

WORSHIP

Sunday,
April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: The Simplicity of
Palm Sunday

Anthem: "Hosanna" - LEINSBACH,
"My Song is Love Unknown"
- CHILDS

Service Choirs: Melody, Harmony,
Junior and Sanctuary Choirs

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The palms on the gates of the
Remembrance Garden are to honor
the lives of those individuals placed or
memorialized in the Columbarium.

If you would like to donate flowers to
adorn our Sanctuary for worship this
Sunday or any other, please contact
Kimberly Coates at
233-2527 ext. 128 or kimberly.coates@
firstbaptistgreenville.com. The first
available date is April 30.

Extended Session

Directors: Fred and Rebecca
Blevins

Infant/Toddler: James and
Nieshelle Freestone

Twos/Threes: Carmen and Will
Feemster

Fours: Liz and Shane Whatley

Fives: Beau and Laura Harling

Pianist: Peggy Neilson

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

I asked a favor of you and you responded beautifully. Thank you. Thank you for attending the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina (CBFSC) assembly this past weekend. Many were not able to attend, but many others comfortably filled our Sanctuary, were inspired by rich worship and shared genuine hospitality with many guests. Your commitment to a Friday evening worship service did not deter your presence Sunday morning! To the instrumentalists, choir, vocalists and director that graced the platform, thank you. For all who filled the pews and received the gift of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, thank you. You have all been kind in granting my requests in recent days. In return, I'd like to do a favor for you...

On the Monday after Easter, members of First Baptist Greenville (FBG) and Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church (NABC) in San Francisco will be traveling to Israel for spiritual pilgrimage. Before our departure, names will be

included in *The Branch* so that you might remember us in your prayers. We, however, would like to do something for you. On our last day in Jerusalem, we will be visiting the western wall of the old Temple – the Wailing Wall. People of faith slip written prayers into the cracks of the wall daily. If you have a prayer you would like taken to the wall, we would like to carry them for you. It will be a way for our church family to be on pilgrimage with us and give you a direct connection to our travels and prayers. Please write your prayers on small slips of paper and deliver them to me or the church office by Easter Sunday.

Care for each other is essential to any community of faith. Thank you for caring for me...and allowing me to care for you.

— Jim

Church Conference Following Worship—April 23

Second Reading of Rules of Church Order Changes Committee Reports

Calling ALL Graduates!!!

On Sunday, May 21, First Baptist Greenville will celebrate and honor the graduating classes of 2017 – high school, college and graduate school. The day will begin in the AYMC when graduates and their families are invited to share breakfast with our Youth Family. During worship, at 10:30 a.m., graduates will wear their graduation caps and gowns as they will individually be recognized and given a special gift from the church. A special luncheon for our high school graduates will follow worship.

We understand that some graduates may not be able to be present for worship on Sunday, May 21. We are asking that every graduate submit a recent photo of themselves (by Sunday, April 30) so they may be published in the church newsletter and displayed on the bulletin board outside Jim Dant's office.

If you know someone with connections to FBG who is graduating this May, please help us by completing a Graduate Info Form no later than Sunday, April 30! You can find the form under the Youth's page on the church website or by using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/SeOulIYOFDNVIQg1>

For more information on how you can help support these worthy students through the Foundation, please contact Pam Spengeman at pam.spengeman@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

Know a College or Seminary Student in Need of Financial Assistance?

The Scholarship Committee of First Baptist Greenville is accepting applications from qualified individuals seeking financial assistance in pursuing an undergrad or seminary degree. This opportunity is not restricted to church members. Friends and loved ones are also welcome and encouraged to apply. These scholarships are made available through the First Baptist Greenville Foundation and funded by the incredible generosity of current and former church members.

Scholarship applications are due to Kendall Parks by mail or email no later than Sunday, April 23. Applications can be downloaded by clicking on a link listed below or under the College page on the church's website - <http://firstbaptistgreenville.com/college-ministry/>

- First Time Scholarship Application
- Previous Recipient Scholarship Application (*renewal*)

— Kendall

Happy Birthday!

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

April 8

Polly Gaskin
1203 Rutherford Road
Greenville, SC 29609

Bill Jones

30 Springcrest Court, #337
Greenville, SC 29607

April 10

Joe Leaphart
50 Arboretum Lane, Apt. 114
Greenville, SC 29617

April 29

Betty Boyer
715 South Buncombe Road
Greer, SC 2965

First Friday

APRIL 7, 10:30AM

Doug Young, sculptor of the Shoeless Joe Jackson statue, will present the program, and Janice Johnson will offer the book review. For reservations, call (233-2527 ext. 111) or email (shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville.com) me by April 4.

— Shanda

Roadrunners

April 13

Bob Jones University Living Gallery
Leave church at 1:00pm, return before dark
Cost: \$15

Holy Rollers

April 18

Helen, Georgia
Sightsee, shop and lunch on your own
Leave Enoree at 8:00am, return about 5:00pm

For reservations for Roadrunners or Holy Rollers trips, contact Shanda LaForge at 233-2527 ext. 111 or shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

Focus on Missions:

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Imagine that your child is seriously ill or injured, and you must travel away from home and spend several weeks or months in a location where your child can get treatment. You need to be close to your child, but where will your family stay? What about meals? What about the extra costs? For families facing this situation, the Ronald McDonald House is the “home away from home” for families, so they can be close to their hospitalized children at little or no cost. Every Ronald McDonald House provides families with private bedrooms, playrooms for children, and home-cooked meals.

Greenville’s Ronald McDonald House is located across the street from the GHS Children’s Hospital. Families come to this location from around the upstate, from other southeastern states, and from foreign countries. Because the need is so great, the Ronald McDonald house is currently adding an additional twelve rooms. There is always a need for volunteers who serve in a variety of ways, including baking cookies, doing general office work, or helping with fundraising events. Have questions? Want to help? Contact Rose Woelker at (864) 235-0506 or rwoelker@rmhcarolinas.com.

You may place your donations in the purple collection bins located around the church. Thank you for your generosity!

— Linda Green, Missions Committee

During the month of April, our church will be collecting the following items for the Ronald McDonald House:

- Heavy duty paper plates
- Disposable coffee cups with lids
- Gallon size Ziploc® bags
- Clorox® disinfecting wipes (orange and lemon scented)
- Lysol® disinfectant spray

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 is appreciated.

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.

For Your Calendar!

- 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)
- 4/9 **10:30am** Palm Sunday
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
11:30am Lunch for College
Students
3:30-5:00pm Retirement
Reception for Pam
Spengeman (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/12 No MidWeek Services
- 4/13 **1:00pm** Roadrunners to BJU
Living Gallery
7:00pm Maundy Thursday
Service (Parlor)
Kyle Matthews, Soloist
- 4/14 Church Offices Closed

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 4/1
\$625,001
Receipts of 3/28
\$512,494

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

April 3-9
Kendra Plating
828-208-1313 (m)
370-2522 ext. 199

April 10-17
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

April 5

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

Kids: Pizza Bread, Buttered Noodles, Fruit,
Veggie Sticks, Cookies

April 12

There will be no Wednesdays at First activities except Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

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 4/3/17

Hospitals:

Greenville: Mary Wylie, Paul Goldsmith

Returned home: Carol Cox, Sara Chalmers,
Bob Cloaninger, Cassidy Ethridge and
newborn daughter Marley, Robert Farrar,
Baxter Wynn, Judy Wimmer

Sympathy to...

...the family of Marjorie King.

...Kevin Camp and family in the death of his grandmother.

...Jennie Taylor and family in the death of her son-in-law.

Congratulations to...

...Andy and Cassidy Ethridge on the birth of a daughter Mary Elaine Ethridge "Marley," born March 27. Marley's older brothers are Hagen and Opie, and his grandmother in our church is Judy Ethridge.

... Jay and Kimberly Stephens on the birth of a son, James Beauford "Beau" Stephens born March 22, 2017. Beau's older sister is Lucy. His Grandparents in our church are Mike and Carol Stephens, and his great grandmother in our church is Ann Stephens.

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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.