

Thank you for donating to the fundraiser for Passport Kids!  
We are excited about going to camp this summer  
with your love and support.

Wednesday, June 27

**ATLANTA BRAVES GAME—CHURCH WIDE**

Game begins at 12:10. Shaded seating. Cost: \$38, which includes ticket, lunch, and transportation. Call the church office to sign up by **June 6**.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

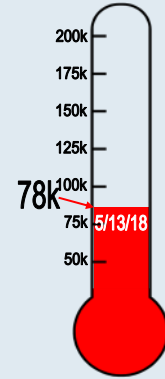
If you are interested in putting flowers in the church, please call Tina Richardson (224-0227) or Kathy Adams (226-1417).

**HARRISON PRUITT PARK**

*For Church.*

*For Community.*

Contributions Needed: \$200,000



**Prayer Request / Information Update:**

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

307 S. Manning Street, Anderson, SC 29624

Staff Ministers - Church Office: 224-1622

FBC Child Development Center: 224-2635

Office Hours:

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

Rev. Amy Brown, Minister of Students

Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist

Dr. Josh Hunt, Associate Pastor

Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director

Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist

Dr. James Thomason, Pastor

Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

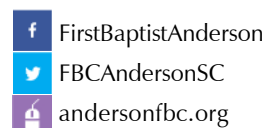
**MINISTER ON CALL:**

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.



**Foundations - Prophets 2: GET CLOSE**

Isaiah 40:1-11

One of the foundational needs we have is to get \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_, to know that we are \_\_\_\_\_ by someone.

Is your relationship with God such that you can imagine yourself as one of those \_\_\_\_\_ being carried by the \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_?

God wants you and me to understand that \_\_\_\_\_ us, carrying us, \_\_\_\_\_ to Himself are the big, powerful, all-encompassing arms of the Almighty who seeks to hold us... \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_!

There's a question that \_\_\_\_\_ most of us at some point: "Why am I here?" Rooted deep within our beings is this \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

We're God-made, created in His image for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. We're all embraced by this high and holy \_\_\_\_\_.

"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." (Moses in Deut. 33:27) Hundreds of years later, Isaiah would speak of God ' \_\_\_\_\_ the lambs in His arms and \_\_\_\_\_ them close to His heart.'

Doubt happens when our faith is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by the things we see: suffering, misery, hatred... These cause us to ask some \_\_\_\_\_ about faith—questions about \_\_\_\_\_.

Every person faces the choice between faith and \_\_\_\_\_, trust and \_\_\_\_\_, hope and \_\_\_\_\_. Either we live the life of faith or \_\_\_\_\_ --the conviction that there is ' \_\_\_\_\_.'

Our faith is not "a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_," nor is it an \_\_\_\_\_ of our imaginations. It's faith in the God who \_\_\_\_\_ to make Himself \_\_\_\_\_.

In the New Testament, we find that when the time was right, God reached down and \_\_\_\_\_ in a new way. He came to \_\_\_\_\_ in the person of His Son, Jesus. The Gospels speak of Jesus embracing people with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as they had never experienced before.

Christ died with His arms \_\_\_\_\_, as if attempting to \_\_\_\_\_... the whole world. Those of us who, by faith, have embraced him in return... have found that in Him, our \_\_\_\_\_ is lifted, and our fears and anxieties about life have \_\_\_\_\_.

Lots of people feel God is \_\_\_\_\_ to be concerned about their lives--too preoccupied with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. But God's Book tells us His arms are always \_\_\_\_\_ to us, waiting for some response so that He might embrace us with love and \_\_\_\_\_, with grace, guidance, and \_\_\_\_\_.



**FIRST BAPTIST  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Foundations - Prophets 2: GET CLOSE

Isaiah 40:1-11

*Mothers Day*

May 13, 2018

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude.....*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*.....arr. Dale Wood

Acolytes: Zachary Frye and Natalie Murphy

Greetings and Announcements.....Josh Hunt

Hymn No. 507.....*Would You Bless Our Homes and Families*.....NETTLETON

*Procession of Parents and Child*

*Emersyn Kate Wilson* - daughter of Matt and Shawna Wilson

**Charge to Parents**

Pastor: Parents, do you earnestly desire that your children grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

**Parents: We do.**

Pastor: Do you covenant together with God to help your children grow, as did Jesus, in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man?

**Parents: We do.**

Pastor: Because you desire for your children to have a knowledge of the Scriptures and a loving, obedient attitude toward God and His Son, Jesus Christ, do you promise to use your home and the ministries of the church to accomplish this?

**Parents: We do.**

**Charge to Congregation**

Pastor: Recognizing the responsibilities that our congregation has toward these children, do you agree to love and protect them, seeking always to demonstrate before them a Christian spirit? Do you promise that, by giving your time, talents, and money, you will do your part to provide spiritual instruction and Christian training? If you accept these responsibilities, please indicate this by standing.

Chiming of The Trinity.....Zachary Frye

Prayer.....Amy Brown

**Songs of Praise and Worship**

*My Savior's Love*.....arr. Chapman  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*.....arr. Chapman  
*Breathe*.....Smith

**Children will remain in the worship service today.**

Offertory.....*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*.....arr. Charles Ore  
Ramona Hallman, assisted by Sara Beth Clardy

**PRaising GOD FOR HIS GIFTS TO US** (DOXOLOGY OLD 100<sup>th</sup>)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Offertory Prayer.....Guy Eichman

Anthem.....*Through the Eyes of a Child*.....G. Grier/L. Everson

*Through the eyes of a child...I can feel / I can see / we are God's family  
Through the eyes of a child, as a mother I know / that this child loves God so.*

*Make me a child, Let me feel, let me see God's perfect love as it was meant to be.  
Make me a child, Let me feel, let me see God's perfect love; We are God's family.*

*Through the eyes of a child...everyone is a friend / innocence never ends.  
Through the eyes of a child...we are all family / God's great love shines on me.*

Message.....**Foundations - Prophets 2: GET CLOSE**.....Jim Thomason  
Isaiah 40:1-11

Hymn No. 68.....*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*.....RESIGNATION

Benediction.....Josh Hunt

Organ Postlude.....*Ode to Joy*.....Beethoven-Faber  
Ramona Hallman and Zachary Frye

**TODAY**

**VOTE FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM**

The following persons have been nominated:  
Ann Campbell, Becky Campbell, Charlie Campbell,  
Timothy Clardy, Joe Drennon, Howard Murphy, Jeffrey Neal, Jerry Neal,  
John Nichols, Susan Reed, Mathias Richardson, Ann Self, Marie Turner, Leslie Walker

**May 19 — 10:30AM-5:00PM**

**YOUTH - GIRLS DAY AT THE BILTMORE**

Sign up by TODAY! Cost: \$35.

**Next Sunday, May 20 - 9:30AM**

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE**

**Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 22**

**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.

**There must be at least 15 appointments scheduled for each day.**

**Wednesday, May 23 - 6:00PM**

**CHILDREN'S SPRING PROGRAM**

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

**Dress Rehearsal:** Wednesday, May 16 — 6:00PM

**Extra Rehearsal:** Sunday, May 20—11:30AM-1:30PM

**Wednesday, May 30 - 6:00PM**

**RA RACERS AND HOTDOG SUPPER**

**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.

**VBS 2018**

**VBS Decorating - June 3, 4:00 - 6:00PM and June 6, 5:00 - 7:00PM**

Help prepare the church for VBS.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

[Opportunities at First Baptist](#)

**Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day**

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class  
(record Radio Broadcast)

9:30 AM Worship - Parent/Child  
Dedication

10:00 AM Replay Baraca Service  
107.7 WHQA-FM or 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 Program Rehearsal  
Youth Worship

Praise Team Rehearsal  
Conversation Café Rm 212

6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 17**

Beacon Mailed

**Saturday, May 19**

10:30 AM Youth - Girls Day at the Biltmore

[Our Members In Action](#)

[May 13](#)

**Worship Childcare**

Lori Miller and Lynne Eaves

**Deacons of the Week**

Guy Eickman, Offertory Prayer  
Timothy Clardy, Visitor Outreach

**Security**

Mike Eaves and Roger Cason

[May 20](#)

**Worship Childcare**

Lisa Wallace

**Deacons of the Week**

Gwen Bolt, Offertory Prayer  
Chad Waters, Visitor Outreach

**Security**

Adam Gathers and Charlie Campbell

[May Collection Committee](#)

Michael Davis, Jerry Neal,  
Marian Moorhead, Gwen Bolt,  
Alicia Neal Darby, Glenn Torbert

**Welcome to**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Communication Card**

It is a joy to have you with us for worship today. We hope you find the service meaningful and receive a warm welcome from our First Baptist family. We count it a privilege to have guests with us, and you are encouraged to join us for Bible study and worship at every opportunity.

We want to get to know you and answer any questions you may have about our church. If you are searching for a church home, please consider First Baptist. We would love to include you in the family!

**Our Purpose is to Reflect the Love of Jesus Christ by Loving God** through Sincere Worship and Devoted Discipleship,  
**Loving Others** through Consistent Witness and Compassionate Ministry,  
**Loving Life in Christ** through Faithful Involvement in the Fellowship of His Church.

*(Please place this tear-off form in the offering plate.)*

Date \_\_\_\_\_  update info

I am a:

guest  regular attender  member

Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_

Age (circle one): 5-10 11-17 18-25

25-29 30's 40's 50's 60's 70+

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in:**

Learning more about this church

Christian Baptism

How to become a Christian

Service Opportunities

Other

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