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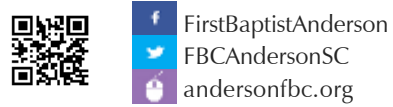
- Sunday, November 10**
 9:30 AM Resounding Faith Music Service
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Church Conference and Luncheon
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Wednesday, November 13**
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
 Youth Group
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Sunday, November 17**
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Kids and Youth Trip to Greenville Zoo
- Tuesday, November 19**
 10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study (Bridal Suite)
- Wednesday, November 20**
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
 Youth Group
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Thursday, November 21**
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 12:00 PM Third Thursday-meet at
 Boondocks Restaurant



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 Call: 224-1622, Press 3, leave name, number and a brief
 message and someone will return your call promptly.



CONDOLENCES

Georgia Hinson and family on the passing of her
 sister, Nell Phillips of Philadelphia, Mississippi,
 on October 28, 2024.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

November 10
Deacons of the Week:
 Dale Ellenburg, Offertory Prayer
 Tom Martin, Visitor Outreach
Children's Worship:
 Timothy Clardy and January Menees
Security:
 Bill Wilson and Thomas Roach

November 17
Deacons of the Week:
 Lyn Darby, Offertory Prayer
 David Stoddard, Visitor Outreach
Children's Worship:
 Elana Roach and Matt Wilson
Security:
 Charlie Campbell and Eddie Wentzky



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THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:30 AM — Resounding Faith (Music Service)



And at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

CHURCH CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON



From One Member to Another...

In the Margaret Williams Bible Study group this year, we have chosen to study a book about some of the women in the lineage of Jesus. The title of the book is "Significant: Six Ordinary Women, One Extraordinary God." At this point, we have completed two lessons from the book. It has been interesting to me to realize that even though I have been in church and Sunday School my entire life, I still have things to learn!

Sarai, the wife of Abram, was the first woman that we studied. Understanding some of the backstory helps us to see her life more clearly. Abram's father Terah had taken Abram, Sarai, and his extended family and left the land of Ur to go to Canaan. They stopped before they got there and settled in Haran instead. Ur doesn't sound like a very impressive place, but it was actually a center of culture and trade. It was a very prosperous city and excelled not only in wealth, but also in knowledge. It was the world's first civilization with a remarkable knowledge of astronomy and arithmetic. Ur had a vast library. Growing up in Ur, Abram was probably well educated. After Terah's death, God called Abram to continue the journey to Canaan.

When Terah died and God called Abram to leave Haran, the first promise was made to Abram about the future. In Genesis 12:2, God says, "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." At this time, Abram was 75 years old. He and Sarai left behind that which was comfortable, familiar, and easy and headed out to an unknown place which God would show them.

A famine in the land caused Abram and Sarai to head to Egypt. Here a near fiasco occurred when Abram told Sarai to say that she was his sister, and Sarai got taken to Pharaoh's palace. Even though she was 65, her beauty attracted attention. When Pharaoh learned that she was Abram's wife, he sent them away. When they settled again in Canaan, God gave a second promise to Abram in Genesis 13:14-17. "All the land that you see, I will give to your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted."

A third promise was made in Genesis 15:1-6. Ten years have past and Abram reminds God that he has no children. God tells him that a son coming from his own body will be his heir and that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Abram is now 85 and Sarai is 75, and she is still barren.

When it seems apparent to Sarai that she will not be the mother of Abram's son, she suggests that her maid Hagar become the mother. In the Old Testament, concubines were accepted as normal, but this is the first time in the Bible that a righteous man entered into this kind of relationship. Any children born were considered the children of the wife, but they had lower social status than the birth children of the wife. You already know what a disaster this idea turned into! Abram was 86 when Ishmael was born. Ishmael lived for 12 years believing that he was the promised heir to Abram.

When Abram was 99, God appeared again and issued the fourth promise in Genesis 17:15-16: "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai, her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations, kings of peoples will come from her."

This was something that I had never recognized before. God had been making these promises to Abram, but he waited 24 years to make it clear that Sarah would be the mother of the promised heir. This caused me to have some compassion for Sarah and some of her misguided efforts.

Abram is 100 when Isaac is born. He and Sarah laughed with joy at this birth. The author of our study guide said, "With all of Sarah's missteps and mistakes, it's hard to know why God chose her to be the first mother in the family that would beget the Savior of the world. But what we do know is that God used her despite it all--and He can use us, too."

There is much more to this story. If you choose to read it for yourself, it reads like a novel. If you would like to join us as we continue this study of other women in the lineage of Jesus, we meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at the church. I would be happy to give you more information. We not only study the Bible but also are financially involved in supporting many different organizations around town who are seeking to be God's hands in our community.

Blessings on you today,

Susan Reed

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

YOUTH EVENTS

November 17 — 11:30 AM
Greenville Zoo (with the children) Visit bit.ly/FBCKidsyouthzootrip or scan the code and sign up by November 10.

November 24 — 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Youth Friendsgiving
Hosted by Nichole and Mike Niemeyer
RSVP to Shelby Clardy at 864-376-8698.
Food (Thanksgiving style) will be provided.

Save the Date!
December 15 — 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Downtown Christmas Scavenger Hunt
and Dirty Santa Gift Exchange

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

November 17 — 11:30 AM
Greenville Zoo (with the youth) Visit bit.ly/FBCKidsyouthzootrip or scan the code and sign up by November 10.

December 7 — 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Parent's day out Christmas workshop

December 11 — 6:00 PM
Children's Christmas Choir performance followed by Refreshments in the Rock Room

December 15 — 9:30 AM
Children will participate in the live nativity scene during *A Christmas Tapestry* choir performance

Save the Date!
VBS 2025 - June 9-12

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



November 21 — Noon at Boondocks Restaurant
(3819 Hwy. 81)

Following lunch we will visit FBC members at the Garden House

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Tuesday, November 15.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

November 19 — 10:00 AM

Meet in the Bridal Suite
Mission Focus for November is the Patrick Harris Hospital

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY



Shoe boxes will be available for you to pick up in the vestibule on 11/10. Return date is 11/17. Contact Cathy Drew via text/call with questions 864-617-1014.

PLEASE NOTE

POINTS OF CONTACT FOR FBC MINISTRIES DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD

- [Youth – Shelby Clardy](#) — If you have questions or want to volunteer with the youth contact Shelby at 864-376-8698.
- [Children - Elana Roach](#) — If you have questions or want to volunteer with the children contact Elana at 864-940-4199.
- [Senior Adults - Lise Lingle](#)
- [Outreach to homebound and those in care facilities - Jack Anderson](#)
- [Use of the Church Facilities - Dewey Boyd](#) — Please contact Sharon in the church office with requests for use of the church facilities and buses and she will check the calendar and contact Dewey for approval.
- [CDC and Carolina Hybrid Academy - Ann Self](#)
- [Saturday Servants - Greg Shore](#)