



# 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 we prepare to enter a new year, I invite us to hear afresh these inspiring words from the apostle Paul:

*“Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.”*

Paul’s point here is not just about novelty; it’s instead about the immense *possibility* that novelty brings—which puts me in mind of an incisive question from the poet Mary Oliver:

*“Tell me—what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”*

Taking together the apostle Paul and the poet Mary Oliver, and taking into account the new year that lies before us, I challenge us as we enter 2026 to ask ourselves:

What is it we plan to do with this new chance? This new year? This new range of possibilities?

What might we do? What might we change? How might we serve? How might we *grow*?

The Spirit is at work amongst us yet, dear family, and I cannot wait to see where its wild and precious wind might blow us in 2026!

All my love,

Austin



# Poinsettias

*have been placed in the Sanctuary to the glory  
of God and in loving memory of*



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| Bobby & Opal Anderson .....   | by Teresa Anderson                       | Jonathan Jennings .....         | by Janis Jennings                  |
| Jack M. Bowers Sr. ....       | by Joanne A. Bowers & Jack M. Bowers Jr. | Sam Jones .....                 | by Dale Jones                      |
| Philip Charles Bryant .....   | by Charles & Gail Bryant                 | Elston & Nell MacKay .....      | by Margaret & Raymond MacKay       |
| Jackie Burgess.....           | by Bill Burgess                          | Ralph & Elizabeth McEniry ..... | by Deborah & Allen McEniry         |
| Dr. Perry Carroll .....       | by The Carroll Family                    | Juanita Moon.....               | by Bud Moon/John & Deborah Hartman |
| Paschal Cochran .....         | by Patricia Wood                         | Mickey Moon .....               | The Moon Family                    |
| Franklin Coleman.....         | by Marilyn Coleman & Family              | E.A. & Mae Morris .....         | by John & Sara Jean Orr Morris     |
| Bill Crowe .....              | by Patricia Wood                         | Pauline B. Mullinax .....       | by Ronnie & Linda Mullinax         |
| Gerald Culpepper .....        | by Stephen, Kathy, Emma Culpepper        | John Mulz .....                 | by Patricia Wood                   |
| Peggy Deane .....             | by Wayne & Cyndee Reynolds               | E.A. & Olga Orr .....           | by John & Sara Jean Orr Morris     |
| Peggy G. Deane.....           | by Jan Yost                              | Our Parents .....               | by Bill & Linda Forrest            |
| Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dillard.....  | by Billy Dillard                         | Isaac Ponder .....              | by Margaret & Raymond MacKay       |
| Margaret Dillard .....        | by Billy Dillard                         | Betty & Marvin Rada.....        | by Ken & Lynn Rada                 |
| Becky Estridge.....           | by Anonymous                             | Bobbie & Sam Rigby.....         | by Ken & Lynn Rada                 |
| Becky Estridge .....          | by Marion Carroll                        | Bill & Pete Thomason.....       | by Bill & Pam Thomason             |
| Becky Estridge .....          | by Wayne & Cyndee Reynolds               | Charlie Trado .....             | by Bill Trado                      |
| Danny Farmer.....             | by Wayne & Cyndee Reynolds               | Margaret Trado .....            | by Bill Trado                      |
| Richard & Margie Gibson ..... | by Melanie Wilson                        | Marshall Tribble .....          | by Stephen, Kathy & Emma Culpepper |
| John Gray.....                | by Wayne & Cyndee Reynolds               | Laura Leigh Tye.....            | by Libby Tye                       |
| Donna Moon Heh.....           | by Bud Moon/John & Deborah Hartman       | John Walker .....               | by Brena Walker                    |
| Bill Hull .....               | by Margaret Hull                         | George J. White .....           | by Deborah & Allen McEniry         |

## and in loving honor of

|   |                    |   |                                   |
|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Adeline Brubaker .....                    | by Gram            | Dianne King .....                         | by Marion Carroll                 |
| David Brubaker .....                      | by Gram            | Anda Mobley .....                         | by Anita Elrod                    |
| Julia & Terry Carter.....                 | by Your Family     | My Children & Grandchildren .....         | by Ila Tribble                    |
| Children & Grandchildren.....             | by Ken & Lynn Rada | My Sons .....                             | by Deborah Ponder                 |
| Kathy C., Harvey E., & Lottie Choate..... | by Marion Carroll  | Our Children & Grandchildren.....         | by Bill & Linda Forrest           |
| Doug & Jacque Davison .....               | by Marion Carroll  | Our Church Ministers.....                 | by Anonymous                      |
| Gordon Hammond Family .....               | by Anita Elrod     | The Church Directory Team .....           | by Anonymous                      |
| Alyce Hickman .....                       | by Marion Carroll  | Janean, Meredith, Elizabeth Thomason .... | by Bill & Pam Thomason            |
| Jean Hutto .....                          | by Margaret Hull   | Ila Tribble .....                         | by Stephen, Kathy, Emma Culpepper |

## ADVENT SCHEDULE

### 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

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

"Christmas Is Not Over"

(Isaiah 63:7-9)





Thank you, thank you, thank you! First, thank you for your response to our food drive for Good Neighbor Cupboard. We have donated around one thousand pounds of food so far! They are blown away and extremely grateful for our help especially this close to the holidays. Second, thank you for supporting our Alternative Gift Fair through baking, crafting, volunteering, and/or giving. There is still time to give if you have not had the chance yet! Third and finally, thank you for your love of all of our youth throughout this year - in small ways and big ways. It is a joy to watch our church family consistently support and encourage our youth. You are a tangible picture of hope, peace, love, and joy! ~ Lucy

What a beautiful December we've had! Our kids and youth wrapped up our semester of music and missions at our Advent Dinner. They did a phenomenal job! Thank you to all of you who joined us, and for supporting our children and youth! One of the most meaningful services we have all year is our Blue Christmas service on December 21st. This is a service for anyone experiencing heartache of any kind this Christmas season. It's beautiful to be gathered together on the longest night. Our children's ministry will have their Christmas party on December 21st also. We plan to meet at Big Air and play together for a few hours! We will not have Sunday school on December 28th. Plan to join us on January 4th as we celebrate Epiphany and present bibles to our new 2nd graders. The light of Christ is near, friends. Let us rejoice and sing! ~ Anna Kate



## Welcome, New Member



Join us in welcoming:  
Michelle Wilson,  
2105 E. River  
Street, Anderson,  
SC 29621, as the  
newest member  
of the  
Boulevard  
Baptist Church  
family.



## November Stewardship Summary

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Budget Offerings:     | \$ 115,858.77   |
| Monthly Budget Goal:  | \$ 93,528.75    |
| YTD Budget Offerings: | \$ 954,078.93   |
| YTD Budget Goal:      | \$ 1,028,816.25 |
| November Expenses     | \$ 89,264.92    |
| YTD Expenses          | \$ 1,041,545.85 |

### Designated Funds

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 449,092.13 |
| Debits            | \$ 35,056.35  |
| Credits           | \$ 16,610.36  |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 430,646.14 |

### Capital Campaign

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Pledged        | \$ 2,721,213.23 |
| YTD Receipts   | \$ 562,442.69   |
| YTD Expenses   | \$ 603,764.38   |
| Ending Balance | \$ 783,633.71   |



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Alternative Gift Fair Continues

You may give Gifts of Love after worship on December 21<sup>st</sup> or December 28<sup>th</sup> in the vestibule, or arrange an opportunity for giving through December 31, 2025 by calling Becky Lynch at 376.6017. You may pay by cash, check or by selecting Give on Boulevard's website and designating to Alternative Gift Fair.



## IRS Regulations for

### End of Year Contributions

Contributions received in the church office by **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31** will count as year 2025 donations.

Online contributions must be received by 11:59 p.m. **December 31.**

All mailed gifts, including UPS & FedEx etc., must be postmarked by December 31.

Contributions received or postmarked after December 31, will count as year 2026 donations.



# 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.



### 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

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)

6:30 p.m. - Boulevard Bronze Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

### Thursdays

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

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



### January Emphases:

#### Psalm 136.1

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his loving kindness is everlasting.

Gratitude flows naturally when we remember that God's goodness and steadfast love never run out.



### Supported Yoga

We use the chair for support at times. Weights may be used to help strengthen and tone. This gentle, accessible class is designed for individuals of all levels looking to build strength, balance, and flexibility with the aid of support. Other fitness equipment such as mats, light weights, yoga straps and blocks will be used to help tone and strengthen. Classes are held every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Blue Room. We look forward to seeing you there. ~Lina Harris



**January 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m., FH**

The program will be presented by Sarah Crowder from *It's for the Girls*. For more information call Billie Aman or Becky Lynch.

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