

**Mission Statement**

We are a community of believers in God as revealed in Jesus Christ as Lord. We believe in the authority of the Bible, the equality of all members, unity in diversity, and the priesthood of all believers. In communion with and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we follow the Way of Jesus the Christ and share the Good News through worship, education, ministries, and missions. As an autonomous Baptist Church, we value our heritage and the freedom it allows us to minister alongside other groups, both Christian and non-Christian. We express our love for all in gratitude for the love God has shown to us.

# News

March 9, 2015

## First Baptist – Greenville

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**Rustlings...**

Because a host of folk know I'm a member of the clergy (and because a minority of folk know I'm a closet monk), I'm often asked, "How do you pray?"

I typically enter my office – in the quiet of the morning – open a prayer book or Bible, read a passage and meditatively talk with God. For the second morning in a row, however, I was too distracted to engage the discourse. There was a cricket in my office. I could hear it but couldn't see it. Its insidious leg-friction (chirping) was driving me crazy. Deciding to get on this insect's level, I left the comfort of my throne and began to creep – on hands and knees – toward the noise.

Following his incessant and irritating cries for help, I finally found him. He was wedged tight against the bottom of a bookshelf; he was in the shadow of Kittel's *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, Volume 9*. If it had fallen on him, it would have killed him. If he tried to read it, he would never understand it.

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**Easter Lilies to Adorn Sanctuary**

An arrangement of lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary Easter Sunday as both honorary and memorial gifts. All gifts will be published in the *News*. If you wish to place a gift, send the following information to the attention of Kimberly Coates at the church:



- Your name, phone number and e-mail address, if applicable
- The number of lilies (\$15 each)
- In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church. Orders must be received by March 23.

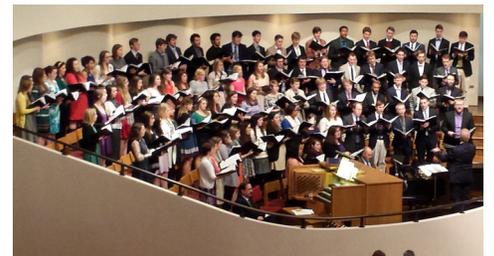
**Yard Sale Items Needed**

The Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale will be held March 27, 5:00-7:00 p.m., and March 28, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Proceeds from this sale benefit the Neighborhood Partnership and Unidiversity Missions. Donated items should be taken to the church during normal business hours. Contact Frank Smith or a member of the Facilities Staff for placement of items. Pick-up service for large items can be arranged. For further information, contact Frank Smith at 370-2522 ext. 125.



**Did You Miss It?**

The Furman Singers provided service music for our worship service on March 8. If you forgot to "spring forward" and missed worship, the archived copy of the service will be available on the *Livestream* page for a limited time. It can be accessed by clicking the "Watch Live" button on the homepage of the church website.



Sunday, March 15, 2015  
 The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
 Service of Baptism and Communion  
 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews  
 Scripture: Psalm 69:3-4, 19-21; John 19:28-29  
 Sermon: The Cup of Cruelty  
 Anthems: "Take Up Your Cross" – *ARR. SHIPPEY*;  
 "No Hands but Yours" – *WILLIAMS*

The service choir for this Sunday's service is the Youth Choir.  
 The 10:30 a.m. worship will be simulcast live on WLFJ 660 AM  
 and 92.9 FM from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Living Generously @ FBC  
 2015 Budget Goal: **\$2,300,000**  
 Needs as of March 7: **\$398,079**  
 Receipts as of March 9: **\$393,268**



Missions  
 Offering  
**\$3,368**

### A Year of Living Generously March Stewardship

Participate in Operation Inasmuch on March 21. Give this one Saturday morning of your year to serve others in our community. In addition, keep giving a monetary offering each Sunday – when the offering plates are passed – as part of your worship. Also, keep sharing random acts of kindness in your community. Write one of those in your church order of worship, tear it off and place it in the offering plate. These are ways for all of us to be the hands and feet of God in our community.

### Get Ready to Roll this Summer

Roller Time Skating Academy will be hosting a camp this summer at First Baptist! Skaters will learn how to balance, skate forward and backward, fall and recover, toe stop and more.

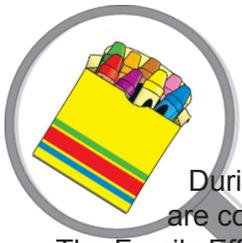


August 10-14  
 9 a.m.-noon  
 1-4 p.m. (advanced skaters only)  
 Cost: \$135 (includes rental skates)

Register at [www.rollertime.net](http://www.rollertime.net)

Questions? Contact Angela  
[rollertimeskatingacademy@gmail.com](mailto:rollertimeskatingacademy@gmail.com)  
 (864) 561-2172

### Focus on Missions:



During March, we are collecting items for The Family Effect which serves new mothers. The Family Effect, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, works to reduce addiction as a leading cause of family collapse and harm to children in Upstate South Carolina. When addiction in the home is healed, child abuse, neglect and domestic violence are prevented, and a stronger, more responsible family is created.

Please place the following items in the collection containers:

- Small bottles of bubbles
- Crayons
- Coloring books
- Squishy balls
- Silly putty
- Glitter
- Bubble wrap

### Random Acts of Kindness

This week, I generously shared a random act of kindness by...

*...buying someone else's dinner in order to pay forward someone unexpectedly buying mine.*

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 15, are given in loving memory of Frances Sheppard by her husband, Jim Sheppard.



### A Green Tip from SAVER



Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

– Pope Francis

### Circles to Round Up

The Susie Lee Bagwell Circle will meet Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Janice Gautreaux, 122 Rockingham Road, Greenville. Dorothea Thomasson will lead the ongoing study of women of the Bible.

The Crazy Eights Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, at the home of Susan Webb, 209 Bridgewater Drive, Greenville. Ethan Friddle with United Ministries is going to talk about their services, specifically the food donations in which we participate.

## Roadrunners

**March 18**

The Roost at the Hyatt  
The Miniature Train Museum  
Depart FBC: 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch: pay your own  
Cost (museum/bus): \$6.00

## Holy Rollers

**April 14**

Mary C. Mullen Bible Camp  
Lake Lure, NC  
Tour and Lunch  
Depart Enoree: 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch: pay your own

## First Friday Takes Break

*First Friday Lunch and More* will not take place in April because it falls on Good Friday but will happen again in May.

**Please contact Sylvia Clyborne at 370-2522 ext. 137 or [sylvia.clyborne@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:sylvia.clyborne@firstbaptistgreenville.com) to make reservations for any trip with Roadrunners or Holy Rollers.**

depression. After her presentation, there will be a time for questions.

After graduating from Furman University in 1998, Jamie attended medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina. She then completed a psychiatric residency at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center. In the years since her training, she has worked in community mental health and private practice. For the last four years, Jamie has enjoyed treating college students at Clemson University. This past fall, things seemed to come full circle when she also began working one day a week treating students at Furman.

Jamie and her husband, Jay, are parents to Jayne and Charlotte. They are members of the Koinonia Sunday School Class.

## Stephen Ministry Invitation

Twice-monthly continuing education is one of the facets of the Stephen Ministry program that ensures our care givers are trained to provide optimal care for their care receivers. Occasionally, guest

speakers present programs that have interest to the congregation at large. Two such programs are scheduled for this spring and will be held in the Parlor from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. (Please enter through the doors under the steeple.)

The first will be held this Sunday, March 15, when Dr. Jamie Womack will discuss "The Many Faces of Depression." According to 2013 statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 9 percent of adult Americans have feelings of hopelessness, despondency, and/or guilt that generate a diagnosis of depression. At any given time, about 3 percent of adults have major depression, a long-lasting and severe form of depression. The pain of major depression affects people of all ages, and it is reported to be the leading cause of disability for Americans between the ages of 15 and 44.

Jamie will discuss the different ways in which depression can be experienced so that we might be enabled to better recognize it in ourselves and the people with whom we live or minister. She will demonstrate how it is sometimes part of a bigger system of problems. She also will cover ideas/ways that we as a ministry group/congregational member can approach and support those with

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Make Wednesday night supper reservations by calling the Reception

Desk by noon on Monday. Serving lines are open 4:45-6:15 p.m.

### Menu for March 11

#### Adults

Lasagna, Italian Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Antipasti Salad, Dessert

#### Kids

Pizza Bread, Buttered Noodles, Fruit, Veggie Sticks, Ice Cream Cups



### Menu for March 18

#### Adults

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Hot Potato Salad, Butter Basil Carrots, Corn Bread, Dessert

#### Kids

Corn Dog on a Stick, Tater Tots, Veggie Sticks, Fruit, Cookies



March 13, 5:30-7:45 p.m.  
Children's Dinner and Roller Skating (Practice Gym)

March 15, 11:30 a.m.  
Children's Art after Worship, Session 2

March 21  
Operation Inasmuch

March 22, 9:30 a.m.  
Protecting Our Children (E-317)

March 22, 6:00 p.m.  
*Meet You at the Table*  
Soup and Sandwich Potluck with Springfield (Fellowship Hall)

## Interfaith Opportunity

The Interfaith Forum invites you to Secrets of an Interfaith Book Club with Dr. Michelle McClendon and Frances Worthington from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2015, at the Greenville Baha'i Center, 132 Greenacre Road. Bring a brown bag lunch (drinks and dessert provided).

Michelle McClendon will describe why and how she founded two Interfaith Book Clubs in 2007 and introduce some of the current members.

Frances Worthington will reflect on how the group she attends influenced the writing of her book – *Abraham, One God, Three Wives, Five Religions*.

Those interested can sign up for new groups that will be forming in April and May. A question and answer time follows the program.

INTRODUCING

John Robert McCollum, 3 Tripbrook Court, Mauldin, SC 29662, joined the church on November 16, by profession of faith requesting baptism. He was baptized on January 11. John Robert's parents are Ashley McCollum and Rob McCollum, and his brother is Joseph.



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## Extended Session: March 15

Robert and Sarah Farrar (Directors)  
 JR Christy and Ann Godfrey (Twos)  
 Beau and Laura Harling (Threes)  
 Brandt and Clay Gilbert (Fours)  
 Carol Ann and Paul Good (Fives)  
 Helen Lee Turner (Worship)  
 Rhonda Bradey (Pianist)

## PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

### Nights and Weekends

March 9-15  
 Matt Rollins 346-0971 (h)  
 370-2522 ext. 199

March 16-22  
 Kyle Matthews 236-8587 (h)  
 370-2522 ext. 199

If you are unable to reach this minister immediately, please call the Church Office, 233-2527, and leave a message by pressing the number "3" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies."



## Care List as of 3/9/2015

### In the Hospital:

Memorial: newborn twin daughters, Charlie and Millie Smith

North Greenville: Oscar Funderburk

### Returned Home:

Mark Devon

Gayle Aiesi

Leslie Rodwell with son,

Jack Preston Rodwell

### Sympathy to:

...Ron Buff in the death of his son.

## It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Foster and Leslie Rodwell on the birth of a son, Jack Preston Rodwell, on March 6, 2015. His older brother is Clayton.



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I reached down with forefinger and thumb and picked him up by a hind leg. The pressure probably seemed excruciating to him, but I meant him no harm. I placed him in the palm of my left hand and then covered him with my right to keep him from leaping back into the abyss of my study. He leapt within the hollow of my hand – pounding his exoskeleton against the flesh of my half-closed fist. He was obviously afraid, but in no danger of harm. I walked through the door of my study, down the church hallway, backed into the lever of the exterior door and took him to the lawn. I knelt down, opened my hand and let him hop away. He was back in the familiar warmth of his world. The crisis was over. A new day and a new chapter of life were about to begin. There was no way he could ever understand the manner of his deliverance...but he was safe and free...

And that's how I pray...and experience prayer.

– Jim