



NOVEMBER

The Link

2025

When I was in college, I took a history class entitled “Napoleonic Warfare.” I will never forget the professor: Dr. Owen Connelly. He was, when I had him, an elderly man with a somewhat grizzled demeanor. I actually mean that as a compliment! I liked him immensely. He was an aged military man and scholar who wore a bolo tie and had a gravelly voice and a dry sense of humor. It was fascinating to hear him hold forth about Napoleon, his specialty.

I’ll also never forget the first day of class. He came in, went to the front of the class, looked briefly and wearily at all of us, then turned back to the board and wrote, in large letters, two words: “calvary” and “cavalry.” He turned back to us and said: “Class, listen to me. That first word is ‘calvary.’ That is the hill upon which Jesus was crucified. That second word is ‘cavalry.’ That refers to a mounted soldier. I beg of you: Learn the difference between the two.”

I still laugh to think about it. That poor gentleman had obviously suffered for years under student confusion on the point and had clearly determined that he never wanted to read another paper in which a student wrote “calvary” when he or she mean “cavalry.”

One little letter can make a big difference in the meaning of a word!

Think of another example: the word “canon” vs. the word “cannon.”

The latter word refers to an instrument of warfare designed to wreak havoc and bring maximum destruction.
The former word—“canon”—refers to a standard.

Sadly, at certain periods in Christian history, the church has gotten behind cannons. That is not the calling of the church!
Our church is seeking to gather around 4 Canons.

Our desire is to become an authentic family around the whole gospel for the glory of God and the reaching of the nations.

That is, we want to (1) love each other (authentic family) (2) with the love of Jesus (around the whole gospel) (3) so that beauty of God will be seen and celebrated (for the glory of God) (4) and so that the whole world will want to know King Jesus (and the reaching of the nations).

In my first sermon here, I invited you to lean on these canons. Test them. Hold them up to the light of scripture and ask yourself this question: Is this what Jesus wants us to be and to do?

If the answer to that is “yes,” then let’s do it and let’s be it! By the power of the indwelling Spirit and in the name of the crucified and risen Son and for the glory of our great God, let us do it and be it!

Wyman

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

A First Baptist Camden
CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRESENTATION

REJOICING,
REMEMBERING,
REFLECTING

Christmas
2025

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 3 PM & 6 PM
FREE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!

November 9

Visitor & Guest Lunch

first Look

Discover What God's Doing at FBC!

tinyurl.com/FBCFirstLook



CHURCH-WIDE

Thanksgiving
Meal

NOVEMBER 23 AT 5 PM
in the Fellowship Center

Meal Provided, Bring Your Favorite Dessert!

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

함께 TOGETHER
ENSEMBLE ZUSAMMEN

TOGETHER

ADULT SUNDAY
SCHOOL BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 30 - 9:15 AM
FELLOWSHIP CENTER

BRING A BREAKFAST DISH TO SHARE

Young at Heart



DECEMBER 2
BAKED CHICKEN, PINEAPPLE CASSEROLE,
GREEN BEANS WITH CRANBERRIES,
BROWN RICE, ROLLS, & RED VELVET CAKE
11:45 AM FELLOWSHIP CENTER

BAPTISM
Celebration
NOVEMBER 9

CONTACT A PASTOR OR THE
CHURCH OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE

NOVEMBER 9
AT 6:00 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY

DEACON
ORDINATION
SERVICE

NOVEMBER 2
DURING WORSHIP

THE LORD'S
Supper

A BENEVOLENCE OFFERING
WILL BE COLLECTED
AT THE END OF
WORSHIP THAT DAY



Ladies Bible Study
led by Cynthia Cook
(East Building)

Mondays at 6 pm &
Wednesdays at 10 am
Beginning
November 17 & 19

STUDY LUKE 1-2 VERSE BY VERSE

tinyurl.com/FBCLadiesAdventStudy



Ladies
COOKIE
Exchange

November 20
7:00 pm - Fellowship Center

Bring your favorite Christmas cookie or treat to share!

Thank
You
Elizabeth
Bravo
for 5 Years of
Service at
FBC Camden!

Welcome to the Family



Sheryl Bradley



Zack Caulder



Wyman & Roni Richardson

BUDGET DISCUSSION & CONSTITUTION AND
BYLAWS WILL PRESENT AN UPDATE

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 2 AT 6:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP CENTER

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will present an update to the Bylaws concerning the definition of church year at the Church Conference on November 2. The update will be available no later than Friday, October 17 in the Welcome Center, the Fellowship Center, first floor of the East Building, and the church office. It will contain both the current wording and the suggested addition; the complete context may be reviewed in the document available in the church office.

PACKING PARTY



NOVEMBER 16
5:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP CENTER

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION?

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF:

PLAYDOH
YO-YOS
MINI ETCH-A-SKETCH
JACKS
CARD GAMES
SMALL CRAFT KITS
SMALL FLASHLIGHTS
SOLAR CALCULATORS



ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED IN THE BIN OUTSIDE THE BAPTISTERY STAIRWAY

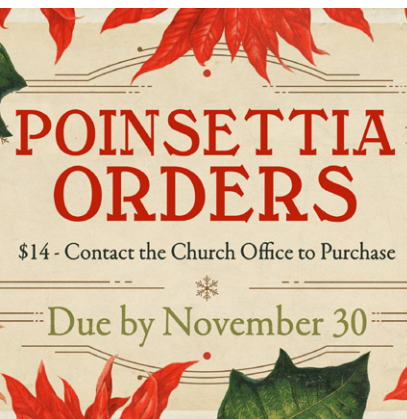
WOMEN ON MISSION

November 11 @ 10:00 am
Ropeholders & Heartshapers



Thank you all for making Trunk or Treat amazing! From donating candy to setting up, greeting our community, running games, supervising inflatables, or trash clean up - every helping hand was appreciated.

If your family or class is interested in providing Christmas gifts to Kershaw County children in DSS care, please contact Stephanie. DSS currently serves 200 children between the ages of 2 and 18 in Kershaw County.



OASIS

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



NOVEMBER 6 & 20

6:30 PM AT THE HOME
OF MARION JACKSON

UPCOMING EVENTS

- N O V E M B E R 2 0 2 5 -

NOV. 2 SUNDAY	CHILDREN & YOUTH JOIN WORSHIP TEAM THE LORD'S SUPPER DURING WORSHIP 6:00 PM - QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE
NOV. 4-6	YOUNG AT HEART BEACH TRIP
NOV. 9 SUNDAY	BAPTISM CELEBRATION 12:00 PM - FIRST LOOK VISITOR & GUEST LUNCH 6:00 PM - DEACON ORDINATION
NOV. 15 SATURDAY	10:00 AM - GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
NOV. 16 SUNDAY	5:30 PM - FELLOWSHIP CENTER OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY
NOV. 20 THURSDAY	7:00 PM - LADIES COOKIE EXCHANGE
NOV. 23 SUNDAY	5:00 PM - CHURCHWIDE THANKSGIVING MEAL
NOV. 26 WEDNESDAY	NO MIDWEEK - THANKSGIVING BREAK
NOV. 27-28	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
NOV. 30 SUNDAY	LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER KICK-OFF 9:15 AM - LOTTIE MOON ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

OCTOBER TOTALS

Monthly Budget.....\$156,804
October Giving.....\$141,547
Year to Date Budget.....\$1,568,040
Year to Date Giving.....\$1,485,025

Average Sunday School Attendance..356
Average Worship Attendance.....516

October Designated Funds

Benevolence.....\$1,114
Building Fund.....\$315
Children's Min.....\$60
CLC Project.....\$50
Janie Chapman.....\$6,865
Lottie Moon.....\$880
Men's Ministry.....\$300
Sacks of Love.....\$100
WMU.....\$6,990
Senior Adult Min.....\$500
Young at Heart.....\$25



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SUNDAY

9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDIES
10:30 AM WORSHIP
4:00 PM CHOIR & ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL
4:30 PM TEEN GIRLS LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY
4:30 PM - 11/23 - LOVE, SERVE, GIVE

MONDAY

6:00 PM LADIES ADVENT BIBLE STUDY (BEGINS 11/17)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM LADIES ADVENT BIBLE STUDY (BEGINS 11/19)
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
6:30 PM OASIS - YOUNG ADULT MISSION GROUP
11/6 & 11/20

SATURDAY

6:30 AM MEN'S ACCOUNTABILITY
7:30 AM MEN'S STUDY - 33 SERIES

WOMEN ON MISSION

11/11 - 10:00 AM
ROPE HOLDERS & HEARTSHAPERS

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

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