

## WORSHIP

**Sunday,  
March 6, 2016**

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Proclaimer:** Baxter Wynn

**Scripture:** Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

**Sermon:** Not Another Sermon on  
the Prodigal Son

**Soloist:** Katy Wilson

**Solo:** "If You Search with All Your  
Heart" – COURTNEY

Hearing aid receivers and magnifying  
glasses available for all worship services.

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.

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Fellowship Hall on  
Sunday are given in memory of Ruth G.  
Shealy by her family.

To donate sanctuary flowers, please  
contact Kimberly Coates at  
370-2522 ext. 128 or kimberly.coates@  
firstbaptistgreenville.com.

Some available dates are May 29,  
July 24 and 31, and August 7 and 21.

### Extended Session

Worship on Sunday, March 6,  
will be intergenerational in the  
Fellowship Hall. There will be no  
Sunday School, Extended Session  
or childcare. All ages will worship  
together.



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

I have as many pastoral counseling conversations in the coffee shop as I have in my office. I've had significant faith conversations in grocery store aisles, airplanes, hospital rooms and while running the roads with fellow athletes. I've helped persons struggle with deep faith questions on the bleachers of church league basketball games and at the poker table.

Years ago, I was consulting with a church in a small Indiana town. They were concerned they had drawn no new members into their congregation. They were wrangling over what new programs to start at their church: Bible studies, parenting workshops, alternative worship experiences, youth lock-in's and well, you could probably recite the usual list. They looked at me in frustration and asked, "What do you think we should do?" I paused and then asked them, "Where do the people in this town like to hang out?" They rolled their eyes and responded in

a frustrated voice, "The pool hall down the street." "Well," I said, "My suggestion is that you learn to shoot pool."

I've always felt as comfortable in the world as I do in the church. I delight in the sacred symbols of our Sanctuary, but the smoky backrooms of life have never bothered me. (Well, the smoke actually makes my eyes red, my throat raw and my nose itchy... but you get the point.) I've always felt Jesus lived this way – in love with his Father's house but committed to being in and with his Father's world... wherever they might gather. This is one of the reasons I love Operation Inasmuch. The church doesn't wait for the world to come to us... we intentionally go into the world. We plant flowers, mop gym floors, paint walls and get to know some of God's other children in this world. I hope you'll sign up to be part of this ministry event. It's easy. Just grab your computer and go to <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/oiam2016/>. And I'll see you in the garden, at the gym, at someone's home...or who knows...maybe at the pool hall....

— Jim

### Save the Dates!

Operation Inasmuch — April 9

Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale — April 16

# Happy Birthday!

Please remember these who celebrate birthdays in March who are not always able to be with us in worship.

## March 22

Jean Coogler  
The Cascades  
30 Springcrest Court, Room 206  
Greenville, SC 29607

## March 31

George Irwin  
Rolling Green Village  
2 Hoke Smith Boulevard  
Greenville, SC 29615

## Roadrunners

March 22

Lunch at Gray House  
Starr, SC

Depart FBG: 10:00am

Return: mid-afternoon

Cost: \$4 for bus

Lunch: pay your own

## Holy Rollers

March 8

McAfee Meat Packing Company  
Wrightsville, GA

Depart FBG: 7:15am

Return: 5:30pm

Contact Sylvia Clyborne at 233-2527 ext. 137 to make reservations for any Roadrunners or Holy Rollers trip.

## First Friday

FEBRUARY 6

I met with a large group of seniors on Friday, February 6, in the Fellowship Hall. With the help of some of my shag and line dance students, I provided the program for First Friday Lunch and More. Pastor Jim Dant and other staff members have been taking shag lessons from me. Many in the audience joined us in a line dance, the Electric Slide.

After the dancing, I gave a talk about my life and how God has led me through many difficult situations, always there to guide me and my family. In addition to counseling, I have been teaching dance for many years, including

classes at Furman and the University of South Carolina. In addition to teaching dance, I also serve as a speaker for a worldwide Christian organization, Stonecroft Ministries.

After taking a writer's course at Furman, I joined a writers' guild and through their encouragement published a book entitled "Life Is a Dance." I talked about my book and about how people I have met while teaching dance, like Jim Neal and other members of First Baptist Church, have influenced my life.

My classes are open to all who might be interested, and my book is also available. Please contact me at 843-886-9920 or kchilds10@gmail.com.

— Kae Harper Childs

## First on Second?

Because of the church retreat, March's First Friday Lunch and More has been moved to the second Friday, March 11. Although the date has changed, the time is the same. Activities of Bingo, Rummikub and a book review by Paula Cargill (When God Winks at You by Squire Rushnell) will begin at 10:30am. The program will begin at 11:15am when Louise Stanford will talk about "Antiques." Those in attendance are invited to bring their own collectibles and heirlooms to be appraised by a dealer after lunch, if interested. The cost for lunch is \$5. Reservations for lunch are required. Call Sylvia Clyborne, 233-2527 ext. 137, no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 8.



# LGBTQ & FRIENDS DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 5:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

It has been exciting to see our church grow — in number and in spirit — over the past year. Part of our spiritual and numeric growth has been a result of our church’s discernment concerning our relationship with the LGBTQ community. Welcoming all of God’s children into the faith and practice of the church has stretched us and made us strong. It has also provided a sacred and safe space for all who are seeking to follow Christ. At FBG, God has created a space where all people feel welcome and find a place to worship and be church together.

Many visitors and current members of FBG who consider themselves part of the LGBTQ community have been regularly gathering in the homes of some of our members. These gatherings have included a simple meal and the telling and hearing of sacred stories. In these gatherings, we have made some joyous discoveries. Through the breaking of bread, many stereotypes and artificial barriers have been

broken as well. With all of our respected differences, we have discovered we are indeed united as members of the Body of Christ.

Knowing that others may wish to hear these sacred stories, build new relationships and affirm each other in the faith (and because our homes are too small to hold the growing numbers), this dinner has been planned for Saturday, March 19, at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend, email your name to [lgbtqandfriendsfbg@gmail.com](mailto:lgbtqandfriendsfbg@gmail.com) and an invite and more information will be sent to you.

— LGBTQ & Friends

## Lenten Roses to Easter Lilies

To celebrate Easter, the end of our Lenten journey, an arrangement of lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary as both honorary and memorial gifts. All gifts will be published in the newsletter and placed on the church website. If you wish to make a gift toward this arrangement, send the following information to the attention of Kimberly Coates at the church (847 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC 29601):



### Easter Lilies Request

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

Number of Gifts (\$15 each) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
First Baptist Church.

Orders should be received by March 21.

## For Your Calendar!

- 3/2 Wednesdays at First  
Making My Faith My Own for Youth
- 3/4-6 Churchwide Retreat
- 3/6 10:30am Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Baxter Wynn, proclaimer  
(Fellowship Hall, No Sunday School or Childcare)  
No evening Youth activities
- 3/8 7:15am Holy Rollers to McAfee Meat Packing Company in Wrightsville, Georgia
- 3/9 Wednesdays at First  
Making My Faith My Own for Youth
- 3/11 10:30am First Friday Lunch and More (Fellowship Hall)
- 3/13 Spring Forward: DST Begins  
9:30am Protecting Our Children (E-317)  
10:30am  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Jim Dant, proclaimer  
11:30am Children's Ministries Event: Lunch and Zootopia

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 2/27  
\$384,616  
Receipts of 2/26  
\$303,761

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

February 29-March 3  
Kyle Matthews  
236-8587 (h)  
370-2522 ext. 199

March 4-6  
Matt Rollins  
346-0971 (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."

### Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

- 3:15-5:00pm Youth Hang Time  
4:45-6:00pm Supper  
5:00-6:00pm Youth Fellowship  
Around the Table  
5:30-6:15pm Children's Choirs  
6:00-7:00pm Youth Bible Study  
6:15-7:00pm Mission Friends/  
Children on Mission  
MidWeek Fellowship  
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir

## Wednesday Supper

Make reservations by noon on Monday, online at our web site. If internet is a problem, contact the church office.  
Serving lines are open 4:45-6:00pm.

### MENU

#### March 2

Beef Stroganoff with Noodles, Seasoned Mixed Vegetables, Green Salad, Yeast Rolls, Dessert

Kids: Meatballs, Buttered Corn, Fruit, Cookies

#### March 9

Fish Tacos, Black Beans, Seasoned Rice, Salad, Dessert

Kids: Soft Tacos, Refried Beans, Fruit, Cookies

## Care List

as of 2/29/16

### Hospitals

Memorial: Harry Shucker

Returned Home: Bill Stoddard, Laville Buff, Jean Coogler, Anne Brady to the Cascades

### Sympathy to:

...Ben Mullinax in the death of his father.

...the family of Sherwood Mobley.

...Maria Swearingen in the death of her grandfather and her uncle.

## Introductions to Walking the Labyrinth

2:30-4:00pm on Sundays  
February 28, March 13 and 20

The indoor labyrinth will be set up in the Parlor (pending availability), and the outdoor labyrinth will be open for access.

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## Introducing...



Josh Harrington,  
13205 Maple Lake  
Street, Greenville  
29609, joined the

church by previous profession of faith and baptism on Sunday, February 28. Josh works with Greenville County Schools.

## Church Conference

Baked Potato Bar Youth Fundraiser  
March 13, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall

Stay after worship for a family meeting (Church Conference). The Youth Family will host a baked potato bar. Donations made during lunch will fund youth missions.

Lenten devotional booklets are available online at <http://firstbaptistgreenville.com/2016-lenten-booklet/> and at the Reception Desk.