

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
July 23, 2017**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Kendra Plating

Scripture: Psalm 139

Sermon: To Be Known

Anthem: "Like Rivers in the Desert"
– McANINCH

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on July 16 were given in loving memory of Elsie and Jack Taylor by Nancy, Michael, Laura Lee and Bryan.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on July 23 are given by Ben and Debbie Willingham in loving memory of his parents, Ben and Mary Frances Willingham, on the occasion of his mother's birthday.

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: Foster and Leslie Rodwell

Infant/Toddler: Darby and Melanie Smith

Twos/Threes: Sara and Will Bryan

Fours/Fives: Ben and Elaine Barnhill

Pianist: Cherry Marshall

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Music is often called the universal language. It is a human expression that brings people together all over the world. African rhythms, Mediterranean semi-tones, classical motifs and any language of lyric tends to pull us in, make us move and somehow find a sense of unity.

In the coming months, our church is hosting two choral events that you will not want to miss. On Sunday, August 6, the Furman Singers Reunion Choir will participate in our morning worship service. A series of anthems will be meaningfully integrated into the elements of worship and into the sermon. As it is each time we host them, the hour of worship will be inspiring. On Friday evening, October 13, we will be the host venue for the Lavender Line Tour of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus (SFGMC) and the Oakland Gospel Choir (OGC). This incredible combined choral group is one of the largest international touring choirs with a schedule and sound that rival the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Rather than an international tour this year,

SFGMC is traveling through the Southeastern United States on a goodwill tour. This 175-voice choir will present an evening of musical inspiration and entertainment that will not be soon forgotten. There is no charge for this event. An offering will be received to benefit local relief organizations. Tim Seelig – artistic director of SFGMC – is excited about sharing this time with First Baptist. Tim is a graduate of a Baptist seminary, served as a Minister of Music in a Baptist church, and was reared in a family of ministers. In his words, "This is like coming home."

There are few finer choirs in the world compared to these two. We are fortunate to have both groups sharing their love of God and their love of music with us. Make sure to put both on your calendar... and come enjoy the universal language.

— Jim

Created for a Purpose

This year preschoolers in Vacation Bible School learned that God created each of us for a purpose and that God is with us wherever we go and whatever we do. We enjoyed our Bible stories complete with action activities, singing and doing crafts that reminded us about what we learned. We also collected an offering of \$200 which will be used to purchase a llama, honey bees and chicks to help lift families out of poverty. Donating animals through Heifer International is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. This has been our mission project for several years, and the children love helping families in this way.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make VBS a success this year.

— Juli



Thank You!

Thank you to all who hosted Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN) families in our church June 11-25. As you can see from the names listed below, it takes many hands and smiling faces to share hospitality with our guest families. If you would like to help with our host week December 17-24, please contact our church IHN coordinator Mary Pyett at mary@pyett.net.

United Ministries also passes along their thanks:

Because of your support, we continue to pursue our mission to serve and empower those on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. Let me share with you one story of someone helped recently in GAIHN:

We have a grandmother who became homeless and joined our program in March. The grandmother is caring for four grandchildren, a 10-year-old granddaughter and three grandsons ages 9, 13, and 14. Another grandson age 15 went to stay with his father. The mother is now in prison, and the fathers are not in the picture. This grandmother is trying to

keep the family together and lives on a very limited income. On April 13, we moved the family to one of our shelter houses. The grandmother will look for permanent housing for them. These children are blessed to have a grandmother who will raise them. Grandmothers are special people.

We could not provide these opportunities without the support of people like you. Your compassion and generosity help to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive in Greenville. You can read more participant stories on our blog here: <https://united-ministries.org/sharing-thanks/>

Thank you First Baptist IHN Volunteers June 2017 (sincere apologies if any names are accidentally omitted):

Aiesi Circle	Carson Class	Gayle Price Class	Hope Class	Kristan Pitts	Sue Ugenti
Johnny Anderson	JR Christy	Ann Golden	Hugh and Kathy Hughes	Mary and Rob Pyett	Linda and Phil Watson
Elaine Barnhill	Jeanette Cothran	Peggy and Ed Good	Carroll Luck	Rose Grace Class	Ellen Wilson
Carol Ann Bell	Greg Crowe	Patsy Gray	Kyle and Susan Matthews	Evelyn Scaringi	Jolene Wimberly
Becky Bouton	Susan Dodson	Linda Green	Cam and Tony McDade	Mike Sease	Jamie Womack
John and Mary Braeunig	Marlene Douglass	Marie Hall	Questria Meyer	Pam Shucker	Jonathan and Stephanie Wright
Jonathan and Nancy Brown	Judy Ethridge	Kay Hardage	Jennifer, Jeremy, and Ainsley Murphy	Frank Smith	Paula Wynn
Linda Caillet	Emily Fayssoux	Richard Hardaway	Jimmy Paul	Jane Stelling	
Don and Jo Carson	Priest Fuller	Judy Heard		Doug and Laura Stout	
	Jill Fuson				

Wednesdays at First and More...

In order to take care of our families with school-aged children, the start of our fall activities has been delayed until September. Since time does move quickly, go ahead and get these dates and times on your calendar. You won't want to miss a minute of our programming!

— Kimberly

Wednesdays at First resume September 6:

3:00-6:00pm – Youth Hang Time and Supper

4:45-6:00pm – Supper

5:30-7:00pm – Children's Missions and Choirs

6:00-7:00pm – Youth Bible Study

6:15-7:00pm – MidWeek Fellowship

7:00-8:30pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Evenings at First resume September 10:

4:00-5:00pm – *Vocare!*

5:00-7:00pm – Youth Sunday Night Live

6:00-7:00pm – Bell Tower Ringers Rehearsal
(resumes August 20)

Happy Anniversary!



On Sunday, June 25th, Springfield Baptist “came home” to First Baptist Greenville. At least, that’s how they described that one day of their year-long celebration of their 150th anniversary as a church. They wanted to be here, and that’s remarkable, given that in our first 36 years together the people sitting in the balcony of the Sanctuary — who would one day become Springfield — were legally “owned” by the people sitting on the ground floor.

On April 21, 1867, the balcony people submitted a request to what was then called the Greenville Baptist Church to be dismissed to form their own congregation. Their letter included these sentiments: *“In making such a request we desire to express our continued confidence in these with whom we have been so long united in church fellowship, and our affection for them. And we request that we may continue to receive from them counsel and aid such as they have hitherto readily given us.”*

That same spirit of graciousness filled the Fellowship Hall on June 25th as members of the Springfield Baptist Church gathered with us to reaffirm our ties. But what to say in response on an occasion that would be such a strange mingling of regret and celebration?

Pastor Jim Dant opened the gathering by reminding us that our best prayers are essentially, *“I’m sorry”* and *“thank you”* words that also express our feelings toward Springfield.

FBG Church Historian Glen Clayton closed the meeting with these words: *“We can claim no moral high ground in our treatment of our African American members, but we did get some things right, and we failed in others. In spite of our weaknesses, God’s Spirit was moving among us, and by God’s guidance both congregations have continued to be witnesses of God’s grace in their communities.”*

Proverbs 25 says that the right words at the right time are “...like apples of gold in settings of silver.” It was gracious words that inspired change 150 years ago, and grace-filled words that call out the best in us today, revealing our essential oneness. Let’s hold them before us now, so they will light the way ahead!

— Kyle

For Your Calendar!

- 7/17-22 Unidiversity Youth Camp at University of Tennessee
- 7/23 9:15am Joint Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Kendra Plating, Proclaimer
11:30am Tour of the Church
5:00pm LGBTQ and Friends Support Group (Parlor)
- 7/24-27 9:00am-Noon Music Experience for Preschool (4 and 5 Year Old Sunday School Classes)
- 7/26 5:00-7:00pm Youth Bible Study @ AYMC
- 7/27 9:00am-1:00pm Youth Mission Possible and Lunch Club (Frodo's, Pleasantburg)
- 7/28 Youth End of Summer Pool Party
- 7/30 9:15am Joint Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Kyle Matthews, Proclaimer

Wednesday Supper

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

Care List as of 7/17/17

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: Harry Chapman III

Returned Home: Joy Rohrbaugh,
Susan D'Amato

Congratulations to...

...Alison and David Wynn on the birth of a son, Ethan Zachary Wynn, born June 26, 2017, in Mountain View, California. His grandparents in our church are Baxter and Paula Wynn.

...Bo Campbell and Dawn Strickland on the adoption of a son, Peter John Campbell, born July 17, 2011. Peter's older sister is Tigist.

Sympathy to...

...Joanne McCoy, Dick Jones and Bob Howard in the death of their cousin.


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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 7/15
\$1,346,156
Receipts of 7/14
\$1,225,787

Needs, Travel-Sized

Nick Bush, manager of Place of Hope, has requested travel-sized soap – not regular-sized bars. Approximately 40 people take showers at Place of Hope five days a week. Each person is given a travel-sized bar of soap in addition to other toiletries for his/her shower. For more information, contact Claire Winkler, Volunteer Coordinator of United Ministries: 335-2618 or cwinkler@united-ministries.org.

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.

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

July 17-23
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)
370-2522 ext. 199

July 24-30
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."



JOIN US FOR THE 2017 CHOIR SING & SIP SERIES!

Join the FBG Sanctuary Choir and learn how to become a vital part of the music ministry!
We've got the best seats in the house!

Wednesday, July 19

7:00 PM- 8:00 PM Mini-rehearsal in Choir Room
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Fellowship at a patio near you!