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Our Deepest Sympathy

Pattie Curry in the loss of her husband, Jim Curry.

Jim and Ginger Smith in the loss of their
brother-in-law, Tom Davis.

About Our New Look

This edition of *The Beacon* features a new First Baptist logo and typeset. The cross logo, which was developed just for First Baptist by Anderson's Locke Design, features subtle elements that are reminiscent of Christ (the nails, crown of thorns, and capstone), the numeral one to indicate our church's history among Baptist churches in our community, and arrows pointing outward as a reminder that Christ is sending us into the world. It is in a Celtic Cross form as a nod to Anderson's rich sister city relationship with Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland. You'll see this new logo and design in church publications and, in time, on new church signs, too. We're proud to share it with you and really hope you like it!

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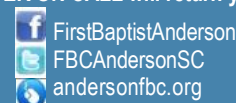
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Call: 224-1622, Press 6, leave name, number and a brief message
and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.



Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, May 6

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship - Children's Sunday
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
Passport Kids Breakfast Fundraiser
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM VBS Planning

Wednesday, May 9

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 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, May 13 - Mother's Day

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship - Parent Child Dedication
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study

Tuesday, May 15

- 7:07 AM Youth Breakfast Club

Wednesday, May 16

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper
- 6:00 PM Children's Spring Program Dress Rehearsal
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

Thursday, May 17

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Saturday, May 19

- 10:30 AM Youth - Girls Day at the Biltmore



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Wednesdays

Noon & 6:15pm

Bible Study Series
Taught by Josh Hunt
May 9 and 16:
Rediscovering Jesus as Lord

This Sunday, May 6 - 9:30AM

CHILDREN'S DAY

FBC Children will lead in Worship.

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13 - 9:30AM

PARENT CHILD DEDICATION

Celebrate this special day with us! Please call the
church office (224-1622) if you plan to participate.

Sunday, May 20 - 9:30AM

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

More details inside!

Sunday, May 23 - 6:00PM

CHILDREN'S SPRING PROGRAM

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

From one Minister to Another...

What a great morning in the Lord's House we shared together last Sunday—that wonderful choir from Erskine, new folks joining the FBC family, and a challenging word from the Lord by way of His prophet Isaiah. We ended our time together with a very encouraging church conference—lots to celebrate. We're blessed! And speaking of blessings, May brings with it lots of special family observances—including our special day for mothers. To help us prepare, I share with you this:

One Flaw in Women (Author Unknown)

By the time the Lord made woman, He was into his sixth day of working overtime. An angel appeared and said, "Why are you spending so much time on this one?" The Lord answered, "Have you seen my spec sheet on her? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have over 200 movable parts, all replaceable and able to run on diet coke and leftovers, have a lap that can hold four children at one time, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart -and she will do everything with only two hands."

The angel was astounded at the requirements. "Only two hands!? No way! And that's just on the standard model? That's too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish." "But I won't," the Lord protested. "I am so close to finishing this creation that is so close to my own heart. She already heals herself when she is sick AND can work 18 hours a day." The angel moved closer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Lord." "She is soft," the Lord agreed, "but I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish."


"Will she be able to think?" asked the angel. The Lord replied, "Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason and negotiate." The angel then noticed something, and reaching out, touched the woman's cheek. "Oops, it looks like you have a leak in this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one." "That's not a leak," the Lord corrected, "that's a tear!" "What's the tear for?" the angel asked. The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her pain, her disappointment, her love, her loneliness, her grief and her pride." The angel was impressed. "You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything! Woman is truly amazing."

And she is! Women have strengths that amaze men. They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love, and joy. They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous. They fight for what they believe in. They stand up to injustice. They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution. They go without so their family can have. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding.

Their hearts break when a friend dies. They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart. Women come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. They'll drive, fly, walk, run, or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning. They bring joy, hope and love. They have compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. Women have vital things to say and everything to give. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN WOMEN, IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH. (End)

So... this is where you and I can help. Take this opportunity to remind the mothers you know just how amazing they are!

In a Spirit of Partnership...


James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

May 6

Worship Childcare:

Kathleen Barnhart

Deacons of the Week:

Glenn Torbert, Offertory Prayer

David Stoddard, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Steve Thrasher and David Frye

May 13

Worship Childcare:

Lori Miller and Lynne Eaves

Deacons of the Week:

Guy Eichman, Offertory Prayer

Timothy Clardy, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Mike Eaves and Roger Cason

May Collection Committee

Michael Davis, Jerry Neal,

Marian Moorhead, Gwen Bolt,

Alicia Neal Darby, Glenn Torbert

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

May 9

Lunch and Supper

Chicken Tenders, Creamed

Potatoes, Fried Squash,

Dessert, Tea/Coffee

May 16

Lunch and Supper

Country Fried Steak, Rice and

Gravy, Butter Peas, Slaw,

Cantaloupe, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

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

Sunday, May 20

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE AND BRUNCH

If you are graduating from High School or College please plan to be a part of this special celebration. We'd like three photos of you, one graduation photo and two from earlier stages of life for our slideshow. We'd also like a photo of you for our monthly newsletter, the Beacon (this can be the same graduation photo from above if you wish.) If you are dropping off media to be copied, please place in an envelope. Label the envelope with the graduate's name. You may also submit media on CD, thumb drive, or email as JPEG files to Sharon Royals: sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org by 4:00pm **Friday, May 11**. You should receive a letter in the mail with more information. If you haven't received a letter, please contact Amy Brown (224-1622) for more information.

Note the
additional day!

Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 22 — 2:00 - 9:00PM

UPDATE ON THE FBC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:

The photo make up days are May 21–22. If you would like to have your picture made or remade call the church office (224-1622) or sign-up on the sheet that is located in the vestibule. **The directory will be distributed about six weeks after the final pictures are taken.**

Sunday, June 3 — 11:30AM — Fellowship Hall

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

All FBC women are invited to gather for lunch following Sunday School on June 3. This will be a time to fellowship with each other, meet new people, and celebrate everybody's birthday! You don't want to miss this! RSVP by calling the church office or signing up in Sunday School by May 20.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



David, Sharon, and Billy Smith



Randy and Robin Wilson
and Ethan Wilson
by profession of faith.



Eric Waters by profession of faith.

FBC YOUTH!

May 19

10:30AM - 5:00PM

YOUTH - GIRLS DAY AT THE BILTMORE

Sign up by May 13.

Cost: \$35.

FBC KIDS!

May 23 - 6:00PM

Children's Spring Program

Dress Rehearsal

May 16 — 6:00PM

Extra Rehearsal

Sunday, May 20

11:30AM-1:30PM

VBS 2018

Block Party – June 9, 11:00AM-1:00PM

All families and neighbors are invited as we kick-off VBS with a cookout and games. A table for registrations will be open for the community to sign up for VBS.

VBS – June 11-14, 8:30AM-12:15PM

All rising 1st thru 6th grade students are invited to join us on the island to learn about trusting God. Find the link to register on the church website or pick up a registration form from the vestibule.

Servants needed for VBS!

We need people to lead check-in, games, music, Bible stories, and others to spend time with the children each day. We also need you to help with the Block Party as we welcome our community. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, see Amy Brown.