

January 23, 2017

## WORSHIP

**Sunday,  
January 29, 2017**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

**Proclaimer:** Jim Dant

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:13-37

**Sermon:** Having It Both Ways

**Anthem:** "Be Thou My Vision"  
- RUTTER

**Service Choirs:** Junior and  
Sanctuary Choirs

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

### Sanctuary Flowers

There are no flowers scheduled for the  
Sanctuary this Sunday.

If you would like to donate flowers  
to adorn our Sanctuary for worship  
this Sunday or any other, please  
contact Kimberly Coates at 370-  
2522 ext. 128 or kimberly.coates@  
firstbaptistgreenville.com. The next  
available dates are January 29,  
February 5 and March 19 and 26.

### Extended Session

**Directors:** Jamie and Jay Womack

**Infants/Toddlers:** Doug and Laura  
Stout

**Twos/Threes:** Carmen and Will  
Feemster

**Fours:** Marie and Steven Carpenter

**Fives:** Carrie and Herbert Rieder

**Pianist:** Kathy Stewart

**Worship Leader:** Helen Lee Turner



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Sometimes my computer gets stuck. Cursors and pages and files all sit still while this pinwheel-looking thing finds a comfortable space on the screen and just...well...spins. (My technological savvy is showing, I know.) This typically leads me toward two options: force-quit or restart. Alt-command-escape is my force-quit recipe, and that little apple at the top left hand corner of the screen is my path to restart. (If these are inappropriate solutions to the pinwheel, don't tell me. I can't handle a third option.)

January is the time of year that most of us think about force-quitting and/or restarting. We are well into a new year. And while I rarely spend energy on resolutions, I do inherently 'quit' some things this time of year and restart some things as well. With a fresh calendar before me and a jammed calendar behind, I try to decide how to avoid some of the jam in the future. What do I need to quit in order to free up my time and rescue my life? On the other hand, there are actions and affections I need to restart. I often find I've laid aside activities and delights in exchange for a multitude of less-valued distractions.

I'm wondering what we (you and I) need to force-quit and restart this year? I'm going to quit the late-night snacks (I'm having to run too much to keep up in this new era of metabolism.) and quit overdosing on the news (network, print, social media, etc.). I'm going to restart swimming and biking (Running has been steady, but everything else? Pinwheels!), musical practice (The bass is coming along...adding ukulele this year.), writing (I have three manuscripts that are 'in process.' I need to get them 'out of process.'). home visits (My first year here, I visited in almost 100 homes. This past year it was just over 40. I think I'll pick up the pace a tad.) and practicing generosity (I give a lot of time, a lot of energy and a measure of money to the church and other causes... I want to give a little more).

I'm not sure what you need to quit or restart, but I'll tell you what I tell all our new members: restart your commitment to worship and be here on Sunday mornings; restart your involvement in some small group – Sunday School, choir, mission circle – and enjoy the friendship and growth these afford; and restart your financial support of the church – intentionally give a little more than you gave last year and experience the joy of generosity. Keep those weird little pinwheels off the computer screen of your life – force-quit...restart...

— 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

# Free Concert

THURSDAY, 7:30PM

MUSIC

A highlight of this year's Furman's Church Music Conference (FCMC) is free and open to the public! Be in our Sanctuary this Thursday, January 26, at 7:30pm for a concert featuring Furman Singers and Furman Chamber Choir, Westminster Presbyterian Church choir and our own Sanctuary Choir, along with some congregational singing. "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise: A Celebration in Song for Epiphany" includes music representing moments in the life of Christ as well as our response to the gospel. Composers/arrangers of this music include Charles Tompkins, Healey Willan, Felix Mendelssohn, John Ferguson and André Thomas. The choirs from Westminster and FBG will rehearse together on Wednesday, January 25, with FCMC clinicians John Ferguson and André Thomas.



Dr. André Thomas is the Owen F. Sellers Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Choral Music Education at Florida State University (Tallahassee). He is an international conductor/clinician and an acclaimed composer/arranger. He has also produced some instructional videos and his latest book, *Way Over in Beulah*

*Lan: Understanding and Performing the Negro Spiritual*, has become a major source for the area of study. The African Diaspora Sacred Music has honored Dr. Thomas as a "Living Legend." Dr. Thomas' dedication to and accomplishments in the choral arts were recognized by his peers in Chorus America when that organization presented

Dr. Thomas with its Distinguished Service Award in 2011, and again in 2017 when he was named the Robert Shaw Choral Award recipient by the American Choral Directors Association.



Dr. John Ferguson retired spring 2012 after 29 years as the Elliot and Klara Stockdal Johnson Professor of Organ and Church Music and Cantor to the Student Congregation at St. Olaf College. He is respected as a fine teacher and performer, and his skill as improviser and leader of congregational song has

received national acclaim. He is sought to lead festivals each year. Ferguson has authored many books and articles on church music and organ building. He has more than 150 anthems and organ volumes in print; in 2005 his composition, "Who Is This" for choir and viola was awarded the prestigious Raabe Prize for excellence in sacred composition.

The FCMC, January 26-27, is open to the public. Registration for the event is \$95 as space remains; full-time students is \$40. Fees include two days of conference sessions, a conference music packet and a Friday luncheon. Conference hosts are music faculty members Charles Tompkins, Hugh Ferguson Floyd and Vivian Hamilton, FBG's minister of music. Contact the Furman Music Department at (864) 294-2086 or email the department at [FurmanMusic@furman.edu](mailto:FurmanMusic@furman.edu) for more information.

# Happy Birthday!!

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY WHO ARE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO BE WITH US IN WORSHIP.

SENIOR ADULTS

### February 7

Joan Cauble  
Palmettos of Mauldin  
Room #216  
810 East Butler Road  
Mauldin, SC 29607

### February 18

Ned Clay – 96 years young  
13 Botany Road  
Greenville, SC 29615

### February 22

Martha Johns  
1343 Trailhead Court  
Greenville, SC 29617

### February 28

Grace Gilchrst – 95 years young  
Brookdale Nursing Home  
Room #135  
23 Southpointe Drive  
Greenville, SC 29607

## First Friday Lunch and More

February 3  
10:30am

**CHANGE OF VENUE:**  
AYMC Terrace Level

Make reservations by contacting Shanda at ext. 111 or [shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville.com)

# A Word from Stephen Ministry



FBG will soon begin its fifth year of providing a significant auxiliary ministry to our congregation. Stephen Ministry (SM) began 35 years ago and is an international program that prepares laypeople to provide one-to-one confidential Christian care to hurting people in a congregation and surrounding community. In 2012 our church joined the more than 11,000 congregations from various denominations that had active Stephen Ministries, and you sent three members for Stephen Leadership Training to equip us for training volunteers in our congregation. As a result, in 2013 you commissioned the first group of fourteen Stephen Ministers who completed the required 50 hours of intensive training. Last year, because requests for care givers were outgrowing available ministers, three more SMs were sent for Leadership Training and returned to recruit, train and commission

another FBG “class” of lay ministers. This very active ministry continues to grow, and we are now in the process of recruiting and training our third “class.” We are hopeful that increasing the number of care givers will enable us to begin to extend our ministry beyond our congregation’s walls and into the community.

We encourage each of you to pray about your potential involvement in growing this critical ministry. Admittedly, this is a big commitment, but we can assure you that the personal and spiritual rewards you will receive from your participation will confirm your decision to volunteer. If you feel you are being called to SM and have questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to any current Stephen Minister or to one of our pastors. We also encourage you to let us know if you would like to recommend that we contact a friend in our congregation whom you consider to be well-suited for this ministry. Above all, know that we are dependent on your prayerful support!

Applications are available at the Reception Desk or on the FBG website. We will receive applications until February 19, and interviews will be scheduled as applications come in. If we attain a sufficient number

of trainees, a seven-hour retreat will begin the training at 9:00am on Saturday, February 25, and weekly sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:45-8:45pm, beginning on February 28 and ending on May 9. Two more “all-day” Saturday sessions are planned for March 25 and May 9. Once the training is successfully completed, the new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned and blessed in their ministry during a Sunday morning worship service. Volunteers are expected to attend most sessions, but we recognize that other responsibilities might necessitate an occasional absence. When that occurs, a Leader will provide a one-on-one shortened tutorial session.

We are grateful to our congregation for the wonderful support you provide Stephen Ministry. We are dependent on you!

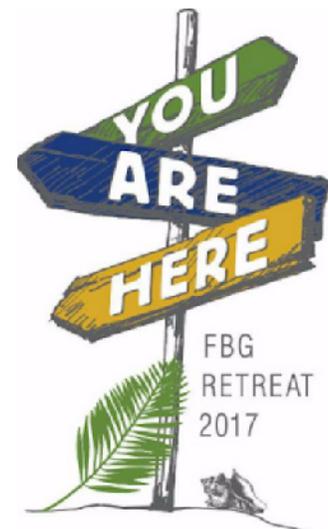
— Ann Quattlebaum, Stephen Leader

## Don't Miss Out on the Fun

REGISTER NOW!

Our church retreat is scheduled for March 3-5 at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. The theme for this second annual retreat is “*You Are Here*” led by our own Jim Dant. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun with your church family while enriching your spiritual life.

Please register by January 31 at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwideretreat2017/> If there are problems with registration, contact Jenna Manning at 233-2527 ext. 118. If there are questions regarding the retreat, contact Stephanie Wright at 363-8957 or [fbgretreat@gmail.com](mailto:fbgretreat@gmail.com)



## For Your Calendar!

- 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 Junior Choir  
Amy Joye, Soloist
- 2/1 *Wednesdays at First*  
MidWeek Fellowship: Study  
Kyle Matthews, Proclaimer
- 2/3 10:30am First Friday Lunch and More (AYMC Terrace Level)  
5:30-8:00pm Fifth Grade Outing: Skyzone and Pizza

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 1/21  
\$144,231  
Receipts of 1/19  
\$106,323

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

January 23-29

Jim Dant  
478-737-7298 (m)  
370-2522 ext. 199

January 30-February 5

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."

## 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 25

Chicken Divan, Jasmine Rice, Butter Basil Carrots, Spring Salad, Fruit, Yeast Rolls  
Kids: Grilled Chicken, Sweet Potato Tots, Veggie Sticks, Fruit, Cookies

#### February 1

Braised Beef (with Carrots, Onions and Potatoes), Green Bean Casserole, Layered Salad, Rolls, Dessert  
Kids: Buttered Noodles, Mini Pizzas, Fruit, Ice Cream Sandwiches

### 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 1/23/17

### Hospitals

St. Francis Downtown: Jan Smetana

Returned Home: Diane Thompson, Billy Carpenter, Buck Chiles to Rolling Green

### Sympathy to...

...Joe Leaphart and family in the death of his sister-in-law.

...Freddie Foster and family in the death of her cousin.

## Our Handbell Ministry is Growing!

A new ensemble, Beginners Bells, meets on Fridays at 10:30am in room E-317 (the room beside Carpenter Chapel). 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...



Addy Payne, 115 Dogwood Drive, Greer, 29651, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, January 22, by

profession of faith, requesting baptism. Her parents are Angeline and Brad Payne, and her grandparents in our church are Elaine and Mike Payne.



Christine Cayer, 1176 Old Dacusville Road, Easley, 29640, also joined FBG on January 22. Christine is a

stay-at-home mom to her son Benjamin.