



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



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.



22nd Alternative Gift Fair Continues



You may give Gifts of Love after worship on December 21st or December 28th 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.



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

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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