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CONGRATULATIONS!!



Sebastian Charles Hunt

Born: January 27, 2017

7 lbs 1 oz and 19 3/4"

Proud Parents: Josh and Sacha Hunt

Big Brother: Jude Hunt

Our deepest Sympathy Goes Out To:

Anne Newton and family in the loss of
her mother, Marjorie O. Strawn.

Family and Friends of Barbara Cromer.

First Baptist Church Contact Information

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, February 12

- 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
- 4:00 PM Basketball Banquet
- 6:00 PM MS & HS Discipleship

Monday, February 13

- 7:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, February 14 - Valentines Day

- 7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, February 15

- 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 MS & HS Discipleship
- 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

Friday, February 17 - Sunday, February 19

Youth D-Now Weekend

Saturday, February 18

- 9:30 AM Saturday Servants

Sunday, February 19

- 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
- 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting
- 6:00 PM MS & HS Discipleship

Monday, February 20 - Presidents' Day

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, February 21

- 7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, February 22

- 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 MS & HS Discipleship
- 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

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Sunday Concert Series

Featuring the Festival Choirs of:

- First Baptist Church,**
- Boulevard Baptist,**
- Central Presbyterian,**
- Fort Hill Presbyterian,**
- and First Presbyterian**

This Sunday, February 12 ~ 4:00pm

Boulevard Baptist Sanctuary

(700 Boulevard, Anderson, SC 29621)

15th ANNUAL
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
February 28 ~ 4:00 - 7:00pm



BOULEVARD BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Proceeds to AIM and Family Promise.

From one Minister to Another...

Birth is a miracle and life is a gift (yes, that means *your* birth and *your* life, too!), so please allow me a bit of personal privilege to thank you, our church family, for sharing our joy at the miracle and gift that came into the Hunt family on January 27 as we welcomed Sebastian Charles into the world. I'm happy to say that both Sebastian and Sacha are doing well, and Jude seems to relish his new role as an older brother. This church family has embraced my family since we arrived in 2012, and you continue to do so. The word gratitude does not do justice to how I feel. Thank you. In a quiet moment, sometime on the day of his birth, I whispered to Sebastian, "I can't wait until you can comprehend even just a bit of how much you're loved."

I'll admit that I have struggled when faced with the reality that we were bringing a child into a world that seems too often to be so divided, so hate-filled, so utterly lacking in respect and decency. I take heart, though, when I realize that the best parts of my life—and the best parts of Sebastian's life, too—are the people whom I know to be in the world but not of it, people who make the beautiful choice to be light in the darkness. It causes me to remind myself of my responsibility to my son—and to all God's children—to embody the love and grace that God has given to me.

So, while I am troubled by the darkness that seems so pervasive in the world, I embrace my calling to be light. I hope you feel that calling in your life, too, and that all of us at First Baptist are encouraging one another to live life this way – Christ's way. My prayer for my newborn is also a challenge for me: that, whether he is at home or at church, he would be surrounded by people—you and me—who seek first and foremost to embody truly Christ-like love and caring that is in stark contrast to what the world offers. Would you join me in praying that prayer? Would you join me in being the answer to that prayer? And not for Sebastian only, but for all who come our way.

Peace of Christ,
Josh



Our Members in Action

February 12

Worship Childcare:

Alicia Neal Darby and Leigh Maxwell

Deacons of the Week:

Glenn Torbert, Offertory Prayer
Patricia Torbert, Visitor Outreach

Security:

T. J. Fusco and Charlie Campbell

February 19

Worship Childcare:

Anne and Haley Newton, Robin Gardner

Deacons of the Week:

Jeff Neal, Offertory Prayer
Bolt McClain, Visitor Outreach

Security:

David Turner and Jimmy Newton

February Collection Committee

Brian Eicke, Frances Singleton,
John Nichols, Chad Walker,
Alene Sullivan, Rusty Smith

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

February 15

Lunch and Supper

Meat Loaf, Creamed Potatoes,
Broccoli, Dessert, Coffee/Tea

February 22

Lunch

Soup and Baked Potato Bar,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

Chili and Baked Potato Bar,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch and Supper Reservations

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

Sermon Series Continues

Foundations: The Sermon on the Mount

February 12	<i>OUR GUIDE</i> (Matthew 5:17-20)
February 19	<i>OUR HEARTS</i> (Matthew 5:21-26)
February 26	<i>OUR ACTIONS</i> (Matthew 5:27-48)
March 5	<i>OUR PRAYERS</i> (Matthew 6:9-15)
March 12	<i>OUR MOTIVATIONS</i> (Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18)
March 19	<i>OUR TREASURE</i> (Matthew 6:19-24)
March 26	<i>OUR CONFIDENCE</i> (Matthew 6:25-34)

This Series will continue through Easter Sunday, April 16.

CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

BANQUET - FEBRUARY 12th
4:00pm in the FBC Fellowship Hall
Banquet is for all players and coaches.

Men's Ministry Meeting

Monday, February 13 - 7:00PM

Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, February 19 - 11:30AM

Coming Soon!

Ash Wednesday Services **March 1**

**Join us as we begin the Lenten season together
on Ash Wednesday with fellowship
meals and worship services.**

Noon ~ Lunch with Service following in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM ~ Supper with Service following at 6:15 PM in the Chapel
Reservations are required for meals: 224-1622.