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Our deepest Sympathy Goes Out To:

Debbie Allen and family in the loss of her husband, Dick Allen.

Avanelle Howard and family in the loss of her sister-in-law, Bethel Kelley

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!

Dear First Baptist,

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Mom loved FBC and my dad was a long time Baraca class Member.

Brent Cromer and family

First Baptist Church Contact Information

307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624

CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622

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

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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, March 12 - Daylight Savings Begins

- 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 Youth - BBQ Lunch Fundariser
- 6:00 PM MS & HS Discipleship

Monday, March 13

- 7:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting and Cookout

Tuesday, March 14

- 7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, March 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

Sunday, March 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, March 20

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

- 7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, March 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

Thursday, March 23

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Friday, March 24

No School

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FBC YOUTH - Fundraiser Luncheon

This Sunday, March 12th - 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hall



The Youth will be serving BBQ with all the fixin's, dessert and tea! Donations will go toward the Cost of Passport Summer Youth Conference.

July 9-14 ~ PASSPORT for Youth
Sign up with Amy and pay the \$50.00 deposit by March 12.

Sermon Series Continues

Foundations: The Sermon on the Mount

- March 12 **OUR MOTIVATIONS** (Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18)
- March 19 **OUR TREASURE** (Matthew 6:19-24)
- March 26 **OUR CONFIDENCE** (Matthew 6:25-34)
- April 2 **OUR POTENTIAL** (Matthew 7:1-12)
- April 9 **OUR CHOICES** (Matthew 7:13-23) Palm Sunday
- April 16 **OUR FOUNDATION** (Matthew 7:24-29) Easter

From one Minister to Another...

As hard as it is for me to believe, this Sunday marks the half-way point in our study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Thank you for your many kind words about these messages. As advertised, they really do address foundational issues for our Christian faith and lifestyle; but it does concern me if I'm making Jesus' teachings as clear as I should. I'm sure I fall short of that goal often.

A preacher named Wilbur Reese attempted to provide a sermon "ratings guide," sort of like the one we have for movies. Here's what he came up with:

"G-rated" sermons are generally acceptable to everyone. They contain phrases like "Go ye into all the world and smile" or "What the world needs is peace, motherhood and fewer taxes." Sermons such as these are often greeted with the response "Oh wasn't that marvelous, or that was simply wonderful." Most folks love "G-rated" messages that never offend anyone. Some refuse to listen to any other kind!

"PG" sermons are suited for more mature congregations. They do suggest some changes, but they're subtle enough to allow the preacher to back-pedal if he finds that he has offended someone. An example of a brilliant "PG" sermon is when nobody quite knows what the sermon meant. People walk away shaking their heads and saying, "That was deep; thought provoking!" Done well enough, while no one actually knows what the preacher said, they're not willing to admit it.

Sermons that are rated "R" involve the Preacher "telling it like it is." These usually indicate that the pastor has an outside source of income and is not overly concerned with being liked. "R-rated" sermons are usually described as "disturbing or controversial." These sermons will only be tolerated by those who wish to be challenged in their spiritual walk.

Finally, there are the "X-rated" sermons. These are explosive ideas--the kind that got the prophet Amos run out of town and Jeremiah thrown into a well. "X-rated" sermons are best preached when one's bags are packed and the moving van is parked out front! These sermons are described as being "shocking, disgraceful, and/or in poor taste."

Jesus was the master teacher/preacher. His Sermon on the Mount is the granddaddy of all "X-rated" sermons." Some will object and say, "But preacher, the Sermon on the Mount is one of my favorite passages of Scripture. There's nothing shocking or offensive in it at all." Well, maybe you're not reading it right. Maybe I'm not preaching it right either—but I'll keep trying—even though my bags remained "unpacked."

Mark Twain was asked if he found the Bible hard to understand. He responded to that question by saying he wasn't nearly as bothered by the parts of the Bible he couldn't understand as he was by the parts he could!

As always, I look forward to seeing you Sunday. I'll once again attempt to preach from a text in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. I won't do it justice, I'm sure. But I hope the message will be clear enough and relevant enough to at least earn a "PG" rating!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

March 12

Worship Childcare:

Kathleen Barnhart and Jan Page

Deacons of the Week:

Mathias Richardson, Offertory Prayer

David Stoddard, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Rusty Smith and Brian Eicke

March 19

Worship Childcare:

Jennifer Simmons, Lisa and Delaney Wallace

Deacons of the Week:

Tom Allen, Offertory Prayer

Larry Mitchell, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Adam Gathers and John Nichols

March Collection Committee

Haskell Bolt, Becky Campbell, Jeff Neal,

Bolt McClain, Gwen Bolt, Al Whitney

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

March 15

Lunch and Supper

Chicken Casserole, Corn, Peas,

Salad Bar, Dessert, Coffee/Tea

March 22

Lunch and Supper

Country Fried Steak, Rice and Gravy,

Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans,

Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch and Supper Reservations

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

Annie Armstrong and
CBF Global Missions Offerings
March 1 - 31
Church Goal \$4,000

Monday, March 13- 7:00 PM
Men's Ministry Meeting and Cookout

Monday, March 19- 11:30am
Deacons' Meeting



April 1 ~ 9:00am - 12:00pm

Volunteers needed: outside grounds maintenance, planting, and repairs and inside cleaning, organizing, and repairs. If it rains all work will be done inside.

To volunteer please sign your name to the sign up sheet located in the hallway outside the Deacons' Conference Room.



FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK ~ APRIL 9 - 15
To serve please sign up on the board located near the Deacons' Conference Room or contact Shelby Clardy:
376-8698 / Shelby@bleckleyinn.com



Coming Soon: Holy Week April 9 -16

April 9 ~ 9:30am

Palm Sunday

Children Process with Palm Branches

April 13 ~ 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Communion

Scripture, Music, and "The Supper" on the evening Jesus shared it with His disciples

April 14

Good Friday

April 15 ~ 10:30am

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Inflatables, Field Games, and Cookout

Old McCants Field

April 16 ~ 7:00am

Easter Sunrise Service

A celebration of Christ's Resurrection held at the Carolina Wren Park followed by

Easter Breakfast

in the Fellowship Hall.

9:30am

Easter Sunday Service