

CHURCH
**CONFERENCE
& LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - 11:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

MENU

Bacon Wrapped Chicken (Tenders for the kids),
Yeast Roll, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans,
Double Fudge Cake

To make a reservation please visit andersonfbc.org/community
or call the church office by 3:00 PM Wednesday, April 23.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #2

May 4 - 10:30 AM, Immediately Following Worship

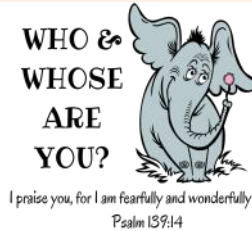
We are excited to welcome Dr. Bill Wilson with the Center for Healthy Churches to preach in the morning worship service on May 4th and then to lead us in our Second Congregational Conversation. We had a great turnout for the first gathering and a wonderful spirit prevailed as we focused on the church's 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!



**GRADUATE
RECOGNITION SERVICE**

MAY 4, 2025 — 9:30 AM

Graduate Recognition Sunday is rapidly approaching! If you have a student who is connected with our church and graduating this year from either high school or a post-secondary institution, we would love that information so we can recognize them on Sunday, May 4, in worship. If you could please forward their name, school, degree (if applicable), and future plans, along with a picture for the cover of the Beacon, to Sharon at sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org so we can celebrate all of their hard work. Please have all pictures to Sharon by **Tuesday, April 22.**



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!

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Offertory Prayer: Greg Shore

Visitor Outreach: Linda Chadbourne

Children's Worship: Hannah Wimpey and Sammy Gilmer

Security: Terry Atkins and Chad Walker

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday

Church Office closed

Tuesday, April 22

10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study (Bridal Suite)

Wednesday, April 23

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)

5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions (Rock Room)

Youth Group (Gym)

7:00 PM Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 24

The Beacon Published

Saturday, April 26

10:00 AM FBC's Lego Exhibit at the Anderson Soiree (Bleckley Inn Courtyard)

Sunday, April 27

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Church Conference and Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Welcome

April 20, 2025



Easter

Welcome!

We're so glad you've joined us on this most joyful day—Easter Sunday! Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the central event of our faith. It's a day filled with hope, renewal, and the promise of new life. As we gather to worship, sing, and reflect, we are reminded that death has been defeated, and love has triumphed.

Whether this is your first time with us or you've been part of our community for years, we welcome you with open hearts. May this Easter celebration fill you with peace, joy, and a deep sense of God's presence. Christ is risen—He is risen indeed!

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:
Ann Self

Visitor Outreach:
Kathy Adams

Children's Worship:
Children remain in the service.

Security:
Jimmy Cooley and Adam Gathers

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager

Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager

Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence

Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director

Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist

Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

The Worship of God

Easter Sunday

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](text:73256) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Welcome		Wes Edwards
Prelude	<i>Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	Wilbur Held
Chiming of the Trinity		
Call To Worship	<i>Were You There?</i> Addrian Wilson, Soloist	WERE YOU THERE
Invocation		Wes Edwards
Anthem	<i>Easter Morning Celebration</i> Handbell Choir	Michael Helman
*Hymn No. 159	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	EASTER HYMN
Responsive Reading		Jane Jarahian
	Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!	
	People: Christ is risen indeed!	
	Leader: In Christ's resurrection, hope triumphs over despair.	
	People: Love triumphs over hate.	
	Leader: Good triumphs over evil.	
	People: Belief triumphs over doubt.	
	Leader: Life triumphs over death.	
	People: Alleluia to the Living Christ!	
	Leader: Let all the world rejoice,	
	People: And crown Him Lord of All!	
	All: Alleluia! Amen!	
*Songs of Praise and Worship		Praise Team
	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> - arr. Chapman	
Offertory Prayer		Ann Self
Offertory Music	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	Robert Powell
Praising God For His Gifts To Us		OLD 100th
	<i>Doxology</i>	
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen	

Anthem	<i>Thine Be the Glory</i> Sanctuary Choir	J. Marty Cope
	Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou over death has won; Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away. Kept the folded graveclothes, where Thy body lay.	
	Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou over death has won.	
	Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; Let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting.	
	Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou over death has won.	
	No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life; Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife; Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love: Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.	
	Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou over death has won. Amen.	
	(Children will remain in the service today.)	
Morning Prayer		Joe Drennon
	<i>Prayer concludes by saying in unison:</i>	
	Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	
Scripture	John 20:11-18 (Pew Bible Page 1074)	
	Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	"Reversing the Irreversible"	Jim Wooten
*Hymn No. 407	<i>Because He Lives</i>	RESURRECTION
Benediction	<i>Because He Lives</i> Sanctuary Choir	Refrain arr. Mark Hayes
Postlude	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	Arr. Lani Smith

The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer's baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.