

HURRICANE WATCH

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February 2026

Monthly Newsletter



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Head of School Update

By Dr. Justin Mitchell

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

As February unfolds and winter tightens its grip with cold mornings and gray skies, we are reminded that every season, yes, even this one, is part of God's design. "You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made summer and winter" (Psalm 74:17). What a beautiful reminder that winter, though often overlooked, is purposeful.

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Beneath the surface, roots deepen. Growth continues, even if it's not yet visible. We're seeing that same quiet, steady growth across our campuses. Though the pace may sometimes feel slow, like the season itself, God is faithfully at work in our students, families, staff, and school.

In the heart of our community, there is great energy. We're thrilled to launch the Kids Heart Challenge this month in partnership with the American Heart Association. Throughout February, our students will participate in engaging jump rope activities during PE classes while learning about heart health, physical activity, and giving back to others. The challenge will wrap up with a celebration event that reminds us all of the joy that comes from moving our bodies and serving with purpose.

January brought a joyful celebration as we recognized excellence in student achievement. On January 23, we honored our Varsity Soccer Team with a State Championship ring ceremony, a moment filled with gratitude, pride, and excitement. We also celebrated FBS Class of 2025 Alum, James Tyler, our 3200m Track State Champion, with a ring presentation of his own. These students remind us that perseverance and teamwork yield great rewards, and that we are blessed to witness the fruit of their dedication. We are proud of all of them.

Looking ahead, we invite all parents and faculty to a timely and important event: our Parent Workshop on Artificial Intelligence, hosted by The Social Institute. This session will take place on Saturday, February 10, at 6:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall on our Downtown Campus. This workshop will explore how AI is shaping our children's education, future careers, and everyday lives, and will offer practical tools for guiding responsible and healthy tech use at home. Workshop highlights include the following: understanding what AI is and how it functions in daily life, exploring its impact on education and students' futures, learning how to help children form healthy, ethical relationships with technology, and building confidence in conversations about digital literacy at home. Whether you feel overwhelmed by technology or curious about its potential, this event is designed to equip and encourage you.

Finally, the new Weight Room facility construction has moved more slowly than anticipated; however, we've celebrated the pouring of the concrete foundation and other preparation work, an essential milestone. At this stage, we're awaiting an inspection from the metal building manufacturer before progressing to the next phase.

So while the days are still short and the temperatures low, the evidence of God's faithfulness is all around us. Winter, in its own quiet way, calls us to go deeper, to rest, to prepare, and to trust. May this season be one in which our students, our families, and our staff grow in wisdom, faith, and unity. Thank you for being part of this journey. Stay warm, stay encouraged, and take heart: spring is coming!

We invite you to stay up-to-date with current events by following First Baptist School's social media and our school webpage. #WeAreFB

Be blessed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2026

4	Kids Heart Challenge Kick-Off
6	Alumni Night
13-16	Winter Break
21	Sweetheart Dance
27	Kids Heart Challenge Celebration and Dress Down Day

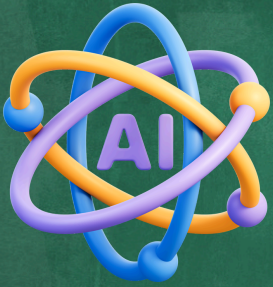


[View Athletic Calendar](#)



IN THE KNOW

school happenings



Technology Information Night: February 10th

We are offering a Technology Information Night on February 10th from 6pm-7pm in the Fellowship Hall on the Downtown Campus (48 Meeting St.) or via zoom. This is a great opportunity for families to hear about the different trends in technology and ways to navigate appropriate use at all ages. Our focus that evening will be "Navigating an AI Driven World: How Adults can Help Foster a Healthy Relationship with AI". We will have free childcare provided as well. Please [RSVP here](#).

Sweetheart Dance: February 21

We are looking forward to our Sweetheart Dance (Father/Daughter) on February 21st on the James Island Campus. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).



Kids Heart Challenge

We've kicked off our Kids Heart Challenge! Be sure to register and help us reach our \$10,000 goal here! Register [here](#)!

WANT TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH
US? BE SURE TO TAG US AND USE
OUR SCHOOL HASHTAG!

#WeAreFB

FIRST BAPTIST SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow along with our daily happenings on our social media pages! Below are the official school social media pages.

SCHOOL



FINE ARTS



ATHLETICS





Second Grade Service Project

Calling all pop tab collectors! Our 2nd graders are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We're gathering them in gallon Ziploc bags, which can be dropped off in the black trash can located to the left of the printer in the library. While our visit isn't until May, we encourage everyone to start collecting now – the more, the merrier!

FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL
OF CHARLESTON

12th Biennial Live & Silent Auction

Save the Date

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

HARBOUR CLUB AT WESTEDGE
22 WESTEDGE ST. SUITE 700
CHARLESTON, SC 29403

TICKETS ON SALE EARLY 2026

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

FIRST BAPTIST HS

GAME DAY



**FIRST BAPTIST
VS NORTHWOOD**

FRIDAY | JANUARY 16, 2025 | 4:00 PM



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STORY OF THE SEASON



CHAPTER 6

FIRST BAPTIST HS

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**FIRST BAPTIST BUILDS MOMENTUM
WITH STATEMENT PERFORMANCES**

Don't forget to check out the Story of the Season for basketball!

[Read it HERE](#)

Make sure to subscribe to stay updated!

Varsity Girls Basketball Players Maddy Pojani and Gabby Moore recently scored their 1000th Career Point.

The 2024-2025 Varsity Boys Soccer Team and 3200m Track State Champion James Tyler were presented Championship Rings on Jan 23.

Senior Night for Basketball is Feb 6th!



Congratulations

Drew Litzinger, 8th grade trumpeter in the First Baptist Band, auditioned for and was accepted into the 2026 South Carolina Region 4 Honor Band!

He will perform with this amazing group of talented student musicians on an evening concert on Saturday, February 21st at East Edisto Middle School.





The World Is Our Oyster!

Please join us for the 2026 Global Partners in Life Oyster Roast at beautiful Wingate Place on Johns Island!

Savor fresh, expertly selected oysters presented by a marine resources specialist, along with hearty chili, hot dogs, and delicious desserts. Vegetarian options will also be available.

Discover the inspiring stories of widows and orphans we serve around the world and take part in our silent auction supporting vital projects and unmet needs. Our silent auction will feature local art, curated experiences and top-tier outdoors gear.

You may purchase tickets [here](#) or please contact [Walker Maginnis](#), CEO, if you prefer payment by check.

February 28, 2026

4:00 - 8:00 pm

3850 River Road, Johns Island, SC 29455

\$35 per adult; \$5 per child



SIMPLE DISCIPLESHIP FOR A COMPLICATED WORLD



**Sunday
March 1**

**11:30 - 1:00
Downtown Campus
Fellowship Hall**

FBS FAMILIES, JOIN US!

Jenni Carter served as Children's Minister at Tabernacle Baptist in Macon, GA, for 24 years before spending 11 years as the Children's Ministry Consultant with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. After retiring in 2024, she has remained actively involved in Children's Ministry within her church and continues to lead training opportunities as requested. Jenni is passionate about equipping leaders as well as supporting parents through intentional faith-based parenting classes. She has been married to her husband, Jimmy, for 50 years and together they have three married daughters and eight grandchildren.

Join us in our Simple Discipleship training as Jenni gives biblical and practical information to navigate a complicated world.

Please RSVP for lunch! Preschool and kids lunch and activities provided.



**Guest Speaker,
Jenni Carter**



RSVP





First Baptist School

Auxiliary Programs

Our spring enrichments have started, and we're excited to see students learning new things and having fun after school!

Keep an eye out for information for our **Spring Break camp** registration information coming soon!

FIRST BAPTIST Summer

DAY CAMPS  CHARLESTON, SC

Summer Camp registration opens **February 2nd** for all families! 🌞🎉

First Baptist School offers a variety of engaging summer camp options designed to keep students learning, active, and having fun all summer long. From our 9-week Hurricanes Summer Camp to a lineup of exciting weekly specialty camps, there's truly something for everyone. We're confident you'll find the perfect program to make this summer unforgettable for your student!

[Register Here](#)

Registration for 2026 Summer Camps is NOW Open!





Parent Teacher Organization



Happy February, FBS families!

It's crazy to think that we are more than half-way through the school year. Thank you for your support in the Fall, which allowed the PTO to support our teachers and our classrooms! Because of your efforts, we were able to financially support: professional development for the teachers and staff, several teacher wish list items, the downtown garden, school security cameras and gate, Yondr Pouches for the high school, and Christmas cookies and hot chocolate for Star / Polar Express Day!

Although the weather does not feel like it, Spring is just around the corner! Please mark your calendars for the following:

- **February 27:** Dress Down Day
- **March 23-27:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **March 27:** Dress Down Day
- **April 17:** Field Day (K3-K5)
- **April 24:** Dress Down Day
- **May 8:** Field Day (1st - 8th grades)

Over the coming weeks, our efforts will be focused on Teacher Appreciation Week! Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail pto@fbschool.org.

Lindsay Loewer

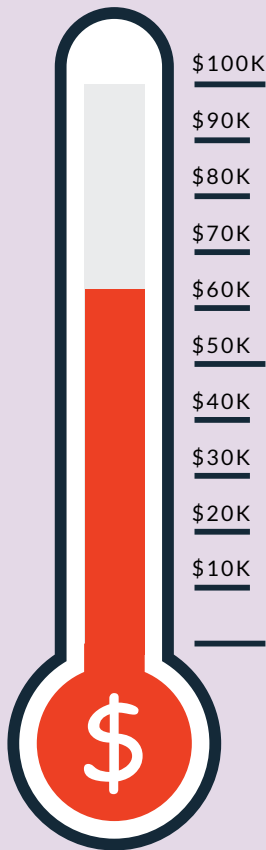
PTO President

ADVANCEMENT

UPDATES

Mr. Jimmy Crook
Director of Advancement

Loyalty Fund
Thermometer



Help us meet our
**\$100,000 Loyalty
Fund goal!**

Join us for an unforgettable evening on March 21st at the **Twelfth Biennial First Baptist Auction**. Tickets will go on sale Feb 17th (after winter break)! Set against the beautiful Ashley River backdrop at the Harbor Club, this event promises an exciting blend of elegance and fellowship. Guests will enjoy a night of delicious cuisine, live entertainment, and the thrill of bidding on exclusive auction items, all in support of First Baptist School. This event is the perfect way to connect with our community and make a lasting impact by raising critical funds to support our growing school! Don't miss this spectacular evening—your support helps create a brighter future for our students!

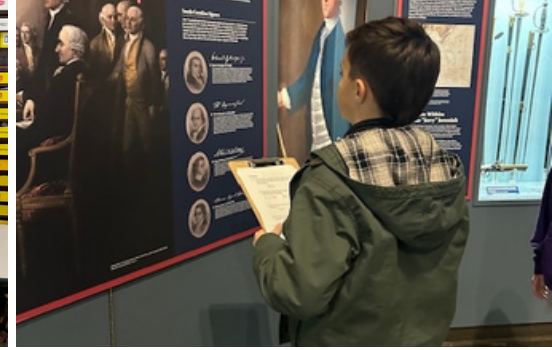
The evening will include a **live auction, a silent auction, and a raffle**, giving attendees the opportunity to bid on exclusive items and support a great cause. Join us for a social hour and hor d'oeuvres from 6pm to 7pm, Dinner beginning at 7pm, with the live auction beginning at 8:30 pm.

Ticket prices are \$160 for single tickets, and \$300 for couples. Group tickets for four are available at \$600 and the entire table for 10 individuals is \$1,500 (with special seating up front!).

We think our teachers are real gems, and don't they deserve a night out? We are seeking Amethyst Sponsors to purchase a ticket (or two!) for our faculty members. Just "add to cart" when you buy your ticket by clicking "Sponsor a Teacher" (\$160 per person). If you are unable to attend, please consider sending a teacher to the auction.

My staff and I are looking forward to seeing you on March 21st!

Jimmy Crook
Director of Advancement
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Around Campus



FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



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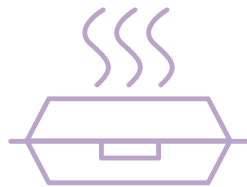
STUDENT
HANDBOOK

PTO

PARENT TEACHER
ORGANIZATION (PTO)



SMART TUITION
LOGIN



SCHOOLHOUSE
FARE LUNCH



DRESS CODE



FACULTY/STAFF
DIRECTORY



ACADEMIC
CALENDAR



ONLINE
GIVING

These resources can always be found on the [Resources](#) page of our website.