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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- Sunday, February 23**
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Tuesday, February 25**
 10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study
 (Bridal Suite)
- Wednesday, February 26**
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music & Missions
 (Rock Room)
 Youth Group (Gym)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)
- Sunday, March 2**
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday**
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (Above the Chapel)
 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)
- Thursday, March 6**
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- Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
- Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
- Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager
- Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

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 message and someone will return your call promptly.



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MEMBERS IN ACTION

February 23

- Deacons of the Week:**
 Sonny Reed, Offertory Prayer
 Dale Ellenburg, Visitor Outreach
- Children's Worship:**
 Leslie Walker and Sammy Gilmer
- Security:**
 Jimmy Cooley and Thomas Roach

March 2

- Deacons of the Week:**
 Linda Chadbourne, Offertory Prayer
 Hannah Wimpey, Visitor Outreach
- Children's Worship:**
 Hannah Wimpey and Lucia Wilson
- Security:**
 Kevin McCoy and Vince Rutledge



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WORSHIP SERVICE

March 5 — 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

It took Baptists a while to discover the richness of the ancient observance of Ash Wednesday, but now that many of us have, it is hard to imagine not participating in it. It is different than most any worship service during the year. With quiet contemplation, in a spirit of penitence, on Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. Lent is itself a season of deep reflection and self-examination as we prepare our hearts once again for the journey toward the cross and the celebration of the resurrection.

Please make plans to join us for this special service.



**Projected Timeline
for the
Center for Healthy Churches Transition Process**

There is a famous adage that says, “a good beginning makes for a good ending.” If that is true (and I certainly think it is), then I am really looking forward with great anticipation to where our journey will take us in these next few months. I am so pleased with the enthusiasm, determination, unity and responsibility with which everyone has undertaken these initial steps of our transition process.

At every juncture, people have stepped up and done a great job: stewardship and personnel committees and deacons leading the way, congregation pulling together in a unanimous vote, nominating committee thoughtfully enacting the guidelines in recruiting the Transition Team, and each person asked to serve in a pretty demanding capacity agreeing to do so. Those asked to serve on the Transition Team are Susan Reed and Thomas Roach (co-chairs), Jack Anderson, Marie Turner, Chad Walker, Lisa Wallace, and Aaron Wimpey.

I wanted to give you some idea of the steps and the schedule ahead so you can make plans to participate, particularly in the Congregational Conversations. It is possible that, as the process moves along, some adjustments will have to be made. However, the earliest part of this schedule is likely to remain intact.

March 2, Transition Team Approval in Called Church Conference

*March 8, Orientation Training Session for Transition Team (8 AM-Noon)

*March 23, Congregational Conversation #1 (10:45 AM -12:30 PM)

*May 4, Congregational Conversation #2 (10:45 AM -12:30 PM)

*June 1, Congregational Conversation #3 (10:45 AM -12:30 PM)

Late May/Mid June, Pastor Search Committee Elected

*June?, Transition Team Writing Retreat to Create Church Profile & Pastor Profile

*July?, Pastor Search Committee Training Retreat

August - November, Active Pastor Search

*designates Bill Wilson will be present to lead

Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND
MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY**

Chili for Charity Cook-Off!

Sunday, February 23, 4-6pm

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

*Sponsored by local businesses and donations -
all proceeds go to support local charities in Anderson*

- 15 unique homemade chili entries to taste!
- 15 local charities to meet!
- Vote for your favorite chili
- Browse our wonderful bake sale
- Learn about volunteer opportunities in your Anderson community!

Everyone is invited!
Bring your friends, family, neighbors, or total strangers to join in the food and fun.

Chili and fixin's are free, a donation is requested for bake sale items.
100% of donations and sponsorships benefit local charities and missions in Anderson

PLUS Cornbread, fixings, and a bake sale!



All Possible Thanks To These Sponsors:

Robert & Lou Rainey

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Bigger Brains

St John's Chancel Choir

Special Guests: Grace Episcopal, First Baptist, and Homeland Park Elementary

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, February 25

11:30 AM - Bridal Suite

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

I am deeply grateful for each of you who has taken the time to send a card or visit. Your kindness and prayers have been such a source of comfort and joy to me. It means more than words can express to know that I am in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your love and support—it truly lifts my spirit.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Haskell Bolt

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FBC KIDS EVENT

March 9

**ALICE
AN ADVENTURE
—IN WONDERLAND—**

At Clemson Little Theater



Children will gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately after Sunday School for lunch. Following lunch, we'll take a trip to the Candy Shop—don't forget to bring money for a sweet treat! From there, we'll head to the Clemson Little Theater for an exciting performance.

Please sign up for this event by February 26, so we can secure tickets. To register, call the church office or send an email to sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**THIRD
THURSDAY**
Senior Adult Ministry

Thursday, March 20

at noon in the Fellowship Hall

**DON SAXON WILL SPEAK ON
MILITARY SERVICE AND SACRIFICE**

Cost: \$10.00; Menu: Baked Ham, Yeast Roll, Pinto Beans, Cheesy Potatoes, Banana Pudding

**Please make a reservation by
3:00 PM on Thursday, March 13.**

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

RESOUNDING FAITH

Sunday, March 30th

9:30 AM

**Join us for this 5th Sunday
Music Service**