

The Informer

JUNE/2026

What's happening this month



*A family devoted to
the Word, to Worship, to the
Fellowship, & to the Ministry
of the Gospel*

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

I shared recently that I believe a potential fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:34 — "...for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest." — is the children who come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. That little ones can have a relationship with the Almighty is something the church (especially Baptists) has prioritized in ministry; after all, didn't Jesus?

We now come to one of our biggest ministry events of our church calendar: Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Illumination Station" and comes from the verse above, that Jesus is the light.

Reminds me of one of my favorite C.S. Lewis quotes: I see Christianity like I see the sun, not because I see the sun, but by the sun I see everything else. Jesus does that for us. He is the perfect revelation, and so perfect that even kids can see and know.

How will you be involved in VBS this year? Will you volunteer in a rotation? As an assistant? In the kitchen? Will you be a greeter? Help with set up?

If you cannot serve in person will you serve in prayer?

A prayer guide will be provided the Sunday before VBS, but you can start praying now for:

- the children and their families
- the leaders and helpers
- the teachers and hearers
- the hearts of all who come, especially the lost

if you want to volunteer reach out to Paige, the office, or anyone on staff

Love y'all so much!

- Blair

Love Jesus. Love One Another.



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Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
5/3/2026	164	215
5/10/2026	118	210
5/17/2026	137	198
5/24/2026	140	220
5/31/2026	-	-



Last Month...

Finances (as of 5/28)

Budget Contributions	\$46,662.00
Budget Distributions	\$51,769.00
Restricted Contributions	\$69,138.00*
Restricted Distributions	\$75,490.00

*includes \$50,000 transfer from MM

We now accept contributions directly through Zelle (no fees involved). If your bank uses Zelle, you can set up for a single or recurring transfer of funds. Just put in irmobaptist@yahoo.com as the email to send the contributions along with the amount. If you need assistance, contact Patty in the church office.



New Members



Jared, Christie, Brayden, and Anna Grace Knight

**LIVE STREAM AND WATCH
SERMONS ON YOUR TV**

Available on
Apple TV, ROKU, and Fire TV

You can now watch sermons on your smart TV! Search for the First Baptist Irmo App.



Thank you to every volunteer who came out to help lay the new sod on our front lawn. Because of your hard work, sweat, and dedication, our church grounds have been beautifully transformed. Your teamwork made a massive project look easy. It is a joy to see everyone come together to care for our church home, and your efforts will welcome members and visitors alike for years to come.



Wednesday Night Dinner

No Wednesday night dinners in June

AMAZING GRAYS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 11:30 am
Bring a Covered Dish (meat provided) and a friend



Our Program for June will be provided by Mrs. Kathy Barker. She will sing and accompany herself on the keyboard. Kathy sings in the choir and does solos at First Baptist Columbia. She lives in the Irmo area. Join us for great entertainment, and delicious food with Christian friends. Invite someone to join you.

Ministry Updates

Nursery Schedule

	Sunday School (Babies)	Service (Babies)
6/7/2026	Sam and Debbie Austin	Amy Gambrell and Julie West
6/14/2026	Meme Firestone and Valda Stokes	John and Barbara Cooley
6/21/2026	Chris and Heather Fite	Connie Spivey and Brooks Criminger
6/28/2026	Jennifer Branham and Heather White	John and Robbin Smith

	Service (Toddlers)
6/7/2026	Autumn Parades and Veronica Watson
6/14/2026	Vicki Hall and Melissa Swofford
6/21/2026	Karly and Brandon Carter
6/28/2026	Nancy Hoover and Melissa McDonald

*Sunday School for Toddlers available in the preschool classroom

Ministry Updates

Children's Ministry

Through the summer, the Children's Ministry will have **Summer Sundays** with missions-focused activities each week at 5pm and Wednesday nights with Dylan at 6pm. Come join us a bring a friend or two!

**Join us at First Baptist Irmo
for Vacation Bible School**

Register Here:



SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

**ILLUMINATION
STATION** JOHN 8:12

LifeWay

June 15th-19th

5:00-8:30PM

Completed 3K-6th grade
must be potty trained

Dinner served for kids nightly

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Mission's Ministry

Monthly Budgeting Tips

Every month, we will be going over budgeting (financial) tips to have financial peace (Dave Ramsey).

This month we will be discussing “Shopping Around”.

The first area I shop around is for gas. While in Savannah last weekend, I found the cheapest gas station and it was \$3.67 per gallon. Prices ranged from \$3.67 to \$4.29 a gallon. That is \$.62 per gallon difference. I put about 13 gallons in my car and I saved \$8.06 (\$.62 x 13 gallons) by not paying \$4.29 per gallon. The gas station has to be conveniently located to save. On a regular basis I shop at a club type gas station and save \$.10 a gallon. I only get the gas when I am there. Last month, I switched my internet carrier for the same service and saved approximately \$25.00 per month which is \$300 per year times 10 years which is \$3,000.00. I also switched my streaming service to one without local channels and saved \$50.00 a month. I get most of my local channels free through my antenna. On the new streaming, I get most of the other stations I had before. The savings is \$600.00 per year and for ten years I would save \$6,000.00.

Verse 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

For any questions call Bruce Pharis at 803-730-3240.

Snack Pack

With the school year ending and Snack Pack taking a little break, we wanted to provide you with some numbers for the 2025-2026 school year. We ask that you continue to pray and support this ministry as the 2026 - 2027 school year will be starting before we know it.

Total bags backed: 1219
Avg bags per week: 34
Contributions from outside church: \$1690
Average cost per bag: \$4.91
Items per bag: 14

Ministry Updates



Who is ready for Summer Camp?

Parents of RA's and GA's it is time to look at your family calendar and see where Camp McCall or Camp LaVida fit into your summer plans. Life at camp allows your child to participate in morning devotions, meet missionaries, select from over 15 camp activities, dig deeper into God's word, spend time outdoors swimming, visit the canteen and camp store, engage in recreational activities, evening worship and nighttime fun.

Robbin Smith is available to answer any questions.

Registration is now open!

Anyone wishing to sponsor or donate for our students attending camp may do so by designating Children's 2026 Summer Camp on your donation or by visiting the church office.



RA's interested in attending Camp McCall in Sunset, South Carolina may view their website at: <https://www.campmccall.org/>

Camp costs for RA's are:

Alpha Camp \$170/camper / Crusader weeklong camp \$340/camper



GA's interested in attending Camp LaVida in Winnsboro, South Carolina may view their website at: <https://www.camplavida.org/>

Camp costs for GA's are:

Mother/Daughter Camp is \$90/camper

Weeklong camp is \$360, 3-day mini camp is \$180

WMU



Women of all ages are invited to join Women on Mission
Tuesday, June 9th at 11:00 am

Join us for our next Women on Mission meeting. We will gather in Building 100 for a time of fellowship, prayer, and impactful mission planning. All women are welcome to attend and discover how we can serve our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Member Birthdays in June



2 – Terry Goza

3 – Bob Lyon

4 – Lucille Lucarelli

6 – Betty Stephenson

7 – Ellen Goza

7 – Teresa Cobb

10 – Noah Parker

11 – Ann Raines

12 – Bud Murphy

16 – Hannah Grace Criminger

19 – Jerry Burriss

21 – Rachel Perry

23 – Scott Parker

24 – Lynne Mann

25 – Owen Bedford

27 – Rob Smith

27 – Candler Smith

29 – Dianne Parker

30 – Summer Huskey

30 – Summer Fite