



THE OUTLOOK

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OUR MISSION

To demonstrate the love of Christ at the corner of Boulevard and the world.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a caring community of faith that honors Christ, respects the individual, acknowledges diversity, encourages spiritual growth, and provides opportunities of service.



Dear Church,

The 2025 books have now been closed and I can finally make an announcement I have been eager to make:

We finished 2025 with \$1,092,868 in tithes and offerings—an astonishing \$125,000 above our total giving in 2024!

And not only that, but when we include gifts given to the Capital Campaign and to the

Capital Improvement Fund, *we received well over 2 million dollars in financial gifts last year.*

Moreover—as if that weren't enough—I am thrilled to report that until the winter weather arrived a few weeks ago, this remarkable momentum had not tapered off in the slightest. In fact, three weeks into 2026, our tithes and offerings stood at \$119,226—which, even when adjusted for inflation, marks the strongest financial start our church has on record.

So, in short: we have so much to celebrate and to be thankful for!

As we all know, our budget for 2026 is very ambitious—\$1,227,000—which of course means that we will need to regain our momentum in order to fulfil it, since missing two worship services in a row has suddenly slowed us down. But given the amazing generosity of our church family and the way we have risen of late to face external challenges and meet our recent financial needs, I am confident that we will be able to achieve—and even surpass—our lofty 2026 goal.

So let us celebrate, and let us give thanks—for God is doing something altogether remarkable among us, and this wonderful financial news is but one among many markers of the health and vitality of our Boulevard fellowship.

To God be the glory, indeed!

All my love,

Austin



This month we are focusing on AIM's Hunger Ministries and Food Pantry. AIM helps meet the needs of families with food insecurity within the Anderson Community, by offering a variety of programs throughout the year. Recipients include residents in temporary need and families who are receiving SNAP benefits. They provide a drive-thru Food Pantry where households may receive assistance once each month. They are open Monday-Friday from 9:00-10:00 am or until 45 families are served. We raised (Enter amount here next week when we have a more final number) through our Souper Bowl of Caring collection. Thank you!

Be sure to mark your calendars for Baked with Love on March 1st. Some of our very best cooks will create over-the-top confections to raise money for our youth missions and music. Our young people will serve as the wait staff and provide entertainment. Come support our youth and enjoy some wonderful fellowship and amazing desserts! ~ Lucy

This month we hosted the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and it was such a wonderful night of good food and community. All the proceeds will go to the local non-profit, Tomorrow Starts Today. A lot of times we don't realize just how much food it takes to feed a crowd of that size. For reference, we bought 75 pounds of flour, 2 gallons of oil, and 12 dozen eggs. And that's just part of the ingredients for the pancakes! It takes a lot of work to prepare, cook, and serve, and we are lucky to have a head chef who oversees a lot of the cooking process! Garren Titus begins the work of the pancake supper months in advance. We are thankful for him and his team of volunteers who help to make it a success every year! ~ Anna Kate



**CHURCH
QUARTERLY
CONFERENCE**
FEBRUARY 25, 6:00 P.M.

DEACON NOMINATIONS

Each member of the church is encouraged to give prayerful consideration to the nomination of persons to be considered for election as a deacon. Please do not nominate anyone unless you have received his/her permission. If you are willing and able to serve, you may nominate yourself. The deacon nominating committee will carefully and prayerfully consider all who are nominated and will choose those they determine are the best candidates for service for the 2026-2028 term. The deacon nominating committee's choices will be presented to the church for approval.

Nomination forms will be available March 1-31, 2026 through a link in the March weekly update, in Sunday School classes, at prayer meeting and in the information racks beside the office door and in the vestibule. Upon completion, please return the nomination form to the church office, to the ballot box outside the church office labeled *Deacons*, to Stuart Harmon or Becky Lynch or place it in the offering plate by March 31st. For additional information or questions, please call Stuart Harmon.

Dessert Auction

Join us for delectable desserts and support our youth!

March 1st
6 PM
Fellowship Hall



March Emphases:

Matthew 6:6

When you pray, go away by yourself and pray focusing on God and you will begin to sense his grace. In this Lenten season, let us make a conscious effort to spend time in sincere, heartfelt prayer seeking God's guidance for where he is leading us as individuals and as a church.



Easter lilies are a beautiful symbols of life, death, and resurrection during the Easter season. Rather than individual potted lilies this year, the Flower team is planning one large arrangement that will incorporate

lilies along with other signs of Spring and renewal of life. If you would like to contribute toward the arrangement that will adorn the baptistry rail on Easter Sunday, you may do so in honor or in memory of a loved one for \$10. Forms are available [here](#) or in the display rack outside the Church Office. Completed forms and payment should be submitted by Sunday, March 29.

PrimeTimers

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

March - St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Tuesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m. (FH). This will be a covered dish event, so bring your favorite Irish or American food to share. Jack Roper will entertain with his magic. Sign-up by: Thursday, March 12th.

April - Spring Picnic, Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse at Leeward Landing (1501 Leeward Rd., Anderson, SC 29625). We will travel there via church bus and private vehicles. This will be catered barbecue meal. Cost \$10. Sign-up deadline with payment: Monday, April 13th. Please use Event Registration envelope located outside church office to register. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or turn it into the church office.



Mission
of
HOPE

March 16, 2026

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

The program will be presented by Michelle Nixon from South Main Chapel & Mercy Center. For more information call Billie Aman or Becky Lynch.

Cinderella Project



Anderson's Cinderella Project will convene on March 7th at Katharine Marie Wedding to offer free formal wear for high school girls whose parents would not otherwise be able to provide clothes for prom, dances, etc. The girls present their school ID to access this shopping opportunity.

Please search your closets and drawers for formal dresses, shoes, clutch purses and jewelry you are no longer planning to use and offer them for the Cinderella Project. Bring your items to the collection room by March 1st. All donations will be delivered on Monday, March 2nd. For more information contact Becky Lynch. Thanks for your contributions!

January Stewardship Summary

Budget Offerings:	\$ 156,806.86
Monthly Budget Goal:	\$ 99,439.25
YTD Budget Offerings:	\$ 156,806.86
YTD Budget Goal:	\$ 99,439.25
December Expenses	\$ 104,297.50
YTD Expenses	\$ 104,297.50
Designated Funds	
Beginning Balance	\$ 493,729.86
Debits	\$ 116,755.16
Credits	\$ 72,312.76
Ending Balance	\$ 449,287.46
Capital Campaign	
Pledged	\$ 2,721,213.23
YTD Receipts	\$ 48,994.51
YTD Expenses	\$ 3,023.63
Ending Balance	\$ 986,047.47

Welcome Spring



Sundays

- 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service, in-person and via Livestream
- 3:00 p.m. - Japanese Worship (MPR), 2nd Sunday

Mondays

- 12:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (FH), 1st & 3rd Monday
- 12:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (MPR), 1st & 3rd Monday

Wednesdays

- 9:30 a.m. - Prayers & Squares (BFH)
- 11:00 a.m. - Joyful Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. - Wednesday Prayer Meetings (CAC)
- 6:30 p.m. - Boulevard Bronze Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursdays

- 11:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Blue Room)

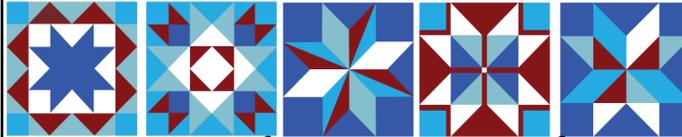


Honduras 2026

This year's trip to Honduras will be July 18-25. If you are interested in going on the trip or if you would like more information about ways that you can give to or help the team, please contact James Cochran (864-436-6972) or Ray Calhoun (864-556-5662).



Chair Yoga - Thurs. 11am



Prayers and Squares - Wed. 9:30am



Mission Trip

A team will be serving in Bucharest, Romania with Project Ruth July 11-18.

If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Cauthen.

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