!!

But there's more. Grant Strickland (new FBC member) is Charlie in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* at the Calhoun Academy of the Arts on Nov. 15-18 evenings, and 19 matinee.

A bit later in the year, we have Meri Drake Venturella in *Annie* (Market Theatre) and Rachel Stone in *Wizard of Oz* at Palmetto Middle School. We've got to plan a time to hear from all our talented children and youth—maybe even adults too!

That's all for now. Hope Sharon can fit all this in! See you Sunday for World Communion Day and Jesus' fifth beatitude.

In a Spirit of Partnership...

  
James R. Thomason, Pastor

### Our Members in Action

#### October 7

##### Worship Childcare:

Chad and Kara Waters

##### Deacons of the Week:

Liz Marvin, Offertory Prayer

Fran Singleton, Visitor Outreach

##### Security:

David Turner and Jimmy Newton

#### October 14

##### Worship Childcare:

J. J. and Bradley Orr

##### Deacons of the Week:

John Nichols, Offertory Prayer

Pat Vickery, Visitor Outreach

##### Security:

Chad Waters and Jim McCombs

#### October Collection Committee

Steve Madden, Mathias Richardson, Chad Walker, Ginger Smith,

Becky Campbell, John Nichols

### Wednesday

#### October 10

##### Lunch

Chicken Casserole, Fried Okra, Tomato Tarts, Creamed Potatoes, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

##### Supper

Chicken Casserole, Fried Okra, Broccoli, Creamed Potatoes, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

#### October 17

##### Lunch

Soup, Corn Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

##### Supper

Chili, Corn Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

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

### SERMON SERIES CONTINUES

#### BEATITUDES

##### October 7

##### Foundations: THE FIFTH BLESSING

Matthew 5:7

*World Communion Sunday*

##### 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

### FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

#### October 14th - October 20th

For opportunities to serve, please see the signup sheet on the table outside the Deacons' conference room or contact Shelby Clardy: 376-8696 or [Shelby@bleckleyinn.com](mailto:Shelby@bleckleyinn.com)

### YOUTH - TRICK OR TREAT SO OTHERS CAN EAT

#### October 21 and 28 ~ 5:00 - 7:00PM

Youth meet at the church by 5:00 on the 21st to deliver bags to neighborhoods and then eat at Sonic. Bring money for food.

Youth meet at the church by 5:00 on the 28th to pick up bags full of food.

**No open gym on these nights.**

**Pick up in the gym at 7:00pm.**

*Sponsored by AIM.*

### YOUTH—COFFEE CONVERSATIONS

#### 6:30—7:30pm

**Middle School: 4th Tuesday** (October 23)

**High School: 2nd Tuesday** (November 13)

Meet at Figs Café and Farmacy in downtown Anderson for drinks and devotions.

Bring money for a beverage.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Casey and Alison Strickland  
Garret, Grant and Ava



Thomas Roach (wife Elana)  
by Profession of Faith