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**Opportunities at First Baptist**

**Sunday, November 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends**

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)  
9:30 AM Worship/All Saints Remembrance  
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

**Wednesday, November 7**

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, November 11 - Veterans Day**

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  
3:00 PM Leslie Boyette Organ Concert  
5:00 PM Youth - Open Gym  
6:00 PM Youth - Bible Study  
7:00 PM Youth - Praise Team Rehearsal

**Tuesday, November 13**

6:30 PM HS Coffee Conversations/ Figs Café

**Wednesday, November 14**

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, November 15**

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**FIRST BAPTIST CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00; Fri. 9:00 - 3:00

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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**This Sunday, November 4**  
Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour.

**YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING**

**NOVEMBER 18**  
6:00 - 8:00PM

Amy Brown's Home  
132 Herd Park Court, Anderson

**COLLEGE FRIENDSGIVING**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
6:00PM

Lisa Wallace's Home  
204 Dursely Dr., Anderson

## ALL SAINTS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

**Sunday, November 4**

Plan to be with us as we remember our FBC family members who have passed away in the last year.



## THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE

**November 18**  
5:00PM

Come worship with fellow Christians from surrounding churches as we join together to give thanks to God for all His blessings.

First Baptist Church hosts this year!

### From one Minister to Another...

Most of you are familiar with the song in our hymnal that begins "There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place..." Some of you have been part of churches where it was sung each week in worship. Of course, that gets a bit awkward if the spirit in the church has "soured!" But so loved is this chorus that it was included in the final instructions for a recent funeral I conducted.

I share this with you because it struck me that, although we concluded our church conference last Sunday by joining hands and singing, "Blest Be the Tie," it would also have been appropriate to have ended with "Sweet, Sweet Spirit." Such is the nature of the fellowship and unity we experience together in this wonderful church family!

We elected twelve new Deacons, we heard committee reports, including one that suggested that there is a museum somewhere just waiting to get their hands on at least one of our church boilers! Well, that's not exactly what was said; but the Building and Grounds Committee has begun doing some "boiler shopping." Heads up—they're not cheap!

We reviewed where we are financially and found that we have some catching up to do in the last quarter of 2018—as we do in the last quarter of every year, it seems. But we do it! Thank you for your generous support of the Lord's work here at First Baptist and beyond.

We also adopted a 2019 Ministries Budget in excess of one million dollars. I did notice some significant savings in the Personnel portion of the budget. Something about an old guy retiring—do you have any idea what his health insurance has been costing us?!?

Thank you, church, for taking such good care of our family during these years we've been privileged to serve among you. I know you will continue to be a blessing in the lives of all of our present staff and those who will join them in the future. God bless you; and by His Spirit, may He always keep the spirit of this fellowship "sweet."

### All Saints' Day in Worship This Week (also FALL BACK)

The first Sunday in November is set apart each year at First Baptist to remember the lives of our fellow members who've passed away since the last All Saints' Day. It's a first act of thanksgiving in the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving. Many of the twenty-six saints that we remember this year gave so much of themselves to this ministry and to all of us. We will express our gratitude for their lives and witness this Sunday.

Often I receive notes from family members who were with us for the remembrance service expressing their appreciation for the tolling of the bells, the white roses placed on the communion table, the beautiful music that's always part of this service and more—all done to honor the lives of their loved ones and to show them that we care about their loss.

Letters go out to each family to inform them about the service and invite them to be with us. Last year, we had a wonderful response. Some years, it's not as many; but be on the lookout for those who may be present for this purpose. This will be confirmed when you see them stand in the service. Take the opportunity to assure them of your love and support.

Finally, I know that Sunday is part of Fall Break for our schools, so many of our families will be away. Be safe and have a wonderful time with those precious people in your lives. We look forward to your return! And the rest of you, see you Sunday: well-rested! (Especially YOU, Addrian—cf. church conference notes!)

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

### Our Members in Action

#### November 4

##### Worship Childcare:

Lisa Wallace

##### Deacons of the Week:

Chad Walker, Offertory Prayer  
Leslie Walker, Visitor Outreach

##### Security:

Steve Thrasher and John Nichols

#### November 11

##### Worship Childcare:

Lynne Eaves

##### Deacons of the Week:

Michael Hatchett, Offertory Prayer  
Ray Kimbrell, Visitor Outreach

##### Security:

Wes Wallace and Bill Wilson

#### November Collection Committee

Greg Shore, Fran Singleton,  
Rusty Smith, Ed Sokol,  
Alene Sullivan, Pat Vickery

### Wednesday

#### November 7

##### Lunch

Beef Tips over Rice, Mixed Veggie  
Casserole, Tomato Tarts,  
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

##### Supper

Chicken Tenders, Macaroni and  
Cheese, Lima Beans, Slaw,  
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

#### November 14

##### Lunch and Supper

Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans,  
Harvest Casserole, Cranberry Sauce,  
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

### Our Deepest Sympathy for:

The family and friends of  
Carolyn Erwin.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the visits, calls, and cards. Your support and prayers were appreciated during Glenn's long illness. He truly loved his church family. Thank you for loving us in return.

Yours in Christ,  
Gwen Bolt and family

### THANK YOU FBC FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE!

We appreciate all you do to provide us with delicious meals during our Church Conferences.



Judy Darby, Chrys Marett, Phil Marett, Lillian Beville, Trisha Torbert, Robin Gardner, Donna McCombs, Jim McCombs, Glenn Torbert, and Mike Darby (not pictured)  
(Photo taken by Liz Marvin.)

### NEWLY ELECTED DEACONS

#### DEACONS WHO WILL BEGIN THEIR SERVICE IN 2019:

Charlie Ballentine, Charlie Campbell, Joe Drennon, Sam Drew,  
Phil Marrett, Bolt McClain, Larry Mitchell, Howard Murphy,  
Jeff Neal, Kelly Neal, Ann Self, and Katherine Wilson

### ORGAN CONCERT PRESENTED BY LESLIE BOYETTE

Sunday, November 11 - 3:00pm

Leslie, son of FBC members Darrell and Sue Boyette, grew up in Anderson. During high school, he began taking organ lessons, studying with Anita Bridges. He attended Furman University where he received a Bachelor of Music degree. In 1997, Leslie obtained his Master of Sacred Music degree from Georgia State University.

Currently, Leslie is a member of the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, where he has sung with the Cathedral Choir and Schola for the past six years. He also serves as one of the Organists for the Chapel services held every Sunday morning, and recently played a recital for the Cathedral's Sunday afternoon Evensong Recital series. Leslie is a member of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and the Association of Anglican Musicians.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

November 4

Last chance to pick up your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox.  
Due next week, November 11.



## FIRST COMMITMENT

*As a steward of all God has given me - my time, my talents, and my money - and in keeping with the New Testament teaching about regular, proportionate giving of my money in support of the mission and ministries of my church, I prayerfully make the following commitment:*

*I pledge to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount)*

*\_\_\_\_\_ weekly \_\_\_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_\_\_ yearly  
(check one)*

*to mission and ministry through  
the regular budget offering of the church.*

*This pledge is*

*\_\_\_\_\_ more than \_\_\_\_\_ less than \_\_\_\_\_ the same as  
(check one)*

*my giving last year.*

*\_\_\_\_\_ I have included FBC in my estate plan.*

*\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to talk with someone  
about including FBC in my estate plan.*

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Name

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Phone

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