

WORSHIP

Sunday,
July 30, 2017

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon: Talking Pictures

Anthem: "Alleluia Round"
– PROULX

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Soloist: Linda Russ

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

Sanctuary Flowers

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: Caroline and Nick
Reinhardt

Infant/Toddler: Doug and Laura
Stout

Twos/Threes: Beth and Stokely
Holder

Fours/Fives: Ben and Elaine
Barnhill

Pianist: Kathy Stewart

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Perspective. Life pivots and moves on glasses that are half-full or half-empty. A sense of purpose and happiness (or aimlessness and bitterness) is the result of how we embrace the twists and turns of our daily existence. The events cannot be changed; it was what it was, it is what it is. But how we view the incidents of daily living can be altered. Perspective.

I'm sitting on a backyard deck this morning. My laptop is...well...in my lap. I'm gazing across the tops of majestic trees with a bald eagle soaring below me. Yes, below me. It's a different perspective.

Moments ago, I was sipping coffee with Morten Lauridsen discussing his upcoming recording of Dana Gioia's poem "Prayer." Of all Dana's poetry, this seemed the least likely to become a choral anthem. It was not written to match a musicality – quite the opposite. It's verbiage and meter – while beautiful – hold an intrinsic discord. Morten, however, heard within the

words and lines a motif that only a master's ear could perceive. Perspective.

Next week I'll be teaching the Gospel of John to a group of west coast teenagers. I find myself spending a part of my mornings hoping I can convey to this generation the significance of a two thousand year old text. I'm praying that the pattern of their living and the priorities of their days might somehow shift with the reading of the red-letter passages. Amid the hundreds of voices competing for a piece of their lives, I want the words of Christ to give them some perspective.

Life can be shaped with bitterness or joy, hate or love, prejudice or acceptance, greed or generosity, resentment or forgiveness, hope or despair. Usually, it's a matter of chosen perspective. Choose well.

— Jim

Reminders

Sunday, August 6
Furman Singers Alumni Choir in
Morning Worship

Friday, October 13
San Francisco's Gay Men's Chorus
and Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir

End of Summer Pool Party!

All youth are invited and encouraged to attend as we celebrate the end of Summer and say farewell to our YMTs!
Dinner will be provided!

FRIDAY, JULY 28
5:00-8:00pm

Forrester Woods Estates Pool
118 Sanderling Drive
Greenville, SC 29607



Happy Birthday!

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

August 3

Rachel Woods (98)
243 Pimlico Road
Greenville, SC 29607

August 6

Bea Blanton
1045 Shaffer Corner Road
Varnville, SC 29944

August 8

Nancy McJunkin
408 Freedom Drive
Walhalla, SC 29691

August 13

Ben Turner (95)
122 Alpine Way
Greenville, SC 29609

August 20

Vara Graham (97)
512 Overbrook Road
Greenville, SC 29607

August 29

Elizabeth Howle
900 N. Main St.
Unit #33
Greenville, SC 29609

Catherine Sumerel
Pendleton Manor
414 Summit Drive
Room #307
Greenville, SC 29609

Camp Prism 2017

“In the beginning it started with a very big bang (SHEBANG!)” If you have a third, fourth or fifth grader, this line from our theme song for Camp Prism 2017 might sound familiar! This summer we took 37 children, including some of our IHN friends, to our annual four-day sleep-away camp at Bonclarken Conference Center where we celebrated the fortieth session of Camp Prism along with eight other CBF churches. Our theme for the week was *The Power of Our Beginnings*, so we learned about the creation stories and how God still creates in our lives. The kids loved campfire time, crafts, swimming, group games, Bible study groups, worship, canoeing, as well as the chance to go airborne on the zip line, the swing and the Leap of Faith. And of course they always enjoy grabbing a snack (or two or more!) at the Nibble Nook.

Many thanks to our fearless chaperones: Bruce Brown, Stuart Jones, Leigh Joye, Rick Joye, Tony McDade, Ruth Kennedy, Frank Smith and United Ministry interns, Emma Wetenhall and Meredith Dixon!

— Becky



CHILDREN

Using Your Spiritual Gifts

GIFTED TO CARE



Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of these – faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement or knowing — consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation’s one-to-one, confidential, caregiving ministry. This may be just what you’ve been looking for! To learn more about this ministry, contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Robin Barton, Wofford Green, Hazel Harris, Duke McCall or Ann Quattlebaum.

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.

— Hazel Harris

STEPHEN MINISTRY

For Your Calendar!

- 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
- 8/1 10:00am Roadrunners to Strawberry Hill
- 8/6 9:15am Joint Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
9:30am Protecting Our Children (E-317)
10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Furman Singers Alumni Choir
- 8/13 9:15am Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Kyle Matthews, Soloist
3:00-5:00pm Crossover for Rising 6th-7th Grades (SkyZone)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 7/22
\$1,394,233
Receipts of 7/17
\$1,250,936

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

July 24-30

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

July 31-August 6
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.

Don't Forget

As summer days wind down, please remember to continue your contributions to our Local Relief fund and your canned fruit donations for United Ministries. Local Relief contributions may be made by using a pew envelope with appropriate box checked; by texting GIVE2FBG and the amount to 73256; or by online giving at <http://firstbaptistgreenville.com/giving/>. In partnership with United Ministries, this fund assists individuals and families in our church and community with rent, utilities and other critical needs. Canned fruit donations may be placed in any of the marked plastic bins around the church.

Thank you for your generous donations to these ministries year-round. For questions or more information, please contact me in the Missions office at 370-2522 x145.

— Laura

Care List as of 7/24/17

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: Harry Chapman III

Returned Home: Jacob Hamilton,
Jim Glasscock

Congratulations to...

...Sarah Ramsey-Smith and Paul Smith on the birth of a son, Josiah Wayne Smith, born July 18, 2017, in Asheville, NC. Josiah's grandparents in our church are Becky and Todd Ramsey.

Sympathy to...

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

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.



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