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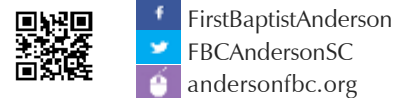
- Sunday, December 8**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Monday, December 9**  
 6:00 PM Men's Ministry Low Country Boil
- Wednesday, December 11**  
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)  
 5:45 PM Kid's Christmas Program followed by  
 Refreshments in the Rock Room  
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Sunday, December 15**  
 9:30 AM A Christmas Tapestry  
 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 5:00 PM Youth Downtown Christmas Scavenger  
 Hunt and Dirty Santa Gift Exchange
- Wednesday, December 18**  
 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, December 19**  
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 12:00 PM Third Thursday (Fellowship Hall)



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- Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
- 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.



**MEMBERS IN ACTION**

**December 8**

- Deacons of the Week:**  
 Hannah Wimpey, Offertory Prayer  
 Tom Martin, Visitor Outreach
- Children's Worship:**  
 Timothy Clardy and Shawna Wilson
- Security:**  
 T. J. Fusco and Greg Shore

**December 15**

- Deacons of the Week:**  
 Becky Campbell, Offertory Prayer  
 Larry Mitchell, Visitor Outreach
- Children's Worship:**  
 Children will remain in the service.
- Security:**  
 Charlie Ballentine and Chad Walker



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**"HOW I WISH I COULD  
 HAVE BEEN THERE THEN"  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 6:00 PM**

Presented by the FBC Children's Choirs  
 Followed by Refreshments in the Rock Room

**A CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 9:30 AM**

Presented by the First Baptist  
 Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

### *From One Minister to Another...*

Wow, a lot of people do a lot of work to make things special around First Baptist. This past Sunday was a shining example!

It was inspiring to see the church so beautifully decorated for the Advent season. Thanks to Kathy Adams and Tina Richardson and their entire army of volunteers who labored for days to make it happen. The participation of our children and youth, under the direction of Ann Self (you would think she maybe had some experience directing kids), brought a feeling of warmth to our hearts and a smile to the faces of the entire congregation. Harper Gilmer and Sonny Reed narrated Kathy Adams' script like pros. (I told Harper she could just take my notes and do the preaching. She declined that offer, but she certainly demonstrated poise and talent in her delivery). The music, as always, was superb. I can't wait to hear what they have in store in the coming weeks.

Becky and I were also gratified by the good turnout for the "get acquainted reception." There was a wonderful spirit of fellowship, and the food and decorations were "top-notch." We enjoyed the chance to connect with so many who took a moment to share a bit of their stories. We are working hard to get names and faces together. Thank you for your patience if we stumble for a while.

It obviously takes a huge team to make such an event so successful. These are the names of some of the key workers that were passed on to me: Kathy Adams, Becky Campbell, Lisa Wallace, Dona Shiflette, (all from the Personnel Committee), along with Lynne Eaves, Vickie Cothran, Ann Self, and Tina Richardson. Laboring away in the kitchen were Gay and Alan Oxendine, Lynn Stoddard, and Donnie Campbell. To these, and others who pitched in, (including Addrian Wilson, Kelly Smith, and Charity Smith with the beautiful music)- a heartfelt "thank you." It truly takes a village!

All that is just one Sunday in Advent. We have a lot more to look forward to. I hope you will join us at every opportunity you can.

Jim Wooten  
Interim Pastor

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Craig and Ann Louise Nicolopoulos



Jake Nicolopoulos

Joined November 24, 2024

### CONDOLENCES

Michael Carithers and family  
on the passing of his father,  
Marshall Carithers, on  
November 27, 2024

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

#### LYNNLEY STERLING HIGHT

November 26, 2024

6 lbs 15 oz  
20 1/2 inches

Proud Parents:  
John and Ansley Hight  
Granddad: Eddie Wentzky

### THANK YOU NOTE

"Thank you to everyone  
that packed a shoe box for  
Samaritans Purse. We  
collected 39 boxes !!

### MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

#### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
& CBF Global Missions Offering  
Through the month of December  
Given to date: \$255.00



## More This Christmas Season

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S EVENTS

#### PARENT'S DAY OUT AND KID'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

December 7 — 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Children's Christmas Choir performance followed by Refreshments in the Rock Room

December 11 — 6:00 PM

Children will participate in the live nativity scene during *A Christmas Tapestry* choir performance

December 15 — 9:30 AM

### YOUTH EVENTS



#### SCAVENGER HUNT AND DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE

Sunday, December 15 — 5:00 - 8:00 PM — Dinner Provided

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*



#### CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG LED BY ADDRIAN WILSON

December 19 — Noon — Fellowship Hall

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.

### CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

December 23 - 7:00 PM

