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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- Sunday, April 27**
- 9:30 AM Worship
 - 10:30 AM Sunday School
 - 11:30 AM Church Conference and Luncheon
 - 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Wednesday, April 30**
- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 - 5:45 PM Children's Spring Program Dress Rehearsal
 - 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)
- Sunday, May 4**
- 9:30 AM Worship and Graduate Recognition
 - 10:30 AM Sunday School (for Children)
Congregational Conversation #2 (Adults in the Fellowship Hall)
 - 11:30 AM Children's Fun Day and Choir Dress Rehearsal
 - 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Wednesday, May 7**
- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 - 6:00 PM Children's Spring Program followed by Refreshments
 - 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)
- Thursday, May 8**
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 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

April 27

Deacons of the Week:
 Greg Shore, Offertory Prayer
 Linda Chadbourne, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
 Hannah Wimpey and Sammy Gilmer

Security:
 Terry Atkins and Chad Walker

May 4

Deacons of the Week:
 Hannah Wimpey, Offertory Prayer
 Ginger Smith, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
 Tracey Ramsey and Kristen Gilmer

Security:
 Charlie Ballentine and Vince Rutledge



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HIGH SCHOOL

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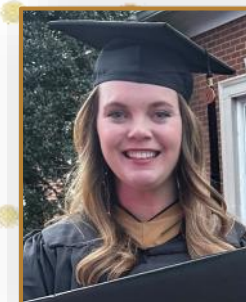
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Sara Wimberly
 T. L. Hannah



Katherine Whitney
 Anderson University

GRADUATES WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON MAY 4, DURING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.



Many thanks to all the folks who made the Holy Week services and events such a wonderful experience. From music to decorations, from fellowship meals and Easter crafts and egg hunts, from setting up for sunrise and cleaning up after it was all over- it took a lot of volunteers to make a truly rich and rewarding week of celebration.

It was good to see families gathering for Easter. I got to meet some new folks, talk to some folks I don't always get to see, and even greet some prospective members who expressed how much they enjoyed being here. Thank you for making people feel welcome!

Of course, Easter is more than a day. It is also a season that stretches to Pentecost Sunday. Really, every Sunday is a celebration of the good news of Jesus' resurrection, so I hope you will join us with the same sense of expectancy and commitment in the days ahead.

This is also a season of transition- purposeful transition, as we move forward in a time of self-study in preparation for the search for our next pastor. Important work is being done, work that calls for the best from every one of us. Please be prayerful. Please be positive. Please be present and participatory.

This Sunday is our quarterly church conference- no real big decisions to make, but important reports and information to be shared. Many good things are happening here! This is also another one of those opportunities for good food and fellowship. I have discovered that good food and fellowship is just one of the things FBC is good at!

May 4th brings our second Congregational Conversation. I was amazed at the great turnout for the first one and am hoping for the same kind of response as we turn our focus from the "past" to "the present" here at FBC. I remember this session from the time I served Shelby FBC. The experience was fun, very informative and very insightful. Bill Wilson will be back to conduct the conversation and to preach in the morning worship service, so it will be a good day!

Hope to see you!

Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #2

May 4 - 10:30 AM, Immediately Following Worship

We are excited to welcome Dr. Bill Wilson with the Center for Healthy Churches to preach in the morning worship service next Sunday, May 4th and then to lead us in our Second Congregational Conversation. We had a great turnout for the first gathering and a wonderful spirit prevailed as we focused on the church's past. We hope you will join us on May 4th as we get feedback from that first session and as we turn our attention this time to the church's present. These events are pivotal for the success of our transitional journey and every voice is needed.

Don't miss out!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SPRING EVENTS



Sunday, May 4 - 11:30 AM

Children's Fun Day and Choir Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 7 - 6:00 PM

Children's Spring Choir Performance

Followed by light refreshments in the Rock Room!



Wednesday, May 14 - 5:30-7:30 PM

Lego Mission Racers and Hot Dog Supper

Everyone is invited to join!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



THIRD THURSDAY
Senior Adult Ministry

Thursday, May 15
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

BINGO WITH DANIEL JOHNSON OF THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Country Style Cubed Steak, Gravy, Yeast Roll, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans and Peach Cobbler

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 8.

DEACON'S MINISTRY

DEACON'S MEETING

Sunday, May 18 — 11:30 AM
Deacons Conference Room

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, May 27 — 10:00 AM
Meet in the Bridal Suite

MUSIC MINISTRY

SUMMER CHOR

Regular Choir rehearsals continue through Wednesday, May 28. Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 1. We will meet in the choir room at 9:00 AM each Sunday before the worship service to rehearse. Anyone and everyone 4th grade or older is welcome to join us! Regular Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, July 30.

FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

DID YOU KNOW?



In 1991, three women were ordained as Deacons by the church, and it has continued the practice of ordaining women today.

PLEASE NOTE

A memorial service for Arlis and Georgia Hinson was held in Chrystal Springs, Mississippi on April 24, 2025.

WHO &
WHOSE
ARE
YOU?



I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalms 139:14

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9 - June 12 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Calling all kids who've completed 4K through 5th grade! Get ready for an unforgettable adventure with free dinner every night, awesome crafts, energetic music, exciting activities, meaningful devotions, and fun-filled group time! Pre-register now at andersonfbc.org/community or simply scan the QR code.

Register by May 29 to guarantee your free VBS t-shirt

Final registration deadline is June 3.

Don't miss out on this fantastic experience — we can't wait to see you there!



CALLING ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS!

We need *you* to help make this year's Vacation Bible School an unforgettable experience! Want to be part of the fun? Check out the sign-up sheet in your Sunday School folder and join the team!