

The Informer

What's happening this month

MAY/2026



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

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COLE HANCOCK
Pianist

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Church Family,

I'm excited to share how God is moving in the life of our church and city! It's great to be a part of a church family who is on fire for the gospel and want to see people take their next step of faith!



Nursery Road Elementary School nominated First Baptist Irmo out of all their groups for the Outstanding Volunteer Group Award at the School District Five Community Involvement Celebration that was held on April 2nd. This is an incredible honor for our church and highlights God's movement within the school system and how much they appreciate what our amazing volunteers are doing. God is at work in the lives of the students and staff and we are humbled to play a small part in God's amazing work! Thanks to all the volunteers and to Mrs. Gregory's leadership and thanks be to God for orchestrating our partnership at NRES.

I've been added to the Board of Directors with Sharing God's Love. I'm excited about how we can partner more within this ministry and how God will use this to open doors of gospel conversation within our community.

The goal of missions within our church is to be sent out into our neighborhoods, city, the state, and the nations in advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ. To be able to play a role within God's kingdom work is a privilege and opportunity we pray for. God is moving both locally and globally and everything we do is missional and intentional within our church. Pray about where God wants to use you for His kingdom for His glory! We are excited as we begin May to see all that God has in store for us and how we can be used by Him and for Him!

Please pray for our church family, the construction workers who work tirelessly on our renovations, the site foreman, all of our amazing volunteers and Sunday School teachers. God is doing an amazing work in the life of First Baptist Irmo and it is exciting to see how He is leading, guiding, and directing us in His mission for His glory!

In Christ,
Pastor Caleb



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Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
3/31/2026	144	209
4/5/2026	161	342
4/12/2026	131	175
4/19/2026	142	208
4/26/2026	142	209



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.



Last Month...

Finances (March)

*Updated March finances provided.

Budget Contributions	\$70,513.00
Budget Distributions	\$57,505.00
Restricted Contributions	\$53,706.00
Restricted Distributions	\$44,065.00

Finances (April)

Budget Contributions	\$57,679.00
Budget Distributions	\$62,371.00
Restricted Contributions	\$30,579.00
Restricted Distributions	\$21,003.00

New Members

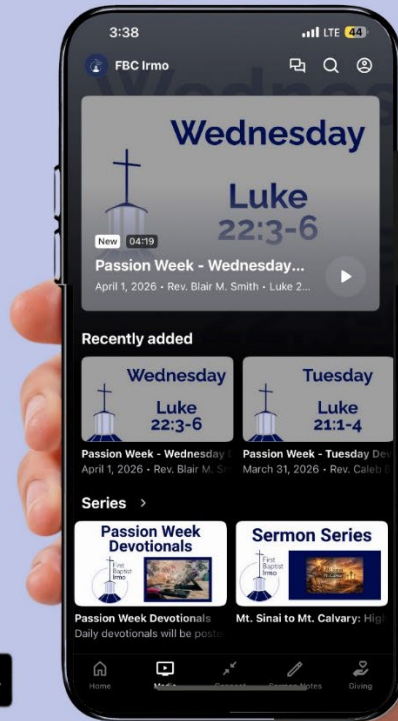
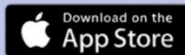
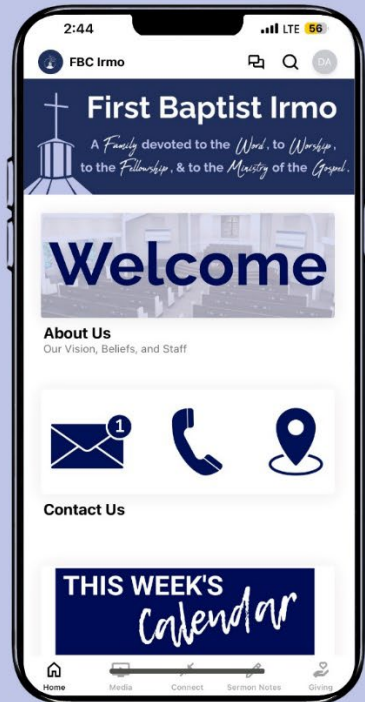


Louise Love
Amy Struthers



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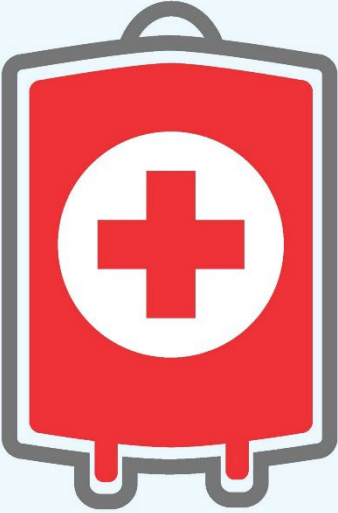
We are excited to announce that First Baptist Irmo is now mobile! You can stay connected with our church family anytime, anywhere, by downloading our official app. This new tool makes it easier than ever to access our latest sermons, stay updated on upcoming events, and engage with our community through secure giving and prayer requests. Simply scan the QR code above or visit the App Store/Google Play Store and search for **First Baptist Irmo** to download it today and keep our church community right at your fingertips.

If you have any questions or need any help, please reach out to Deborah Atkinson (803) 351-4377 or e-mail at deborah@firstbaptistirmo.org



Answered prayers!! Jared and Christie will be moving to the Lexington area on May 13th. We have a special opportunity to show the love of Christ in action. Jared and Christie could greatly use our help. We are asking for volunteers from our church family to assist with lifting and transporting belongings into their new home. Your helping hands and kind hearts will make a big difference. If you are available to help, please contact Rob Smith (803) 553-1805. Thank you for your willingness to serve and support our church family.

- In Christs Love, Rob Smith



Give blood.

Help save lives.

Blood Drive
First Baptist Church of Irmo
Family Life Center
7068 Nursery Rd
Columbia, SC 29212

Monday, May 4, 2026
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Come to give blood May 1-17 and get a \$20 eGift Card, thanks to Amazon! See: rcblood.org/Amazon

Our church is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Monday, May 4 from 2:30PM - 7PM in the FLC. This will be a great time to save lives and connect with the community. If you're interested in volunteering or donating blood or have questions, please contact Pastor Caleb (270) 313-9618.

Ministry Updates



Wednesday Night Dinner

Dinner begins at 5:15 in the FLC. The price is \$8 for adults and children 12 and under eat free (no take-outs). Please reserve your place by noon on the Tuesday before by calling the church office @ 803-781-1345, or signing up in your Bible Study class. Tickets will be handed out upon arrival.

May 6 – Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad

Meals will be on summer break after May 6th

AMAZING GRAYS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - 11:30 am
Bring a Covered Dish (meat provided) and a friend



The Amazing Grays Program for May will be a little different from past programs. We will divide up into groups and have a Bible Trivia contest. There will be a prize for each member of the winning group. Study your Bible and help your group win. The activity will be led by Wendell Blanton. This will be a fun time for all, so invite a friend.

Ministry Updates

Nursery Schedule

	Sunday School (Babies)	Service (Babies)
5/3/2026	Lynn and Hugh Mann	Karly and Brandon Carter
5/10/2026	*Nursery Volunteers Needed*	*Nursery Volunteers Needed*
5/17/2026	Vicki Hall and Melissa Swofford	Meme Firestone and Valda Stokes
5/24/2026	Pete and Paula Dent	Nancy Hoover and Melissa McDonald
5/31/2026	Karly and Brandon Carter	Connie Spivey and Brooks Criminger

	Service (Toddlers)
5/3/2026	John and Robbin Smith
5/10/2026	Vicki Hall and Veronica Watson
5/17/2026	Tim & Paige Youmans
5/24/2026	Chris and Heather Fite
5/31/2026	Haley Hall and Brittany Hancock

*Sunday School for Toddlers available in the preschool classroom

Ministry Updates

Children's Ministry

The children's Easter egg hunt event was a great success! We had 35 children and their families including some from Nursery Road Elementary and the Good News Club. We appreciate the plentiful candy and egg donations as well as the youth and college students who volunteered their time to help with the crafts and egg hunt. Great event and great churchwide teamwork!



Our AWANA store will be held on May 6. Make sure your student(s) get to participate in the shopping fun!



SAVE THE DATE: June 15-19, 2026 / 6-8:30pm

VBS THEME: Illumination Station

As we start our VBS preparations, we are seeking volunteers to help during the week and prayer warriors to help prior to and throughout the week. Contact Paige Youmans at 803-622-4861 or the church office to volunteer.

Ministry Updates

Youth Ministry



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 IRAs “Required Minimum Distribution (RMDs)” and “Qualified Charitable Distribution” (QCDs)”.

RMDs are mandatory annual withdrawals from most retirement accounts (traditional IRAs, 401K and 403b) starting at age 73.

A QCD allows individuals to transfer up to \$111,000 directly from taxable IRAs to a qualified charity without including amount in their taxable income. This tax-free transfer satisfies the RMD while reducing the taxable income and maintaining lower tax brackets. This can be done monthly and can be changed.

What this means is your tithe can be set up as a QCD and reduce your tax liability. Consult your CPA or financial advisor.

Leviticus 27 30-32: A tithe of everything from the land... belongs to the Lord (returning a tenth of what already belongs to the Lord).

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

Ministry Updates

WMU



Women of all ages are invited to join Women on Mission
Tuesday, May 12th at 11:00 am

We will explore “Sharing our Time”, discuss Luke 8:40 – 56 and celebrate missionaries having a birthday. Mark your calendar to join us in Building 100.
We hope to see you there.



All proceeds will support mission efforts, including our sister church Coram Deo in Puerto Rico.

Member Birthdays in May



- 1 – Daniel Parker**
- 6 – Melissa McDonald**
- 7 – Brian Gambrell**
- 9 – Autumn Paredes**
- 10 – Nancy Hoover**
- 10 – Sierra Speicher**
- 11 – Stephanie Speicher**
- 11 – Mark Liedkie**
- 13 – Randy Fite**
- 17 – Jimmy Derrick**
- 17 – Patty Hampton**
- 19 – Robbin Smith**
- 19 – Max Branham**
- 21 – Marcia Maddox**
- 23 – Linda Smith**
- 24 – Bryan Padgett**
- 27 – Ron Lindsey**
- 27 – Cheryl Tolbert**
- 30 – Blair Smith**