



The Link



Dear First Baptist Family,

JANUARY 2026

I once came across this neat little statement from the New Year:

I am the New Year. I am unused, unspotted, without blemish. I stretch before you three hundred and sixty-five days long. I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the Book of Life, for you to place upon it your imprint.

It remains for you to make of me what you will; if you write with firm, steady strokes, my pages will be a joy to look upon when the next New Year comes. If the pen falters, if uncertainty or doubt should mar the page, it will become a day to remember with pain.

I am the New Year. Each hour of the three hundred and sixty-five days, I will give you sixty minutes that have never known the use of man. Clean and pure, I present them; it remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled seconds of love, hope, endeavor, patience, and trust in God.

I am the New Year. I am here—but once past, I can never be recalled. Make me your best.

It's something to think about, isn't it? I really like that. It's inspirational, no? But, truth be told, it's also a bit panic-inducing. What I mean is this: It really does kind of put the success or failure of the year squarely on your and my shoulders! To be sure, we have great potential for good or for ill in terms of how we live our days. But what of Galatians 2:20? There, Paul writes, "I have

been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body. I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

It seems to me that little statement makes all the difference: "but Christ lives in me."

Yes, you and I sure can mess up a year! But if we will give it to Jesus and not try to live it on our own terms in our own efforts, this year can be different. Let Christ take the reigns this year. Let this year be His year! If you fumble, if you fall, run to Jesus...but commit yourself to walking with Jesus each and every day! He is the God who makes all things new.

Happy New Year! It is an honor to be your pastor.

- Pastor Wyman



for current events and activities, more information and links to register
firstbaptistcamden.org/whats-new



GriefShare®
at First Baptist Camden
Beginning January 10
TINYURL.COM/FBCGRIEFSHAREJAN26

ALL LEADERS & TEACHERS
SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING
FELLOWSHIP CENTER
JANUARY 24
9 AM - 12:30 PM
 SCAN TO REGISTER

CAMP LA VIDA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
8 AM - 5 PM
One Day Deacon Training
For All Ordained Deacons - Active & Inactive
TINYURL.COM/ONEDAYDEACON26

January 11
Visitor & Guest Lunch
first Look
Discover What God's Doing at FBC
tinyurl.com/FBCFirstLook



 SIGN-UP HERE!
First STEPS CLASS
WITH PASTOR WYMAN
BEGINS JANUARY 18
SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM
6 WEEK COURSE
ROOM E130

Young at Heart
January 27
11:45 am
Featuring Bryant Sims
Pot Roast
Rice & Gravy
Carrots
Field Peas
Lemon Cake
Rolls

TINYURL.COM/FBCCHOIRRETREAT26
CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
— Winter Retreat —
JANUARY 9-10
Don't miss the chili cook-off!



Ladies' Retreat
FEBRUARY 6-8
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH | \$150
FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER
TINYURL.COM/FBCLADIESBR26

Girls Retreat
JANUARY 23-25

TINYURL.COM/FBCGIRLSRETREAT26

OASIS
A Christ-centered mission group for young adults exploring life choices and God's plan for their lives

JANUARY 6 & 15
6:30 PM AT THE HOME OF MARION JACKSON

WOMEN ON MISSION
January 13
@ 10:00 am
Ropeholders & Heartshapers
East Building Room 130
January 25
@ 4:00 pm
Fiber Fanatics

GUYS RETREAT

FEB. 27 - MAR. 1
6TH - 12TH GRADE
REGISTER BY JAN. 15
TO SAVE \$25
TINYURL.COM/FBCGUYSRETREAT26



FIRST KIDS

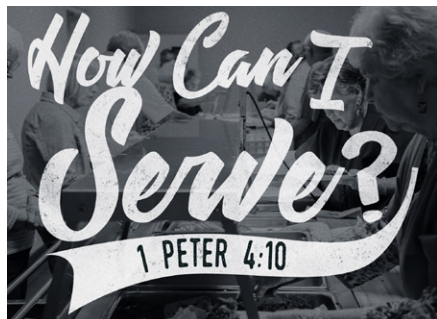
- Upcoming Events -

MAR. 21	KIDS EASTER EXPERIENCE 10 AM - 12 PM
MAY 10	PARENT/CHILD COMMITMENT
JUNE 1-4	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 3 - FAMILY NIGHT
JULY 13-16	KIDSALT CAMP

4:45 PM - 5:45 PM:
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
(NO RESERVATION REQUIRED!)

6:00 PM:
ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING
WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS
MDWK FOR FIRST STUDENTS

6:30 PM:
CHOIR & ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL



- Our Welcome Desk is in need of a few more smiling faces! If you can assist periodically with welcoming our guests on Sunday mornings, please contact Kim Stokes.

- Passionate about local missions? The Missions Committee has various service opportunities. Contact Cynthia Cook for details.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

ALASKA

JAN. 18

INTEREST MEETING
AFTER WORSHIP IN
THE YOUTH ROOM

FIRST STUDENTS

- Upcoming Events -

JAN. 23-25	GIRLS RETREAT NORTH MYRTLE BEACH
FEB. 27 - MARCH 1	GUYS RETREAT CROWDER'S RIDGE - \$100 IF YOU REGISTER BY 1/15
JUNE 5-12	HIGH SCHOOL - ALASKA MISSION TRIP DETAILS COMING SOON!
JULY 6-10	6TH - 12TH STUDENT LIFE CAMP MISSIONS CAMP - LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
JULY 20-22	COLA WARS

Realm gives members easy access to important resources and helps keep everyone connected.




Contact the church office if you are not signed up or if you don't currently have login details!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY 2026 -

JAN. 1	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
JAN. 9 - JAN. 10	CHOIR & ORCHESTRA WINTER RETREAT 5:30 PM - FRIDAY & 8:30 AM - SATURDAY
JAN. 11 SUNDAY	FIRST LOOK LUNCH - FOLLOWING WORSHIP
JAN. 18. SUNDAY	9:15 AM - FIRST STEPS CLASS W/ PASTOR WYMAN BEGINS
JAN. 23 - JAN 25	GIRLS RETREAT
JAN. 24 SATURDAY	9:00 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING
JAN. 27 TUESDAY	11:45 AM - YOUNG AT HEART
JAN. 31 SATURDAY	ONE DAY DEACON TRAINING

DECEMBER TOTALS

Monthly Budget.....	\$156,804
December Giving.....	\$154,417
Year to Date Budget.....	\$1,881,657
Year to Date Giving.....	\$1,817,558
Average Sunday School Attendance..	354
Average Worship Attendance.....	459

December Designated Funds

Benevolence.....	\$500
Building Fund.....	\$7,500
Children's Min.....	\$40
CLC Project.....	\$50
Janie Chapman.....	\$4,600
Lottie Moon.....	\$65,767
Love Offering.....	\$3,440
Sacks of Love.....	\$513
Senior Adult Min.....	\$500
WMU.....	\$67

SUNDAY

9:15 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDIES
9:15 AM	FIRST STEPS CLASS (BEGINS 1/18)
10:30 AM	WORSHIP
4:30 PM	TEEN GIRLS LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY
4:30 PM	1/25 - LOVE, SERVE, GIVE

WEDNESDAY

4:45 PM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
6:00 PM	ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MTG.
6:00 PM	WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS
6:00 PM	FIRST STUDENTS - FBC SET APART
6:30 PM	CHOIR & ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

THURSDAY

6:45 AM	MEN'S BIBLE READERS ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP AT CHICK-FIL-A
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SATURDAY

6:30 AM	MEN'S ACCOUNTABILITY
10:00 AM	GRIEFSHARE (BEGINS 1/10)

OASIS - YOUNG ADULT MISSION GROUP
6:30 PM ON TUES. 1/6 & THURS. 1/15

WOMEN ON MISSION

1/13- 10:00 AM
ROPE HOLDERS & HEARTSHAPERS
1/25 - 4:00 PM
FIBER FANATICS

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Minister.....Every Member
Senior Pastor.....Wyman Richardson
Minister to Students.....Clint Ellis
Minister of Music.....Tommy Sunderland
Director of Children's Ministries
.....Stephanie Caldwell
Director of Senior Adult Ministries.....Mark Derr

Support Staff:

Office Manager/Bookkeeper.....Tracy Collier
Ministry Assistant.....Angie Black
Ministry Assistant.....Amber McCaskill
Communications Director.....Tiffany Ellis
Tech Director.....Douglas Smith
Childcare Center Director.....Amy Shivar
Facilities Manager.....William (Buck) Clyburn
Kitchen Manager.....Lana Wright

Church Office Telephone.....803-432-7635
Church Prayer Line.....803-432-5031
Fax.....803-432-6264
Childcare Telephone.....803-432-9069

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm



**THANK YOU FBC FAMILY FOR GIVING TO
THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

CURRENT TOTAL: \$86,027
OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$62,000



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