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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, November 24
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Youth Friendsgiving (Hosted by the Niemeyer's)

Wednesday, November 27
 No evening activities due to Thanksgiving Holidays

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day
 Church Office Closed
 CDC Closed

Friday, November 29
 Church Office Closed
 CDC Closed

Sunday, December 1 - Advent Begins
 9:30 AM Hanging of the Green Service
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet and Greet for Jim and Becky Wooten
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

Monday, December 2
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 4
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Kid's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
 Youth Group
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth Homework and Hangout

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Saturday, December 7
 10:00 AM Parent's Day Out & Kid's Christmas Workshop



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 Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
 Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager
 Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

Urgent Needs (after hours, Friday's, and weekends):
 Call: 224-1622, Press 3, leave name, number and a brief message and someone will return your call promptly.



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MEMBERS IN ACTION

November 24

Deacons of the Week:
 Jerry Minyard, Offertory Prayer
 Ginger Smith, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
 Hannah Wimpey and Natalie Rutledge

Security:
 Al Oxendine and Vince Rutledge

December 1

Deacons of the Week:
 Larry Mitchell, Offertory Prayer
 Hannah Wimpey, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
 Children will remain in the service.

Security:
 Wes Wallace and Adam Gathers



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JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

December 1 - 9:30 AM
HANGING OF THE GREEN
 11:30 AM
**MEET AND GREET RECEPTION
 FOR JIM AND BECKY WOOTEN**
 (See inside for more information.)

December 11 - 6:00 PM
"HOW I WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE THEN"
 Presented by the FBC Children's Choirs
 Followed by Refreshments in the Rock Room

December 15 - 9:30 AM
A CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY
 Presented by the First Baptist Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

December 23 - 7:00 PM
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

A Word From Our Interim Pastor

Thankful! That seems like the appropriate word for this issue of *The Beacon*. In this Thanksgiving season, when we are encouraged to “count our blessings, name them one by one,” high on my list would be the opportunity to share this juncture of my life with the good folks here at First Baptist, Anderson.

I am thankful for your welcoming spirit to Becky and me. I am thankful for the prospect of engaging in meaningful work together. I am thankful for the chance to make new friendships... and to reconnect with old friends. I am thankful for new beginnings and the possibilities that they bring.

I am thankful for this time of the year, when Thanksgiving gives way to the Advent season and we move toward the celebration of the birth of our Savior. It is a busy time, no doubt; but a “good kind of busy.” It seems our focus shifts to where it should be all the time—celebrating the goodness of life, spending time with friends and family, doing acts of generosity. Hearts are warmer. Steps are lighter. People are kinder. I can think of no better time to begin an interim pastorate.

I look forward to sharing this season, and all it entails, with you. A lot of folks are already hard at work (or soon will be) to make it all happen—decorating the sanctuary, rehearsing the music, planning the worship, organizing the projects, hosting the socials, teaching the classes. They say, “It takes a village.” It is evident to me, just in the week I have been here, that a lot of people give of themselves so unselfishly to help our church make a difference.

For you, I am thankful!

Dr. Jim Wooten

COMMUNITY EVENT

**JOINT COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**
This Sunday, November 24
5:00 PM

Evergreen Baptist Church
1305 Evergreen Rd.,
Anderson, SC 29622
Rev. Johnny M. Sellers
Host Pastor

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Leslie Nation
Joined November 17, 2024

HOMEBOUND AND CARE FACILITY MINISTRY

SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER!

Want to brighten someone's holiday season? Send a Christmas card to a FBC member who is homebound or in a care facility. A list of those members, with addresses, will be available in the vestibule on December 1.

DEACONS MINISTRY

**Deacons and their spouses
are invited to attend the
DEACONS CHRISTMAS
BREAKFAST**

**December 8th - 8:00 AM
Fellowship Hall**

Please let us know if you and your spouse plan to attend by calling the church office or by email to sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org by December 4th.

MORE EVENTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

MEET AND GREET RECEPTION FOR JIM AND BECKY WOOTEN

December 1, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about them, share your thoughts, and enjoy fellowship with one another. Refreshments will be provided at no cost. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Please let us know if you plan to attend the reception by calling the church office, scanning the QR code, or visit andersonfbc.org/community to sign up no later than Wednesday, November 27, at 3:00 PM.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

YOUTH EVENTS

This Sunday, 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.

Sunday, December 15
5:00 - 8:00 PM — Dinner Provided
**SCAVENGER HUNT AND
DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE**
Drop off and Pick up from the GYM
RSVP to Shelby: 864-376-8698
**bring something new or used that you
would enjoy receiving for \$10 or less*

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S MINISTRY LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Monday, December 9 — 6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

The Christmas season is approaching, and the church needs help getting ready for Christmas. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a Low Country Boil dinner and then proceed to the Sanctuary to put together the staging for the Christmas program. Tools for installing the stage will be supplied by the church. The installation should not take more than 1 to 2 hours. Please text Skip Brown at 864-617-2343 if you plan to attend.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
& CBF Global Missions Offering

Through the month of December

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

December 7 — 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Parent's Day Out and Kid's 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**

PLEASE NOTE



You Are Invited
**END OF SEMESTER
SHOWCASE**

December 6th at 6:00 pm at FBC Anderson



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



December 19 — Noon
Fellowship Hall
CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG
LED BY ADDRIAN WILSON

Cost: \$10 Menu: Turkey and Dressing,
Yeast Rolls, Green Beans, Sweet Potato
Soufflé, and Chocolate Drizzle Cake

Please call the Church Office
to sign up by 3:00 PM on
Thursday, December 12.