

WORSHIP

Sunday,
April 2, 2017

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Portion of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Soloists: Kerby Baier, Melissa
Burnett, Caleb Hopkins, Amy Joye,
Grant Knox

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
in loving memory of Betsy Dew Ashley
by Joan and Mike Kellett.

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 first
available date is April 30.

Extended Session

Directors: Caroline and Nick
Reinhardt

Infant/Toddler: Candace Spradlin

Twos/Threes: Carmen and Will
Feemster

Fours: Darin Gehrke and
Cherington Shucker

Fives: Jason and Marie Richards

Pianist: Melanie Ruhlman

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

I know it's the first week of
Spring. I know we are days away
from Easter. I know outdoor
temperatures are beginning to tap
the 80's, but it feels like Christmas
to me! (And not just because we
sang Christmas carols during
worship this past Sunday!) I'm
feeling the excited anticipation that
Christmas Eve typically brings.

This Friday at 7:00pm, the
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of
South Carolina will be gathered
for worship here at First Baptist
Greenville. Amy Joye (vocalist)
and Matt Olson (saxophonist) will
open the hour of worship with
Veni Creator Spiritus. Rev. Joy
Yee (pastor, Nineteenth Avenue
Baptist Church, San Francisco) will
be preaching. The Sanctuary and
platform will be filled with fellow
Baptists from sister CBF churches
throughout our state. It's going to
be a great hour of worship.

This Sunday, our Sanctuary
Choir will present portions of
Mendelssohn's *Elijah* during the

morning worship hour. This musical
event will be the capstone of our
sermonic journey through the life of
Elijah during this Lenten season.

In less than two weeks, Holy Week
begins. The children will process
with palms down the aisles of our
Sanctuary for Palm Sunday. We
will gather on Maundy Thursday in
the Parlor to share the bread, wine
and words of holy communion. We
will gather in Carpenter Chapel
on Good Friday for the reading of
the crucifixion story. These holy
scriptures will be interspersed with
selections from the Bach cello
suites performed by Christopher
Hutton (Furman University
professor of cello). Then, of course,
we will celebrate the holiest day of
the Christian year – Easter Sunday.

I know it's still March, but it sure
feels like Christmas to me. A
beautiful collection of gifts are being
presented to us in the coming days.
I hope you will receive and enjoy
them all.

— Jim

We are compiling a list of those from our
congregation planning to attend. Please
contact Laura Stout by April 2
if you plan to attend.



Summertime is Almost Here for Our Youth Family

In a few short months, school will be out, and summer will be here! Our Youth Family summer calendar provides lots of opportunities to connect or maybe reconnect with your church family through Bible studies, mission opportunities, lunch clubs *and retreats*. Remember, retreats allow students to grow in their faith, strengthen relationships with their friends and peers within the youth group, and develop a deeper sense of who they are as Christ followers.

Youth Family Mission Trip

MARION, ALABAMA.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 - FRIDAY, JUNE 23

This summer on our Youth Family Mission Trip, we will partner with the faith-based, non-profit organization *Sowing Seeds of Hope* to serve the people of Perry County in Marion, Alabama. Perry County is one of the 20 poorest counties in the U.S. Population - 10,623 with 32% of those people living in poverty. *Sowing Seeds of Hope* has a 25-year commitment and partnership between the people of Perry County and CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) to help raise the standard of living with housing solutions, healthcare assistance, spiritual renewal, and educational resources.

Mission Trip Cost: \$200/youth

Register Online: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/youthmissiontrip2017/>

Registration Deadline: Sunday, April 30

Unidiversity Youth Camp

KNOXVILLE, TN - UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

MONDAY, JULY 17 - SATURDAY, JULY 22

Unidiversity Youth Camp is a week-long camp for students in grades 6-12 from over 20 CBF/Alliance congregations. It is organized, planned and led by youth ministers and church volunteers to help youth to also see themselves as a member of God's larger Church which represents many different gifts, talents, styles and viewpoints. This year, our camp theme is "Christmas Presence."

Unidiversity Cost: \$340/youth

Register Online: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/university2017/>

Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 28

Youth Scholarship Funding

We never want money to be a reason why a youth cannot attend a retreat or participate in an event. For further information about receiving financial assistance or if you would like to make a contribution to our Youth Scholarship Account, please contact Mary Carol Anderson at 233-2527 ext. 126 or marycarol.anderson@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

FBG Youth Family Seeks Youth Ministry Assistant

First Baptist Greenville announces the opening of a full-time Youth Ministry Assistant position. We are seeking a detail-oriented, extremely organized, friendly and helpful person to assist administratively with the Youth Ministry at First Baptist Greenville. This person should be confident and comfortable working on the computer to design and promote our Youth Ministry events, trips and retreats. Our Youth Ministry Assistant will be responsible for all communications within the Youth Ministry, such as mailings, website updates, emails, phone calls, publicity and social networking. This position requires strong

organizational skills to maintain departmental records, budgets, youth directory and calendar. These skills are also needed to plan and schedule trips and events, arranging transportation, accommodations and volunteer support. Experience with page layout and design using Publisher as well as proficiency in using Excel, Word and Constant Contact.

Most importantly, this person should have a heart for showing love and care for our youth and their families. All resumes should be emailed to Bo Campbell at bcampbell@hortonlawfirm.net by April 10, 2017.

Financial Services Personnel Sought

First Baptist Greenville announces the opening of a full-time position in the financial services office as an accountant. Responsibilities will include: general accounting, accounts payable, external audit, and financial reporting for the church and its foundation. This person will also provide support for the Finance Committee and Foundation Board of Trustees. Five years of experience in accounting/bookkeeping is required; experience with ACS accounting software is preferred. Resumes should be emailed to Jenna Manning at jenna.manning@firstbaptistgreenville.com by April 10, 2017.

Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

In our Sunday morning, April 2, worship service, the Sanctuary Choir, orchestra and soloists will present a portion of Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. *Elijah* is one of the most popular choral/symphonic works because of its dramatic power: the choir and soloists portray every emotion – from sorrow in famine and death – to panic in the terrifying scenes on Mt. Carmel – to thankfulness and joy in the mercies of God. In 1838, Mendelssohn wrote, "I imagined Elijah as a real prophet through and through, of the kind we could really do with today: strong, zealous, and yes, even bad-tempered, angry and brooding

– in contrast to the riff-raff, whether of the court or the people, and in contrast to almost the whole world – and yet borne aloft on angels' wings."

The humanity and faith of Elijah comes across in this music in an incredible way: in his confidence and strong faith in victory over his enemies and later in his struggles against feelings of isolation and abandonment. When Elijah goes to the mountain and listens for the voice of God, he does not hear God in the storm, the earthquake, or the fire – but in the silence. The inner journey of Elijah is the true meaning of this inspiring music.

Guest soloists include baritone Caleb Hopkins, Minister of Music at Boulevard Baptist Church and our former Herring Church Music Intern, and tenor Grant Knox, Furman faculty member and nationally known soloist in opera and oratorio. Members of the Sanctuary Choir singing solos are sopranos Amy Joye and Kerby Baier, and mezzo-soprano Melissa Burnett.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this meaningful service of worship through music!

— Vivian



Operation Inasmuch 2017

Thanks to all who were able to participate in Operation Inasmuch 2017. We had more than 223 volunteers serving as the hands and feet of Christ in over 12 different agencies.

Projects included landscaping, painting houses, replacing doors, sorting baby clothes for new babies in Greenville, and visiting shut-ins, among many other things. Our FBG knitters had previously created beautiful bibs and burp cloths with special notes attached which were sorted into gift bags to be given to new mothers through Greenville's Gift.

We made new friends and deepened old friendships. We got to know members of the Greenville community who were in need of our services. We sought to create a space for God to do God's work in the lives of the people that we touched this weekend – and in our own lives.

Included here is a link to some pictures of the day and a link to see the video created by Bootie and his team. Video: <https://vimeo.com/209073322?ref=tw-share> Pictures: <https://fbcgreenvillesc.smugmug.com/OIAM2017/>

Part of the goal of Operation Inasmuch is to help church members get to know our local nonprofit agencies in our community. FBG already does an excellent job partnering with agencies in Greenville, so maybe Operation Inasmuch can serve as a refresher on ways we can continue to be involved throughout the year. Agencies that we connected with this year were: Annie's House, FBG's neighborhood partnership, Greenville's Gift, Greenville Free Medical Clinic, Safe Harbor, Serenity Place, United Ministries, Triune Mercy Center, Genesis Homes, Homes of Hope, The Family Effect, etc.

— Jennifer and Jeremy Murphy

For Your Calendar!

- 3/29 *Wednesdays at First*
MidWeek Fellowship: Worship
Kyle Matthews, Proclaimer
- 3/30 6:30pm Italian Connection
(Revel)
- 3/30-4/1 Cooperative Baptist
Fellowship of South Carolina
General Assembly
- 4/1 11:00am-1:00pm Preschool
Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/2 9:30am Protecting Our Children
(E-317)
- 4/2 10:30am Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra
present Mendelssohn's *Elijah*
- 4/5 *Wednesdays at First*
MidWeek Fellowship:
Corrymeela Guests
- 4/7 10:30am First Friday Lunch and
More (Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:45pm Children's
Ministries Event: Skating
(Practice Gym)
- 4/8 10:00am-Noon Spiritual
Enrichment Event: Creativity
and Chaos: Reflections on
Spirituality and Conflict from
Two Irish Artists (Parlor)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 3/25
\$576,924
Receipts of 3/24
\$470,878

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

March 27-April 2
Jim Dant
478-737-7298 (m)
370-2522 ext. 199

April 3-9
Kendra Plating
828-208-1313 (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

March 29

Lemon Pepper Chicken, Potatoes au Gratin, Squash Casserole, Salad, Yeast Rolls

Kids: Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Veggie Sticks, Cookies

April 5

Lasagna, Italian Green Beans, Antipasti Salad, Italian Bread, Dessert
Kids: Pizza Bread, Buttered Noodles, Fruit, Veggie Sticks, 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 3/27/2017

Hospitals

St. Francis Downtown: Baxter Wynn

St. Francis Eastside: Carol Cox

Sympathy to...

...Bert Taylor and family in the death of his brother-in-law.

...Nick Reinhardt and family in the death of his father.

...Kevin Treu and family in the death of his mother.

Other Concerns

Celebration of the Life of Virginia "Twinkle" Hoskins: 2pm, Friday, April 7, 2017 – Garden Room of Daniel Chapel at Furman; RSVP to Linda Hoskins (hoskins14@yahoo.com); dress casual


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Easter Lilies

Honor Someone You Love

To celebrate Easter, 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):

— Kimberly

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address (if applicable):

Number of Gifts (\$17.50 each):

In honor of:

In memory of:

Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

Orders should be received by Palm Sunday, April 9.