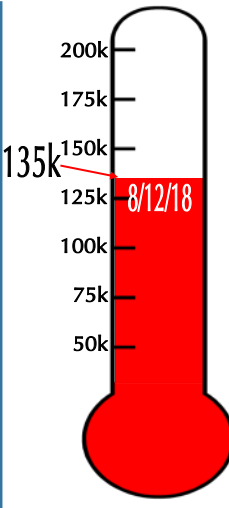


HARRISON PRUITT PARK
For Church. For Community.
Contributions Needed:
 \$200,000
Harrison Pruitt Fund:
 \$400,000
Total Cost:
 \$600,000



Dear First Baptist family,
 My family and I are so grateful for the love and support we felt from you during the passing of my husband, Smith Pruitt. We appreciated the kindness and efforts of each person. You provided a stress-free time for us. First Baptist was such an important part of Smith's life. The beautiful sanctuary and organ helped create a comforting spirit.
 Warmest regards,
 The Pruitt family

Our deepest sympathy for:
Edith Williams and Mildred Brown
 in the loss of their sister,
Mary Wilds Campbell.
 Family and friends of Lucile Nichols.
 Family and friends of Ruth Whitfield.

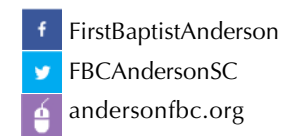
Prayer Request / Information Update:

Dear First Baptist Church Family,
 I use the word family because that's what you are to me. You do what family does-you love, you care, you come, you bring food, send cards, call and pray. For these reasons, you are my family.
 I thank all of you for your support of my daughter, Sarah, and me and my son-in-law's family during the death of my son-in-law, Jamie Hawkins. We were overwhelmed with the kindness you showed, but again, that's what family does.
 We can't thank you enough for being there for us during this difficult time.
 Love,
 Margaret Hicks

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.



Wednesday, August 15 Lunch
 Country Fried Steak,
 Creamed Potatoes, Slaw,
 Green Bean Casserole,
 Dessert, Tea/Coffee
Menu is subject to change
 Name _____
 Number in my family:
 ___ Children (\$2.50), ___ Adults (\$5)
 Family (\$15)
 Please place in the offering plate or call the church office 224-1622 by noon on Tuesday to make or cancel your lunch reservation. Suppers will resume 9/5/18. (includes carry outs)

Freedom Means...Choosing to Remain Faithful
Exodus 35:4-5, 36:2-5

When we talk about giving, we're focusing on another aspect of _____ that _____ We will never be truly free until we are _____ and _____ in our _____.

Isn't it encouraging to know that there was a time when God's people were so thankful for all the Lord had done in their lives, they gave _____ to build and furnish their house of worship?!?

Exodus is a remarkable story of _____. These people had _____ They gave what was _____ what God wanted them to do.

I. EVERYONE _____ --Exodus 34:20--"No one is to appear before me empty-handed."

We say: " _____, Lord." God says: "That's good, my child, now what did you _____?"

Our church's goal is for _____ to give. We exist to _____ for Jesus Christ, and Jesus talked more about _____ than any other subject.

There are more people who _____ of stewardship than those who actually _____ it. Being the church of Jesus Christ means that every-one understands their _____.

Exercising our freedom at First Baptist Church to "remain faithful in our giving" during 2017:

- _____ annual contributions amounted to less than \$1,000
 - 13 families' and individuals' contribution averaged _____
 - Giving between one and \$3,000 were _____ contributors
 - Giving between _____ and _____ were 58 stewards
 - Giving between six and \$12,000 annually were _____ families
- "Thank you!"

EVERYONE GIVING is not _____ goal nor the _____ goal. It's really _____ for every _____.

II. EVERYONE'S _____ --Exodus 34:26--"The first of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God."

Generous and faithful givers make stewardship _____ They aren't giving to the Lord _____ They're giving their _____.

Faithful stewards commit to Him the _____ of their incomes, and they do not allow _____ to take away from the Lord's work.

III. IN _____ TO GOD'S _____

The only proper _____ for our giving is a generous and grateful _____ to the _____ and _____ of God. And it is the only motive, that _____ us _____ to _____.

We're former slaves too, set free now by the amazing grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is _____ and _____ to do so.

There is nothing in our lives more likely to _____ today than _____. There is nothing more liberating than allowing God's grace to set us free to be _____.

FIRST BAPTIST
 ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
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Freedom Means...Choosing to Remain Faithful
Exodus 35:4-5a, 36:1-5

August 12, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude.....*A Solemn Melody*.....Davies-Hopson
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Greetings and Announcements.....Amy Brown

Songs of Praise and Worship

Friend of God.....Houghton
I Am Thine O Lord.....arr. Chapman
Draw Me Close.....Carpenter

Chiming of the Trinity.....Carter Coakley

Prayer.....Josh Hunt

Special Recognition of Greg Wilson.....Jim Thomason

Hymn No. 54.....*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.....FAITHFULNESS

(Children ages 5 years through 3rd Grade, please exit
for *The Rock* to the right of the sanctuary after the hymn.)

Offertory.....*Litany of the Bells*.....Robert Hebble

PRAISING GOD FOR HIS GIFTS TO US

(DOXOLOGY OLD 100th)

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.....Sonny Reed

Anthem.....*He's Been Faithful*.....Carol Cymbala
Sanctuary Choir

In my moments of fear, through every pain, every tear;
There's a God who's been faithful to me.

When my strength was all gone, when my heart had no song,
still in love He's proved faithful to me.

Every word He's promised is true;
what I thought was impossible I see my God do.

He's been faithful, faithful to me. Looking back, His love and mercy I see.
Though in my heart I have questioned, even failed to believe,
yet He's been faithful, faithful to me.

When my heart looked away the many times I could not pray,
still my God, He was faithful to me.

The days I spent so selfishly reaching out for what pleased me,
even then, God was faithful to me.

Every time I come back to Him,
He is waiting with open arms;
I see once again.

Message.....Freedom Means... Choosing to Remain Faithful.....Jim Thomason
Exodus 35:4-5a, 36:1-5

Hymn No. 606.....*I Gave My Life for Thee*.....KENOSIS

Those desiring to join First Baptist in any of the ways we receive new members
(new Christians, transfer of letter, statement of faith and previous baptism)
are asked to come forward during the singing of this hymn.

Benediction.....Amy Brown

Organ Postlude.....*Voluntary*.....Anonymous
Ramona Hallman, Organist

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM TO PRESENT CANDIDATE FOR PASTOR!

Please mark your calendars for these two important dates:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Called business conference at the end of the 9:30am
worship service to discuss the "terms of call."

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

9:30 AM—FBC's 197th Anniversary
And Candidate for Pastor's Trial Sermon
(At the close of worship, vote on nominee for Pastor.)

Also at 11:30AM

CHURCH CONFERENCE/LUNCHEON

(Fellowship Hall)

Menu: Baked Chicken, Tossed Salad, Macaroni and Cheese,
Green Beans, Corn, Anniversary Cake, Ice Cream, Tea/Coffee

There's no cost to have lunch as we celebrate our church's anniversary, but reservations
are required. To make a reservation please call the church office, 224-1622.

FBC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Church Directories have arrived! You may pick up your copy
(one per family please) in the vestibule or the church office.

YOUTH - MISSIONS WITH AIM

(wear closed-toe shoes)

Monday, August 13 — 2:15-7:00pm

Youth will return to church for dinner and slip-n-slide.

KID'S TERRIFIC TUESDAYS:

This Tuesday, August 14, 9:00am—1:00pm - Gravitopia (free)

GA'S SUMMER MISSIONS

This Wednesday, August 15

5:00pm - Meet at Figs to eat

5:45pm - Study Missions in Russia

7:00 - 8:00pm - Splash fountain at Wren Park

(8:00pm - Pick up from Wren Park)

COMING SOON:

KICK OFF - Wednesday, August 29th



5:30—7:00pm: Playground & Inflatables Open

5:30—7:00pm: Registration for Music, Missions &
Discipleship in the breezeway outside the
Fellowship Hall

6:00—6:30pm: Hot Dog Supper in the Fellowship
Hall (no charge)

HOMELESS FOR THE HOMELESS

Sept. 7th at 5 p.m. - Sept. 8th at 7 a.m.

"Box City Families" will live overnight with only a cardboard home and the bare essentials.
Your "Box City Family" can be any size and any combination of ages.

Anderson County Recycling & Education Center, 520 Woodcrest Dr. Anderson, SC
For more information: <https://www.familypromiseanderson.org/homeless-for-the-homeless.html>
All proceeds support *Family Promise* of Anderson County

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEKS

September 9th - September 15th and October 14th - October 20th

For opportunities to serve, please see the signup sheets on the table
outside the Deacons' conference room or contact Shelby Clardy:
376-8696 or Shelby@bleckleyinn.com

Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, August 12

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

9:30 AM Worship

10:00 AM Replay Baraca Service
107.7 WHQA-FM or 1280 WANS-AM

10:30 AM Bible Study

6:00 PM Youth Summer Sundays

Monday, August 13

2:15 PM Youth—Missions with AIM

Tuesday, August 14

9:00 AM Kids Terrific Tuesday-Gravitopia

Wednesday, August 15

Noon Bible Study/Luncheon

3:33 PM Youth Summer Bible Study

5:00 PM GA's Summer Missions

6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, Aug. 16 - Saturday, Aug. 18

Youth Back to School Retreat

Our Members In Action

August 12

Worship Childcare

J. J. and Bradley Orr

Deacons of the Week

Sonny Reed, Offertory Prayer

Sonny Reed, Visitor Outreach

Security

Mike Eaves and Roger Cason

August 19

Worship Childcare

Robin Gardner

Deacons of the Week

David Stoddard, Offertory Prayer

Mathias Richardson, Visitor Outreach

Security

Adam Gathers and Charlie Campbell

August Collection Committee

Chad Waters, Skip Brown,
Guy Eichman, Michael Hatchett,
Mike Lowe, Jim McCombs

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

