



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,

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. On this day, we remember how the crowds cheered for Jesus, how they screamed Hosannas at his triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Then, we reflect on how that excitement and ardor gave way so quickly to darkness and betrayal.

As always, our Palm Sunday service will begin with our BBC children entering our sanctuary waving palm fronds, reminding us of the joy and joviality that attended the entry of Jesus that long ago week.

As Holy Week moves forward, though, the tone of the story shifts—and we will have services that capture all of these tonal changes.

On Wednesday, I will be preaching at Mountain Spring Baptist Church (4801 Liberty Hwy, Anderson, SC 29670) at 6:00 p.m., and Mountain Spring has graciously invited all of Boulevard to join their church family in observing this midpoint of the Holy Week journey. I hope you will make plans to come join us.

On Thursday at 6:00 p.m., we will partake of communion together during our Maundy Thursday service, remembering Christ's final meal with his disciples and the commandment of love that he gave them on their final night together.

On Good Friday at 7:00 p.m., we will be joined by members of Mountain Spring Baptist Church for our annual Tenebrae service, in which candles are extinguished in coordination with the setting of the sun—the final candle being extinguished as the sun sets, a powerful symbol for the death of Jesus.

On Saturday, we stay home from church to grieve and lament—just as the earliest disciples did. We reflect on the love Jesus has for us and on the horror and injustice of his ghastly death.

Then, finally, on Easter Sunday, we sing alleluia and we rejoice at the wondrous news that Christ Jesus has been raised from the dead!

Please make plans to participate in all of these services, as each service sounds a different but necessary note, the sum total coming together in a Holy Week harmony that reminds us how sweet the sound of amazing grace really is.

All my love,

Austin

Mission Focus



Our mission focus for the month of March is South Main Chapel & Mercy Center. The vision of South Main Chapel & Mercy Center is to be a church that works alongside those dealing with homelessness and poverty. In addition to Sunday morning worship, a fellowship meal is offered each Sunday following the service. Boulevard provided this lunch March 3rd and will serve lunch three more times this year. Services offered during the week include on-site mental health counseling, vocational rehab counseling, nursing care, addiction recovery referrals, transportation and housing assistance and other case management services for over five hundred individuals in our community. Along with lunches, another way to serve South Main Chapel & Mercy Center is with your musical talents. South Main is always looking for soloists to sing or play during their Sunday morning worship services. This year makes 10 years of South Main Chapel and Mercy center serving a community. We are so grateful for their ministry and the opportunity to partner with them! ~ Lucy

We are gearing up for an exciting summer! We shared our VBS theme with our families on March 20th. We will be **SCUBA** diving into **VBS 2024** friendship with God! The dates for VBS are June 2-6. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to myself or to Renee Drake. It will be an exciting week of exploring a deeper friendship with God! This month our toddlers have been learning about the miracles of Jesus. They talked about Jesus calming the storm, Jesus healing the blind man, and when Jesus walked on water. Then they shared together a "last supper" on Maundy Thursday, which consisted of goldfish and juice boxes! As we experience longer days and warmer weather, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of what is to come. New life, bursting forth everywhere we look. I think it's quite fitting that Easter most often ushers in spring. What was dead has come back to life, changed, renewed. Might the same be true for us this Easter season. ~ Anna Kate



Sunday School



Sunday School Attendance Volunteer needed! The volunteer will assist if & when one of our Sunday School attendance secretaries has to be out on a Sunday morning. This person would be responsible for distributing the attendance sheets to all classes, collecting them, and returning them to the church office. Please contact me if you are willing to help Karen & Brad.

If you have any need in your Sunday school class that I may be able to help with, please give me a call. If your class is doing new things that should be highlighted in the Outlook, please let me know! I will be happy to visit your class. Our teachers faithfully teach God's word so we may grow spiritually and become stronger

disciples, living and manifesting the fruit of the spirit in our daily lives. Give thanks to your teachers for doing such a wonderful job. ~ Marcia



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 nominations and choose those they determine are the best candidates for the 2024-2026 term. The deacon nominating committee's choices will be presented to the church for approval.

Nomination forms will be available to church members March 1-31, on the church website, in the church office, through a link in the March weekly updates, as an insert in the worship guide on March 10th and 24th, 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 Jim Logan or Becky Lynch, or place it in the offering plate by March 31. For additional information or questions, please call Jim Logan or Becky Lynch.



Spring Missions Luncheon
May 20, 2024 @ 11 AM
Save the Date!

We hope you will join us to hear Nate Knox share the work of The LOT Project and to enjoy lunch and fellowship.



This year's trip to Honduras will be July 20-27. 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).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS



April Emphases:

This month's prayer focus verse is Matthew 28:19 -- "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations"

In gratitude for what Christ did for us on the cross, let's be willing and eager to share the good news with others.

Welcome, New Members



Join us in welcoming: Jim Bartz - 113 Chasewater Drive Anderson, SC 29621; Ray, Kate & Becky Brady - 113 Lazy Willow Court, Williamston, SC 29697 and Ellen DeRycke - 6494 Fairhaven Rd, Davenport, Iowa 52807 as the newest members of the Boulevard Baptist Church family.

PASSPORT

Save the Date

**KIDS
JULY 14-17
YOUTH
JULY 7-12**



PrimeTimers SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Mystery Trip - Prime timers (anyone over 55) is invited to go on our annual Mystery Trip, April 11, leaving at 8:15 a.m. from Boulevard parking lot. Cost is \$40 per person and includes lunch, transportation, and entry fees. More info? Ask Ellen King.

Church-Wide Retreat May 23-25, 2024 Lake Junaluska, NC

Tommy Brown, the author of *The Ache for Meaning: How the Temptations of Christ Reveal Who We Are and What We're Seeking*, will join us to teach on his book and our deep longings and questions: Will I have enough? Am I enough? Do I matter?


**CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**
Easter Monday - April 1, 2024

Ron Davis Organ Concert

April 21, 5:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)



Selections will include music written over the past four centuries by composers from Germany, England, Belgium, Canada, and the United States. The program is free and open to the public.

February Stewardship Summary

Budget Offerings:	\$ 133,402.37
Monthly Budget Goal:	\$ 95,137.17
YTD Budget Offerings:	\$ 192,370.89
YTD Budget Goal:	\$ 190,274.34

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Sundays

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service, in-person and via Livestream

Mondays

8:00 a.m. - Ladies Prayer Group (FH)

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)

5:30 p.m. - Music Makers & Young Musicians
Rotations at 6:15.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting (FH)

6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

6:15 p.m. - Boulevard Bronze (Sanctuary)

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

Thursdays

9:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (Blue Room)

