



ALL THE GOOD NEWS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



February 2026

GRACE CHURCH, ANDERSON

Established 1851

It is known that services of the Episcopal Church were held in Anderson by the Rev. W. T. Potter as early as 1840 and later by other missionaries, probably. The next report we have in the records of the diocese is in February, 1849, when the Rev. Andrew H. Cornish, then rector of St. Paul's, Pendleton, reported holding services two days in the court house in Anderson in 1848. He had found there five families and seven communicants belonging to the Church, the nucleus he trusted of "a large and flourishing congregation." On August 20, 1849, Bishop Gadsden visited Anderson where he says he preached and administered the Holy Communion to "six females"; Mr. Cornish read Morning Prayer. The evening before, at the Bishop's request, the Rev. J. D. McCollough had held service and preached. There was, at this time, a subscription of \$405.00 to build a Church. When at its meeting in 1851, the Convention of the diocese was assured not only of an amount available for the support of a minister, but also that a lot had been given for a Church, and \$500.00 raised toward the building, Grace Church, Anderson, was then admitted into union with the Convention. This was on February 12, 1851. This implies that the congregation had already been duly organized. Mr. Cornish resigned St. Paul's, Pendleton, in 1850 but soon returned, keeping an eye on the group in Anderson. He reports holding four services in 1852. Mr. Cornish and those "six females" were probably the founders of the Church.

From The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

By A.S. Thomas 1957

On **February 12th 1851** Grace Church was admitted to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina by the Diocesan Convention. On **February 12th 2026 at 6 PM** Grace will gather with our Bishop to celebrate the 175th anniversary of that day. Bishop Richards will be celebrant and preacher and will administer Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation. A festive reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Lent at Grace:

Bring Palm fronds from Palm Sunday to be burned for Ash Wednesday. We'll make some ashes after the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on February 17 at 6 PM.

Ash Wednesday Liturgies: February 18th Noon and 6 PM.

Lenten Study: Sundays 9:15 AM Parish Library, **Honest to Goodness**, copies available for \$7

Lenten Sermon Series: I Give My Heart: reflections on the Apostle's Creed, Sunday Liturgies in Lent.

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour





ACTION

GRACE

St. Catherine's Guild News

We wish our church family a happy and healthy 2026! PLEASE NOTE that our first meeting of the year has been postponed due to the high numbers of flu cases. We will meet on Monday, March 2nd, at noon at the church. As always, we will bring a sandwich, and the hostesses will provide chips, dessert, and drinks. We have a special guest speaker, and we encourage the ladies in our church to join us. Betty Avakian, one of our new members, is an aestheician, and for forty years she had a business in Greenville called Let's Face It. She will share her experiences, which included being the official skincare and makeup artist for Miss South Carolina. Betty also appeared on Channel 7 in Greenville. She will explain the best skincare and makeup for your skin, and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. While enjoying our lunch, we will also share ideas for our activities in 2026. Please call or text Anne Martin (864) 561-2187 if you are interested in attending, so our hostesses can be sure to have enough food.

February Save The Date



Sacred Saturday: February 7th at 10 a.m.

Outreach Meeting: February 8th

Episcopal Christianity Class: February 8th at 9:15 a.m.

175th Celebration of Grace with Bishop: February 12th at 6 p.m.

Mom's Meet-Up February 14th at 9 a.m. at Figs Cafe.

Church Office Closed February 16th

Daughters of the King meeting: February 16th at 10 a.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: February 17th at 6 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Liturgies: February 18th noon and 6 p.m.

Guy's Gathering at Grace: February 19th at 6 p.m.

High School Retreat at Gravett: February 21st and 22nd

Lenten Sermon Series Part 1: February 22nd

Lenten Study begins: February 22nd at 9:15 a.m.

Vestry Meeting: February 23rd at 6 p.m.

Grief Support meeting: February 26th at 10 a.m.



GATHERINGS AT GRACE



Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship

We meet every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Join us as we knit, crochet, chat, and get to know one another. Bring any portable project you want to work on, or we do have supplies available. For more information Contact Lisa Mattison at lisamattisonrn@gmail.com

Women, Wine and Wisdom

WWW meets Tuesday evenings in the parlor from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come join us as we continue our discussion of Searching For Sunday.

Ladies Prayer Group

The Grace Ladies Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Library. All are invited to join us in prayer.

Grief Support

Grace Grief Support welcomes anyone who may be in a journey of loss to meet once a month at Grace for a time of conversation, fellowship, and sometimes lunch. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 22nd at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join. For more information contact John Taylor at newberryjohn@yahoo.com



Grace Guy's Gathering

The Grace Guys will meet Thursday, February 19th at 6 p.m. at Grace. All men are welcome to join.

Daughters of the King

DOK will meet Monday, February 16th at 10 a.m. If you are thinking of joining or have questions, please join us.

Family Newsletter

February 2026

GRACE ON THE GO

We have a new program! Grace on the Go brings everything you need to learn about the Bible as a family right to your door. Each kit contains 4 lessons that are designed for your family member's ages, along with craft materials and instructions, game ideas, and ways to incorporate that lesson through the week. All of this is completely free, and we'd love to have your family participate! If interested, please fill out the following form or talk to Sharon.



SACRED SATURDAY

Join us for our new, all ages program! Once a month, we will come together to learn about faith. The whole family is invited to participate in this new time of learning, playing, and fun.

Our first Sacred Saturday will be Feb. 7 at 10am in the parish hall. We will be learning about Ash Wednesday and Lent! We will also have donuts, coffee, and juice. Please sign up in advance!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE?

Feb. 2 - Grace on the Go bags delivered

Feb. 7 - Sacred Saturday

Feb. 14 - Mom's Monthly Meet Up



MOM'S MONTHLY MEET UP

Join us for Mom's Monthly Meet Up, which will be February 14 at Fig's Cafe and Farmacy from 9:00AM-10AM. Meet other moms in the community and have a yummy breakfast! Kids are welcome at this event.

See an issue with the timing of any of our events? Please let Sharon know so we can better schedule things in the future! We want to make it as easy as possible for your family to attend!

Memorials

Received December 16, 2025 through January 15, 2026

In Memory of Bryan Rumble to the Choir/Music Fund by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Memory of Tom Hancock to the Rector's Discretionary Fund by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Memory of Barbara Scott to the Rector's Discretionary Fund by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie



Honorariums



In Honor of Bill Scott to the Choir/Music Fund by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Honor of Gill Powell, Lily Roland Hall, Joe & Pam Herold, Jim & Kathe Harris, Jeff & Michelle Ricketson to the Rector's

Discretionary Fund by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

If donors prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate this with your Memorial or Honorarium



STEWARDSHIP

As of 12/31/2025

YTD 2025 Revenue: \$424,678

YTD Expenses: \$439,965

YTD Deficit: \$15,287





YOUTH NEWSLETTER

February 2026

What's Happening?

High School Retreat

The diocese is hosting a high school retreat on February 21-22 at St. Matthew's in Spartanburg. Please make plans for your teen to attend this wonderful overnight experience with food, fun, and fellowship. Talk to Sharon to sign up.

Happening #94

Happening is a Christian experience presented by teenagers, for teenagers (with the help of clergy and lay adult leaders). This event is for all 9-12th grade youth and held March 13-15 at Camp Gravatt. It is a weekend of fun and fellowship and the opportunity to grow in your faith. If interested, please talk to Sharon to sign up or get more information.

Souper Bowl Sunday

We invite your teens to help make subs on 2/8 as part of Souper Bowl Sunday. If interested, please be at the church at 8am.

Shrove Tuesday

The annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be February 17 at 6pm. If your teen would like to help with this event, please have them at the church as close to 4pm as possible!

Contact Info

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FEBRUARY



BIRTHDAYS

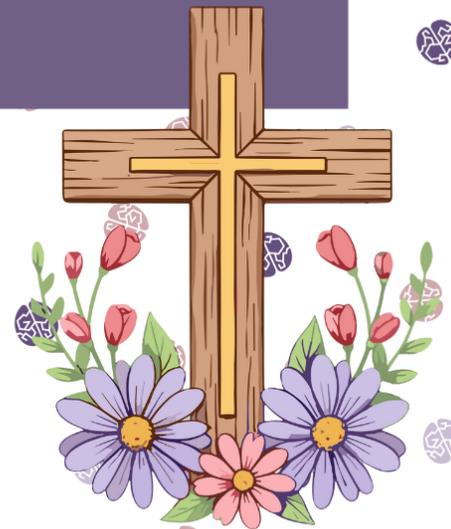
1st Susan Whatley
1st Jack Hardaway
3rd Rylee Simmons
4th Linda Foley
4th Jack Mansmann
4th Lisa Joseph
5th Ava Camak
7th Lana Mattison
11th Nathan Cox
12th Nancy Welch
14th Brady Peebles
15th Stuart Knobel
16th David Bradham
16th Leigh Martin
17th Maryann Barnwell
18th Buddy Wade
20th Margarit Gray
22nd Buddy Bilbrey
24th Abby Burden
26th Mary Jane Ames
26th Allan Wilford
27th Jackson Potter
28th Jerry Peeler
28th Rick Standland

BAPTISMAL NEWBIRTH DAYS

10th Mike Digby
10th Tony Guiseppi
10th Erin Hughes
13th Louise Knisley
14th Aurelia LeBrun
15th John Bradford Jr.
27th Lawren Ardion

EXPECTANT PARENTS

Parker and Caroline Bates
Brent and Kirri Kinley
Donovan and Erin Colman
Sam and Cayce Baker



PRAYER LIST

John Bostater: by Kathy Bostater
Karlann Bostater: by Kathy Bostater
Bill & Anne Jameson: by Kathe Harris
Michael Bays - Cancer
Jean Wilson: by Pam & Joe Herold
Sharon Honeycutt - Jodie Webb's Mother
Robyn Bundy: by Stuart & Gail Adamo
Mary Oppermann: by Joey Opperman
Matt McAlister: by Marty Jenkins
Mary Anna Scott - Pat Bradham's Sister
Mitchell Fullerton: by Susan & Steve Fullerton
Dewell Garner: by Linda Hoffman
Tammy Chamblee: by John Heeny
Lake Morris: by Lynne Prince
Carroll Price: by Heather Morhardt
Doctor Rajeev Malik: by Gill Powell
Rogers' Family: by Sara Cheek
Stephen Heeney: by John Heeney
Bonita Glover - Healing: by John Heeney
Erwin Karl: by Pam & Joe Herold
Beckham Owens: by Maxwell Jeffers
Stephanie Flaherty: By Jackie Lenhart
Larry Strong: by Jodie Webb
Irene Rose: by Pam & Joe Herold
Lola Josey: by Linda Hoffman
Noah Holman: by Janet Rippey
Millie Chamberlean: by Lisa Tucker
Elaine Junkins-Suzanne McMahan's sister
David Bradham: by Pat Bradham
Sutton Jeffers: by Maxwell Jeffers
BHS' 67 gals: by Pam & Joe
Riley Gilbert: by Jackie Lenhart
Bill Shaver: by Linda Hoffman
Jeff Nelson: by Kirri & Brent Kinley
Pam Herold: by Joe Herold
Sam & Cayce Baker by Cindy Baker
Jeane Dixon by Brett & Rebecca Dixon
Ruby Eppler: by Cindy Baker

Matthew Sharkey
Susan Fullerton
Linda Wilson
Cameron Miles
Joe Ball
Mason Winarski
Joshua McMillan
Amelia Hanks
Diane Obright
Connie Whiteside
Kaylee Muthart
Alex Gundry
Missy Parson
JoAnn Watson
Kervin Family
Bill Speer
Eddie Benenati
Sandy Sloan
Catherine Campbell
Greta Jacobsen
Bob Cooper
Suzanna McMahan
Vivian Fink
Gary Bechert
Lib Christeson
Frederick Hall
Sarah Reeder
William Moore
Ellis Ripley
Rick Schlup
Debi Frantz
Judy and Mark Blakenship
Gary Kerley