

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
June 25, 2017**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Matt Rollins

Scripture: Psalm 100

Sermon: God's Courts

Anthem: "Psalm 86" – NYGARD

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Soloist: Priscilla Harris

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 18, were to celebrate the birthdays and anniversary of Don and Jo Carson and were given with love from their family.

The Sanctuary flowers on June 25, given by Anne and Paula Cargill, are in loving memory of their parents, John Edwin and Mabel Bridges Cargill, on the occasion of their 90th wedding anniversary.

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.

Extended Session

Directors: Jamie and Jay Womack

Infant/Toddler: Candace Spradlin

Twos/Threes: Josh and Rebecca Gault

Fours: Dustin and Hope Green

Fives: Carrie and Herbert Rieder

Pianist: Cherry Marshall

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

In April of 1867, sixty-five members of First Baptist Church requested they be given 'letters of dismission' from the church so they might constitute a new congregation in Greenville. There was no anger in the request. Rather, their stated reason for separation was in order to '...be more widely useful in a church of their own.' Their request also expressed confidence in, care for and the desire for counsel from the congregation of First Baptist. Prior to the separation, the 'colored members' (as they are referred to in historic documents) were seated in the gallery (balcony) of the church and did not serve in leadership positions. Our forebears were bound by a culture and/or choice that inhibited imagining God's will done on earth as it is in heaven. They did not benefit from or enjoy the presence of our African-American brothers and sisters in the fullest measure of Christian community. The limited nature of their holy imagination was not, however, reflected in their generosity toward this nascent body of believers. First Baptist offered space for the new congregation to meet, an assurance of continued Christian affection and a commitment to ongoing prayers, counsel and assistance.

When the sixty-five names were listed in the church's minutes, they were listed by Christian name...followed by surname. This was the first time their names appeared in church documents like those of their white brothers and sisters. Until then, their Christian name was followed by the notation "servant of ____." God's Spirit was moving.

The Spirit of God has continued to be present and active in both congregations for the last 150 years. The work of Christ has been accomplished and Christian fellowship has been sustained. Our faithfulness to the original covenant between these two congregations has been maintained to varying degrees throughout the decades. We have continued in our mutual care, affection, prayer and assistance.

This Sunday, June 25, we are welcoming the congregation of Springfield Baptist Church home. At 3:00pm, in our Fellowship Hall, a reception will be held to honor the work of God in and through our extended faith family at Springfield. In our hearts, we will no doubt speak prayers of repentance for our ignorance in days gone by...and also prayers of thanksgiving for the graces that have been experienced. If there was ever an afternoon you should clear to be at church...this would be it. I'll see you there...

— Jim

Welcome Home Reception

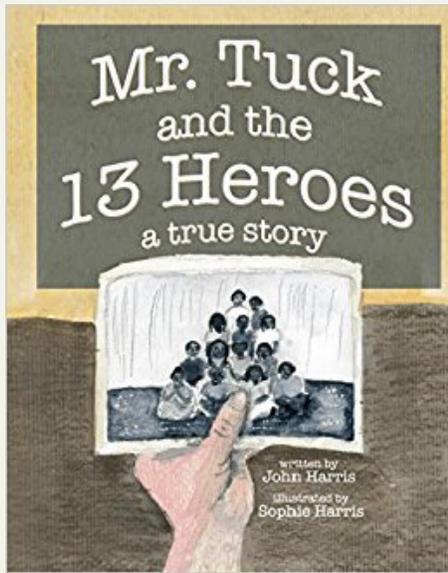
IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, June 25, 3:00pm

Make your reservations here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/springfield-reception/>

CBF General Assembly in Atlanta

Have you ever attended a CBF General Assembly? This would be a great year to attend! The assembly will be held in Atlanta at the end of June, and several staff and church members have already made plans to participate. Highlights include a 25th Anniversary Celebration; worship with author Brian McLaren; and a commissioning service for field personnel, chaplains, church starters and pastoral counselors. What is the event I am most excited about this year? The Heritage Society Breakfast on Friday, June 30, where our own Sophie and John Harris will be recognized for their book *Mr. Tuck and the 13 Heroes*. Below are excerpts from the March 24, 2017, CBF Blog about John and Sophie. For the complete post, click here: <https://cbfblog.com/2017/05/24/mr-tuck-and-the-13-heroes-cbf-foundation-award-of-excellence-for-generous-giving/>



John and Sophie Harris are a dynamic father-daughter team... They have been selected by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Foundation board of trustees to receive the Award of Excellence for Generous Giving at the annual meeting of the CBF Heritage Society... "John and Sophie Harris join a distinguished group of Fellowship Baptists recognized by the CBF Foundation who have made significant contributions to the CBF community and beyond," said Foundation Board Chairman Robert Prator.

Richard Riley, former U.S. Secretary of Education and former governor of South Carolina, calls their work, "a tender children's book about a very difficult time in education." The book tells the story of the formidable challenge and undaunted courage of an elementary school principal involved in the integration of his small school in Georgia. According to educator Florence Lyons of Albany State University, the book provides an effective and positive model for interracial relationships in literature.

Join us in Atlanta! To make a breakfast reservation or register for the Assembly, click here: <http://www.cbf.net/general-assembly/>

—Laura

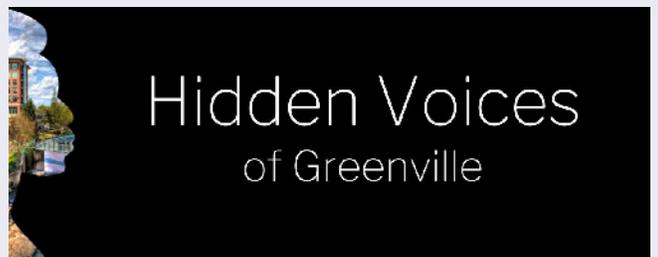
Summer Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

EVERYONE'S WELCOME!

9:15am – Gather and Fellowship – Coffee Is Served

9:30am – Lesson Begins

We have already heard from Tony McDade as he shared that "Everyone Deserves a Home" and Pastor Darian Blue on "One Greenville, Two Realities." Deb Richardson-Moore shared about "Belonging." Don't miss the remainder of these Sundays hearing from the Hidden Voices of Greenville!



6/25 Michael Williamson: "Understanding Affordable Housing"

7/2 No Joint Sunday School-Individual Classes Meet

7/9 Jim Dant: "How I Ended Up Being Me"

7/16 Jim Dant: "How I Ended Up Being Baptist"

7/23 Laura Stout: "Hidden Voices and First Baptist"

7/30 Michael Williamson: "Addressing Affordable Housing"

8/6 Beth Templeton: "Tell Me About Poverty"

— Matt

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

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HOW TO REQUEST A STEPHEN MINISTER

If either you or someone you know is having a difficult time dealing with a life crisis and need the caring friendship and support of a Stephen Minister, please contact one of FBG's Stephen Leaders/Ministers to ask for a referral card, or get one at the church Reception Desk.

For Your Calendar!

- 6/11-25 Host IHN (Formerly GAIHN)
Guests
- 6/18-23 Youth Mission Trip to
Marion, AL
- 6/19-22 9:00am-3:30pm Children's
Missions Week – Grades 3-5
- 6/21 5:30-7:30pm Preschool
Vacation Bible School
- 6/25 9:15am Joint Adult Sunday
School (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30am Matt Rollins,
Proclaimer
Priscilla Harris, Soloist
- 11:30am Tour of the Church –
Meet at Reception Desk
- 3:00pm Welcome Home
Reception in Honor of
Springfield Baptist Church's
150th Anniversary
(Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00pm LGBTQ and Friends
Support Group (Parlor)
- 6/28 5:00-7:00pm Youth Bible Study
@ AYMC
- 5:30-7:30pm Preschool
Vacation Bible School

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 6/17
\$1,153,848
Receipts of 6/16
\$1,058,564

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

June 19-25
Kendra Plating
828-208-1313 (m)
370-2522 ext. 199

June 26-July 2
Frank Smith
268-3890 (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

Wednesdays at First with Wednesday
Night Supper will resume September 6.

Need a Ride?

The Transportation Committee is available to take senior adults to and from medical appointments. Five to seven days of notice is appreciated. For more information, or to request transportation, call Mary Bolt at 864-640-9644.

Care List as of 6/19/17

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: Harry Chapman III,
Jack Taylor

Returned Home: Jim Glascock,
Tony Alexander to NHC Greenville

Sympathy to...

...Garnette Bane in the death of her husband.

...David Crigler and family in the death of his father.



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Pardon Our Mess as Grounds Are Enhanced!

The Cleveland Street entrance and the Remembrance Garden are being updated now as a part of ongoing stewardship of our church property. This work is one way in which we care for God's creation on our church property. Upon completion of the new entrance signs at Cleveland and Faris and campus tree trimming, representatives of the FBG Grounds, Property and Remembrance Garden Committees, along with the support of Garden Friends, began another phase of campus planning and beautification. Work is now underway of a Joel Kirby design for the renewal of the front circle garden creating a more open and inviting entrance to our Sanctuary and church offices. The summer schedule also allows for new grass and planting enhancements within the Remembrance Garden area. Additional plans are under review by the Grounds Committee to continue improvements on other parts of the campus.

Thank you to the many individuals who have worked, supported and contributed to make this possible. Garden Friends enters its fourth year of love and care for our campus, and the Remembrance Garden and Columbarium celebrated 17 years in April. If you are interested in becoming a part of Garden Friends or would like more information on the Columbarium, please contact me at janicerj31@gmail.com.

— Janice Johnson