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#### Our deepest Sympathy for:

Kelly Smith and family in the loss of her sister-in-law, Angie Sutton.

Ann Fisher and family in the loss of her son, Ron Fisher.

Dear First Baptist Church

To all of you who prepared and delivered the chicken, potato salad, tea, fruit salad, brownies and egg salad sandwiches, it was so sweet of you to do this for us. It was all delicious and very much appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Love,

Bonnie Lewis (Martha McGee's daughter)

### CONGRATULATIONS!!



**Emersyn Kate Wilson**

Born: April 27, 2017

6 lbs 7 oz - 19 inches long

**Proud Parents: Matt and Shawna Wilson**

**Big Sister: Saylor**

**Grandparents: Addrian and Kim Wilson**

#### **First Baptist Church Contact Information**

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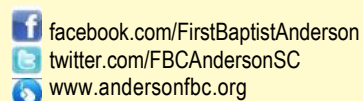
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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00; Fri. 9:00 - 3:00

Dr. James R. Thomason, Pastor

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.



### Opportunities at First Baptist

#### Sunday, May 7

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
- 9:30 AM Worship - Youth Sunday
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study (Children's Breakfast Fundraiser)
- 4:15 PM VBS Planning Meeting
- 5:00 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 5:00 PM MS & HS Discipleship

#### Monday, May 8

- 7:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting and Fish Fry

#### Tuesday, May 9

- 7:07 AM Youth Breakfast Club

#### Wednesday, April 10

- 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, May 14 - Mother's Day

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

#### Monday, May 15

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

#### Tuesday, May 16

- 7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

#### Wednesday, May 17

- 12:00 PM Bible Study / Luncheon
- 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Children's Spring Program Dress Rehearsal
- 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

#### Thursday, May 18

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- 10:00 AM Adult Ministry Trip - Sandra and Mike Lowe's Home for BBQ and Boat Rides



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**This Sunday, May 7th**  
**Passport Kids**  
**Breakfast fundraiser**

### Parent Child Dedication

#### Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14

#### 9:30 AM Worship Service

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



### Graduate Recognition Service and Brunch at The Bleckley Inn



#### Sunday, May 21

If you are graduating from High School or College this year, please plan to be a part of the Graduate Recognition Service at 9:30 am in the FBC Sanctuary followed by Brunch at the Bleckley Inn.

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 12. If you have not received a letter in the mail, please contact Amy Brown (224-1622) for more information.



**From one Minister to Another...**

Are you familiar with the saying “I’m button-busting proud?!?” Maybe not. I haven’t heard it much since I was a kid. Not sure why, but maybe because it’s hard to say right and often misunderstood. Also, there’s that problematic kind of pride that gets in the way of our relationship with God and others; but I know that was not what was intended when I heard folk using this phrase years ago.

It was usually a reference to someone’s child or grandchild, niece or nephew who had accomplished something grand—say, straight A’s, or a homerun in the big game, a successful piano recital, or singing a solo at church. There were lots of ways for children to cause their elder’s chests to expand in pride to the point of “popping a few buttons.”

Well, that’s how I felt the last two Sundays as I witnessed our youth and children taking leadership in worship. They spoke and sang, and played and prayed... and we all watched and listened and thanked God for the precious gifts their lives are to the rest of us. Yes, they made us all proud—and in such a way that, if anything, we were actually drawn closer to God and each other!

Thank you, youth and children. Thank you, parents and grands. Thank you, lay leaders. And thank you, student minister extraordinaire, Amy Brown! Many of you didn’t know that Children’s Sunday was the climax of our children’s D-Now weekend—i.e., not much sleep for their weary leader! As the call of duty goes, this qualifies as “above and beyond!”

**THIS WEEK: OLD GUY TO SPEAK!**

Yep, that would be yours truly. We’re still in the season of the church year known as Eastertide. We’ll look at the last book of the Bible this Sunday as we consider “The Final Testimony of Our Risen Savior.”

We know that Easter happened—that Christ, our Savior, lives. But we also know that we live in a world that continues to struggle with many problems. Our Lord wants us to understand that we’re not alone as we face the challenges of living our lives in a way that brings honor to Him in a world that could otherwise get us quickly sidetracked.

A quick example: Pam and I recently attended an out-of-town wedding. The circumstances were interesting. We know the family well. They are, in their own words, very “conservative” religiously and politically (sometimes it’s hard to tell the difference these days).

The bride, very fair-skinned and pretty, left home for California to do mission work. There she met and—after determining that he was a committed Christian like herself—fell in love with a young man whose family lives in California—not for long. They are Mexican-American.

The service was beautiful and worshipful. The father of the bride gave her away in both Spanish and English. Vows were taken in both languages. As the service closed, the two families came forward and the two mothers led in a prayer for the couple—each in her native tongue. We all knew their intentions to keep Christ at the center of their lives together.

After the service, I wrote in the couple’s book of remembrances, “There is neither Anglo nor Latino, for we are all one in Christ Jesus, our Lord.” I believe that!

We serve a risen Lord and Savior. Evidence of this is the work of reconciliation He continues to do among us. See you Sunday!

*In a Spirit of Partnership...*  
  
**James R. Thomason, Pastor**

**Our Members in Action**

May 7

**Worship Childcare:**

J. J. and Bradley Orr, Haley Whitney

**Deacons of the Week:**

Chad Walker, Offertory Prayer  
 Leslie Walker, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

T. J. Fusco and Charlie Campbell

May 14

**Worship Childcare:**

Kathleen Barnhart and Jan Page

**Deacons of the Week:**

Gwen Bolt, Offertory Prayer  
 Glenn Bolt, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Steve Thrasher and Dewey Boyd

May Collection Committee

Glenn Torbert, Patricia Torbert, Ed Sokol,  
 Pat Vickery, Marian Moorhead, Greg Shore

**Wednesday Lunch & Supper**

May 10

**Lunch and Supper**

Fried Chicken, Rice and Gravy,  
 Corn, Broccoli,  
 Dessert, Tea/Coffee

May 17

**Lunch and Supper**

Baked Ham, Pineapple Casserole,  
 Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans,  
 Dessert, Tea/Coffee

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

**Men’s Ministry Meeting**

Annual Fish Fry  
 Monday, May 8 - 7:00pm



**Adult Ministry**

Thursday, May 18 ~ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**BBQ and Boat Rides at**  
**Sandra and Mike Lowe’s**  
 (511 Jackson Rd., Anderson)

Cost: \$10.00 - Leave from the FBC front parking lot at 10:00am. Transportation by church bus or drive your own vehicle. Come by the church office to sign up and pay for this trip.

**For more information please contact**  
 Sandra Lowe - email: lowecouple@att.net  
 call: (H) 864-224-1370, (C) 864-940-8844

**Children’s Spring Program**

*Courage Conquers Fear*

Music Makers (K-5th grade) choir members

**Wednesday, May 24th ~ 6:00pm**

**Refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall.**

**\*\*Children’s Spring Program Dress Rehearsals:\*\***

Wednesday, May 17 - 6:00pm

Sunday, May 21 - 11:30am—2:00pm

Pizza will be served for lunch.

Drop off in the Choir Room and pick up in the Sanctuary.

**RA Racers**

**and Hot Dog Supper**

Wednesday, May 31st - 6:00pm



**Save the Dates for**  
**Summer Fun!**

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**ANDERSON**  
**VBS 2017**

THURSDAY **JUNE 8** THRU SATURDAY **JUNE 10**  
 8:30AM - 12:15 PM

**LOST IN**  
**SPACE**

AGES RISING 1ST-6TH GRADE INVITED  
 CLOSING CELEBRATION AND BLOCK PARTY SATURDAY,  
**JUNE 10 - FREE LUNCH FOR FAMILIES**  
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR FREE TSHIRT IS JUNE 1  
 REGISTRATION LINK AT  
 ANDERSONFBC.ORG

**Terrific Tuesdays!!**

(ages: rising 1st - 6th grade)

Check the bulletin each week for exciting and fun activities for kids on select Tuesdays this summer.

