

January 17, 2017

## WORSHIP

**Sunday,  
January 22, 2017**

Baptism

10:30am in the Sanctuary

**Proclaimer:** Carrie Nettles

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9:1-4;  
Matthew 4:12-23

**Sermon:** Disciples as Dissidents

**Anthem:** "There Shall a Star from  
Jacob Come Forth"  
– MENDELSSOHN

**Service Choirs:** Junior and  
Sanctuary Choirs

**Soloist:** Kerby Baier

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

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are  
given in celebration of the birthday of  
Carol Riddle Bevis and in memory of  
C. Dayton Riddle Jr. by their families.

If you would like to donate flowers  
to adorn our Sanctuary for worship,  
please contact Kimberly Coates at  
233-2527 ext. 128 or [kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com). The next  
available dates are January 29 and  
February 5.

### Extended Session

**Directors:** Foster and Leslie  
Rodwell

**Infants/Toddlers:** Gary and Laura  
Darnell

**Twos/Threes:** JR Christy and Ann  
Godfrey

**Fours:** Boggs and Miller Howard

**Fives:** Brad and EA Easterling

**Pianist:** Cherry Marshall

**Worship Leader:** Helen Lee Turner



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

*The more we get together, together,  
together...the more we get together, the  
happier we'll be.* I sang this chorus as a  
child in preschool and early elementary  
school church choirs. It was incessantly  
sung on *Barney and Friends* – a favorite  
preschool television program of my three  
daughters. (Barney and Baby Bop were  
Christian dinosaurs! Who knew?) It's  
a simple song that is simply true. And  
since our gatherings make us happy,  
we've got lots of opportunities to fuel our  
happiness in the next few months.

On February 5, let's 'get together' for  
lunch – my treat! Following morning  
worship, I will be hosting (along with  
the Stewardship Committee) the first of  
three luncheons to share my review of  
2016 and vision for 2017. With typical  
transparency and brevity, I'll bring you  
up to date on our churches income,  
expenditures and all the good work this  
affords. I'll answer any questions you  
have regarding the mission and ministry  
of the church...AND...we'll make it short  
enough and entertaining enough that  
you can bring the whole family! Children  
are welcome! You will need to make

reservations for the luncheon. Don't wait  
for later luncheons that may conflict with  
your schedule. If lunch on February 5  
is open on your calendar, make your  
reservation today, and let me treat!  
Reservations may be made by calling  
the church office. A link on the church  
website will be available soon.

We also have an opportunity to 'get  
together' on March 3-5 at our Annual  
Church Retreat. This year's theme  
– You Are Here – will explore the  
circumstances of life and prayer found  
in the Book of Psalms. In addition to  
these worship/study sessions, we'll  
enjoy time to relax, plenty of optional  
recreation, good food and fellowship,  
and even a luau! It's a beach theme this  
year, so bring your wildest Hawaiian  
shirt, Bermuda shorts (with long  
johns under them) and grass skirts.  
It's going to be fun. Sign up today.  
Reservations may be made online  
at [https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/  
churchwideretreat2017/](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwideretreat2017/)

Add to these events our regular times  
of worship, bible study, midweek  
prayer and all the other activities on  
the church's calendar and...well...if the  
more we get together the happier we'll  
be, we should be really happy by Easter!  
See you at lunch...and at retreat...and  
in church this Sunday!

— Jim

## Reminders

**Annual Churchwide Retreat  
March 3-5, 2017**

Online Registration  
[https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/  
churchwideretreat2017](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwideretreat2017)

**Save the Date  
March 18**

Operation Inasmuch

# Youth Family Guy/Girl Talk Series

FBG's Youth Ministry has a special "sex series" that occurs every three years. In today's youth culture, sex is a topic that is crucially important to teens as they are at the ages when it can become an issue – both positive and negative. In addition to the bodily changes and conflicting emotions that come with puberty, there are ever-evolving challenges that continue to grow with every generation: internet, social media, body shaming, verbal and physical bullying, and increasing acceptance of the LGBT community. While these topics come

up throughout the year, the three-year rotation, in theory, allows youth to have intentional, safe and open discussions at least twice during their time in our Youth Family.

This year, our *Guy/Girl Talk Series* will take place over four Sunday nights in February and March from 5:00-7:30pm (2/12, 2/19, 3/12 and 3/19). On these nights, our regular Sunday Night Live schedule will be extended by 30 minutes to allow time for topics to be fully discussed and to not rush questions being answered at the close of each session.

A letter with more details will be mailed and emailed to all the families in our Youth Family. Please be sure you are on our mailing list if you would like to receive this information.

— Mary Carol

## 2017 GUY/GIRL TALK SERIES: TOPICS & SPEAKERS:

### Sunday, February 12, 5:00-7:30pm

Middle School and High School grades will alternate

- **Self Defense**

*Terrance Brister, Essential Fitness of Greenville reality-based self-defense course instructor*

This session strives to educate, empower and prepare teens to defend against common street attacks.

- **Julie Valentine Center**

*Kateri Harper, community educator*

The issues of interpersonal and dating violence will be discussed during this session.

### Sunday, February 19, 5:00-7:30pm

Youth and youth parents will alternate

- **Social Media**

*Rick Floyd, Greenville County School District in Information Security; retired Greenville City Police Officer extensively trained in computer forensic investigations*

This session will educate about the dangers of the internet, cyber bullying and possible repercussions of sending inappropriate images over a computer or cell phone.

- **LGBT Conversations**

*Michelle McClendon, associate pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Hendersonville, NC*

Over the past decade the debate and conversation about human sexuality and gender identity and diversity in North America has reached into every corner of our civil and religious lives. Too often these conversations are framed by political platforms. Constructive conversation about sexual orientation, gender identity, and the relationship of these issues to God's love and justice is a healthy practice in religious environments, particularly in adolescent and teenage age groups.

### Sunday, March 12, 5:00-7:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY

- **Guy/Girl Talk**

*Melisa Holmes, MD Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecologist at Greenville Health System*

As adolescence unfolds, changes in bodies and brains affect behaviors in a big way! This session is targeted to present a greater understanding of teen development, risky behaviors, and emerging sexuality along with some practical tools for promoting health and safety.

### Sunday, March 19, 5:00-7:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

- **Guy/Girl Talk**

*Melisa Holmes, MD Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecologist at Greenville Health System*

Risk taking and self-discovery are vital to the mid to late teenage years. This session offers a frank discussion about trends in teen sexual behaviors, promoting healthy sexual development which includes understanding healthy relationships, contraception, STI testing and prevention, and accessing healthcare.

# Breakfast for New Members

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 9:15AM

To all of our many new members,

Welcome to our church family! We are so glad you've joined and would like to invite you to breakfast at 9:15am on Sunday, January 22, in our Fellowship Hall. As we enjoy our breakfast together, we will share conversation and fun activities designed to familiarize you with our many mission and ministry opportunities, our church history and defining documents, and the life of the congregation in general. We will spend some time on the website and take a brief tour of Sunday School classrooms. We will also have New Member Resource Guides available for each of you. Jim Dant and other ministers, staff and church members will be joining us, too. We hope to see you there (even if you've already attended one)! Visit this link to RSVP: <http://evite.me/K6mYJrRDnX>

— Matt

## Roadrunners

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

**Lunch at Shortfields in  
Travelers Rest**

Leave church at 11:00am

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Emile Pandolfi at the  
Greenville Little Theatre**

Leave church at 7:00pm

\$36.00

*Limited tickets available*

Contact me by email, [shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville.com), or in the office, 233-2527 ext. 111, for more information or to make reservations.

— Shanda

## Need a Little Peace?

We live in a busy world. In an attempt to care for our families, jobs and other responsibilities, we rarely make time to adequately care for ourselves. We are tired – mind, body and soul. Spiritual Enrichment Events (SEE) are designed to provide a space of rest, prayer, personal nurture and retreat.

From 9:30am-noon on Saturday, February 4, facilitators Ben Mullinax, Min-Ken Liao, Kathy Sharp and Elaine Nocks will lead us in an exploration of what it means to have “Peace Like a River.”

Scripture, stories, art and contemplative time will be used to understand this phrase. We will also look at the qualities of a river – and water, in general – and explore the historical and symbolic role of water in creation and our biblical traditions.

The cost of the retreat is \$15 – if staying for lunch, an additional \$10. Visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/see-peace-like-a-river/> to register.

— Matt

## For Your Calendar!

- 1/18 *Wednesdays at First*  
 1/22 9:00am New Member  
 Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:30am Baptism  
 Carrie Nettles, Proclaimer  
 5:00pm Sunday Night Live for  
 Youth (AYMC Terrace Level)  
 1/25 11:00am Roadrunners to  
 Lunch at Shortfields in  
 Travelers Rest  
 4:00pm Information Session  
 on World Relief (Parlor)  
*Wednesdays at First*  
 1/26 7:30pm Furman Church Music  
 Conference Concert  
 (Sanctuary)  
 1/27-28 Youth Winter Retreat  
 1/28-29 College Winter Retreat  
 1/29 9:00am Information Session  
 on World Relief (Fellowship  
 Hall)  
 1/29 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 1/15  
 \$96,154  
 Receipts of 1/13  
 \$69,073

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

January 16-22  
 Kendra Plating  
 828-208-1313 (m)  
 370-2522 ext. 199

January 23-29  
 Jim Dant  
 478-737-7298 (m)  
 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."

## Wednesday Supper

Reservations are required and must be made by noon on Monday prior to the meal. Serving lines are open 4:45-6:00pm.

### Menu

#### January 18

BBQ Sliders, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Corn Casserole, Salad

**Kids:** Chicken Skewers, Potato Skins, Fruit, Cookies

#### January 25

Chicken Divan, Jasmine Rice, Butter Basil Carrots, Spring Salad, Fruit, Yeast Rolls

**Kids:** Grilled Chicken, Sweet Potato Tots, Veggie Sticks, Fruit, Cookies

### Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

- 3:00pm Youth Hang Time and Supper  
 4:45-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open  
 5:15pm Youth Choir  
 5:30-7:00pm Children's Missions and Choirs  
 6:00pm Youth Bible Study  
 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship  
 7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Care List as of 1/17/17

### Hospitals

As of January 17, there are no members are in the hospital of whom we are aware.

### Returned Home

Craig Nielson, Buck Chiles

### Sympathy to...

...Rob Hanley and family in the death of his mother.

...Earline Shabkie in the death of her brother, Richard Childress.

### Congratulations to...

...Susan and Warren Clayton on the birth of a son, Lewis Warren Clayton IV, born December 20, 2016. Wren's older sister is Ellie.

## Our Handbell Ministry is Growing!

A new ensemble, Beginners Bells, will meet on Fridays at 10:30am in room E-317 (the room beside Carpenter Chapel), starting January 20. This group is designed for adults who don't have any handbell ringing or even musical experience, but all are welcome. It is a "casual" group that will plan to play for groups in our community like First Baptist Kindergarten or local nursing homes or our First Friday attendees. (We won't rehearse on First Fridays.)

Contact me at 864-546-1088 or jhtreu@gmail.com for more details or to let me know you'd like to join us!

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## Introducing...



Anita Kupczak, 189 Genoble Road, Greer, 29651, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, January 15, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination. She is employed by Adidas Group in Spartanburg.



Buck and Janna Pennington, 29 Cammer Avenue, Greenville, 29605, also joined FBG on January 15, by previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination. Buck is a dentist, and Janna is employed at Greenville Tech. They have two sons, Bo and Harry.