



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,

As I said in last Sunday's sermon, we have much to celebrate and to be grateful for this year at Boulevard. Very much, indeed.

However, as I also said, we find ourselves in great financial need as this year draws to a close.

To date, we have received \$900,498.29 in tithes and offerings—which is a remarkable \$63,000 more than we'd received year-to-date last year.

Unfortunately, we still need to receive \$222,000 more in the month of December in order to meet budget.

As I pointed out on Sunday: we as a church family have averaged \$950,000 in annual tithes and offerings the past 15 years—which is a truly remarkable demonstration of consistency.

However, due to the effect of inflation, \$950,000 in 2025 is the equivalent of \$1.42 million in 2010. Which means, in short, we are trying to maintain the same level of commitment to our missions and ministries goals while operating on nearly \$500,000 less than just 15 years ago.

Thus, we have before us both a challenge and an invitation: we can remain consistent in our annual giving and radically cut back on our church's missions and ministries goals, or we can all commit to giving a little more—endeavoring to catch back up to the giving levels we have strived for in years past.

As your pastor, I am convinced that the glory days of Boulevard Baptist Church lie not just behind us, but ahead of us, too. We have *so* much to look forward to and be excited about.

So, please consider giving a meaningful year-end gift to our church's missions and ministries this year.

And then, please also consider maintaining your increased financial commitment to Boulevard for calendar year 2026, as well.

We are indeed at an inflection point in our church's rich and storied history. And I am certain that twenty-five years from now, our children and our grandchildren will look back on this moment and say that this year was a watershed year in the Boulevard story. Thus, may we all stretch ourselves a little more, so that the story they'll be telling is one of generosity and faithfulness—of how the sacrifices we made here, now, are the reason they'll still be telling the story here, then.

All my love,

Austin



Many of us recognize the beautiful items from Rahab's Rope that adorn our Fellowship Hall each year during the Alternative Gift Fair, but this month we are focusing on their larger story. Rahab's Rope is a place that provides food, shelter, and protection; a place of education and training; and a place where the whole person is ministered to spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, and financially. It is a place of hope, a place of transformed lives. Ultimately, Rahab's Rope exists to end human trafficking and restore hope, purpose, and dignity to the lives of women and children in South Asia. They do this by equipping and empowering women through education and vocational training; teaching them to be skilled artisans and restoring the dignity of work. Make plans to shop their artisans' products at our Alternative Gift Fair in December! Also, don't forget about our food collection this month for Good Neighbor Cupboard. Good Neighbor Cupboard reached a new record of serving 99 families in a single day this month. Thankfully, I have been amazed by the response of our church and our community to this urgent need. Thank you for your help and let's keep it up! ~Lucy



As we end this season of thanksgiving, I want to reflect on the many ways our missions friends classes served those in our community and beyond. We filled and decorated 21 Christmas boxes to be sent to Kentucky. We also created Christmas ornaments to be handed out to those in our community who receive a meal from Meals on Wheels. All the while learning about what these organizations do and why they are important. I am grateful for these kids and all they are teaching me each time I'm with them. Make plans to join us on December 21st at 6 p.m. for our Blue Christmas service in the chapel. All are invited to join us. ~ Anna Kate



Poinsettia Orders



Orders are now being accepted for poinsettias that will be placed in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. Forms are available outside the Church Office or [HERE](#). Complete the form (one form/poinsettia) and return it to the Church Office along with your payment by Sunday, December 7. Please make all checks payable to Boulevard Baptist Church and designate "poinsettia." The cost is \$17.50 each.

The Tie That Binds

A Women's Mentoring Program

Find more info and the link to sign up in the weekly update

Plan to join us for a kick-off retreat in January!



ADVENT SCHEDULE

First Sunday in Advent: November 30

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Communion
"The Light That Mends Us" (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Wednesday, December 3

Advent Dinner 5:30 p.m. (Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Roll, Chocolate Delight). The entertainment presented by the children and youth choirs.

Second Sunday in Advent: December 7

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
"A Little Child Shall Lead Them" (Isaiah 11:1-6)

Third Sunday in Advent: December 14

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Sanctuary Choir "Nativity Suites" by Benjamin Harlan

December 21

6:00 p.m. (Chapel) Blue Christmas: A Worship Service for Those Who Mourn
"My God, My God—Why?" (Psalm 22:1-5)

Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Candles, and Communion

4:30 p.m. Organ Concert presented by Ron Davis.
5:00 p.m. Worship Service: Carols, Communion, and Candlelight
"Keeping Watch Over Their Flock by Night" (Luke 2:1-7)

Fourth Sunday in Advent: December 28

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
"Christmas Is Not Over"
(Isaiah 63:7-9)



Welcome, New Members



Join us in welcoming: Amelia Ryea, 3 Delta Road, Anderson, SC 29621; Luke Arney, 174 Mill Pine Road, Anderson, SC 29657; and Laura Johnson, 2418 Marchbanks Ave. Apt. 39H, Anderson, SC 29621 as the newest members of the Boulevard Baptist Church family.



December Emphases:

Isaiah 65:24 Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. God's care is so deep and attentive that he moves to meet our needs even before we voice them.



**December 15, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

Home of Billie Aman

The program will be presented by Jennifer Neeley from the Department of Social Services. For more information call Billie Aman or Becky Lynch.



22nd Alternative Gift Fair

Saturday, December 6, 2025

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Following Worship 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall (FH)

Featured Ministry Partners

Haven of Rest
The LOT Project
Prayers & Squares
Silent Auction
Disaster Relief

The Champions Center for Special Children
First Light (Formerly Foothills Alliance)
The Cleo Bailey Experiment
Rahab's Rope (International Market)
The Corner Bakery

Happy
Thanksgiving



October Stewardship Summary

Budget Offerings:	\$ 72,131.77
Monthly Budget Goal:	\$ 93,528.75
YTD Budget Offerings:	\$ 838,220.16
YTD Budget Goal:	\$ 935,287.50
October Expenses	\$ 98,392.87
YTD Expenses	\$ 952,280.93

Designated Funds

Beginning Balance	\$ 446,275.61
Debits	\$ 12,482.55
Credits	\$ 15,299.07
Ending Balance	\$ 449,092.13

Capital Campaign

Pledged	\$ 2,721,213.23
YTD Receipts	\$ 410,829.97
YTD Expenses	\$ 622,608.05
Ending Balance	\$ 636,195.36



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Sundays

9:30 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

8:00 a.m. - Walking Track Open (Gym)

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

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

Tuesdays

8:00 a.m. - Walking Track Open (Gym)

Wednesdays

8:00 a.m. - Walking Track Open (Gym)

9:30 a.m. - Prayers & Squares (BFH)

11:00 a.m. - Joyful Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. - Wednesday Prayer Meetings (CAC)

7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursdays

8:00 a.m. - Walking Track Open (Gym)

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

PrimeTimers

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

January - Winter Brunch on Tuesday, January 20th at 9:15 a.m. (FH). The brunch will include breakfast casserole, bagels, cream cheese spreads, fruit, coffee and hot tea. Lt. Caron from the sheriff's office will make a 45 minute presentation (Safety Issues for Seniors) at 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$5. Sign-up deadline with payment: Tuesday, January 13th.

February - Valentine's Day Dinner (catered) on Thursday, February 12th; at 6:00 p.m. (FH). Bill and Linda Forrest will entertain us. Cost: \$15. Sign-up deadline with payment: Friday, January 30th.

March - St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Tuesday, March 17th 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 deadline: Thursday, March 12th.

Please use the Event Registration Envelopes located outside of the church office to register. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or turn into the church office.

For God so
loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that *whoever*
believes in him should
not perish but have
eternal life.

John 3:16, ESV

