

WORSHIP

Sunday,
August 6, 2017

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-215b;
Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: Halt the Chaos

Service Choir: Furman Singers
Alumni Choir

Anthems: "Halleluia" –
BEETHOVEN; "The Last Words
of David" – THOMPSON; "Love
Never Faileth" – GAWTHROP; O
Clap Your Hands" – VAUGHAN
WILLIAMS; "The Road Home" –
PAULUS; "The Promised Land"
– STAHELI; "O Lux Beatissima"
– HELVEY; "Music Down in My
Soul" – HOGAN; "Father, Give Thy
Benediction" – SCHWOEBEL

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on
July 30 were from the wedding
of Carolyn Elizabeth Laffitte and
Herbert Weathersbee Bradley III
and were given to the glory of God
in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph
Montague Laffitte and in loving
memory of Mr. and Mrs. Othniel
Henry Wienges, Mr. Sterling Jinks
Usher Laffitte, Mr. Henry Spann
Laffitte, Mr. and Mrs. Heyward
Pinckney Garrison and Mr. and
Mrs. Herbert Weathersbee Bradley.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on
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Singers Alumni Choir in memory

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Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

With the wedding behind me and
youth camp a few days away, I had
some vacation time to burn. So, to
answer one parishioner's question
(asked prior to my leaving), "What
does a senior minister do while
on vacation?" I offer the following
in chronological order, but without
delineating each day. Here goes...

I finished Mike Matusow's
autobiography, *Check-Raising the
Devil*. I sat at the breakfast table
and chatted poetry, politics and
piety with some of the greatest
artistic minds alive. (We solved
nothing...but it was a great two-
hour chat.) I checked in with
Jenna. I borrowed a friend's red
Mazda Miata (license tag DIR8ON)
and scooted around San Juan
Island, Washington. I watched a
large pod of orca whales feasting
and frolicking in the channel
that separates Washington from
Victoria, British Columbia. I ate
a couple of roasted oysters at a
harbor town farmer's market. I
checked in with Jenna. I began
reading *Half Earth* by two-time
Pulitzer Prize winning author

Edward O. Wilson. I ate Ivar's
fish and chips during a layover in
Seattle on my way to the California
bay area. I took a morning run
around Lake Merced. I checked in
with Jenna. I started catching up
on my stunted viewing of *Breaking
Bad*. I did final preparatory study
for teaching the Gospel of John
at next week's youth camp. I
visited the premier ukulele store
in the continental United States. I
went to AT&T Park (home of the
San Francisco Giants) and saw
James Taylor and Bonnie Raitt in
concert...and of course, I checked
in with Jenna.

Here's the deal: There are only
a few days of summer vacation
remaining. In just a few more
spins of the earth, the familiar
rhythms of the academic year will
be in full swing. In these remaining
moments of recreation and
refreshment, I would encourage
you to do whatever it is you love.
Do what brings joy and rest to
your life. Immerse yourself in a
good book, music, nature, sight-
seeing, outdoor activity, eating,
travel or some time with friends.
And if you're wondering what's
happening next at church...or
where you can offer your services
at church...feel free to check in
with Jenna...

— 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

Crossover!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13: ALL 6TH AND 7TH GRADE YOUTH ARE INVITED!

YOUTH

Dear Parents of rising 6th and 7th grade FBG Youth,

Being new can be scary and overwhelming for anyone! Crossover is an event for rising 6th and 7th graders to spend time having fun together. Our Crossover event at SkyZone will be a wonderful time for our newest in the Youth Family to have their very own event to celebrate and get acquainted with our 7th graders! I want to provide a place for our newest members to “jump” right in with us and feel they are a special piece of our family and are loved. Our 7th graders were new just a short 12 months ago, and they will be able to speak to our new 6th graders in a comforting way.

Parents, I want to offer a time for you to chat with me, get to know me, and have an opportunity to be one-on-one with me and ask questions. We will be hosting a parents of 6th graders meeting at the AYMC while the youth go to SkyZone from 3:30-5:00pm. Parents of 7th graders, you are also invited to stay for

our meeting and have conversation to provide some comfort to our new middle school families.

On Sunday, August 13, we will meet at the AYMC @ 3:00pm. The big bus will take our crew to SkyZone, leaving at 3:15pm. We will bring everyone back to the AYMC for ice cream at 5:00 pm. Youth will need to be picked up on the Terrace Level of the AYMC at 6:00pm.

— Mary Carol



Focus on Missions: A Place of Comfort, A Place of Hope

MISSIONS

Hospice House of Greenville and Open Arms Hospice joined forces in 2007 to open the first home where patients in their end stages of life and their families can come and receive quality and compassionate care. Residents of Greenville no longer have to leave our community to seek the care offered by a hospice house. Patients can be cared for either in the Hospice House setting or their own homes. The vision of the Hospice House of Greenville is improved care, understanding, and respect for people in our community at end of life through a residential hospice facility to serve the people of Greenville and its surrounding communities.

First Baptist Greenville would like to congratulate Hospice House and Open Arms Hospice on their tenth anniversary and celebrate them during the month of August by gathering items for which they have a great need.

The items they need most at this time are:

- Hard candy (fruit and/or peppermints)
- Extra Large twin sheets (to fit hospital beds for at-home patients)
- Ensure or Boost nutritional drinks in any flavor
- Toothpaste (regular or travel size)
- Fabric and/or yarn

Please bring your items to one of the purple collection bins around the church.

If you or a loved one is interested in Hospice House of Greenville, please call 864-688-1700.

If you are interested in further information about volunteering with the Hospice House of Greenville or exploring other donation and volunteer opportunities, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Rebecca Griffeth at 864-688-1740 or visit their website at www.hospicehousegc.org.

— Lindsay Waldrop, Missions Committee

First Baptist Day School



First Baptist Greenville has had a weekday school program since 1952, beginning with a class of twenty K-5 children in the church's downtown location. First Baptist Greenville began an Infant-Toddler Program in 1969 which welcomed children from 8 weeks to 2 years of

age. For many years the two schools, First Baptist Church Kindergarten and First Baptist Infant-Toddler Program, were operated separately until the decision was made to join the two schools together as one school. Officially as of August 1, 2017, we will be one school known as First Baptist Day School, and we welcome around 230 children, ages 8 weeks through 5-K, and their families.

Our school strives to provide the highest standards in early education in a supporting and enriching environment inspired by the Reggio philosophy. The Reggio approach to early education originated in Reggio Emilia, Italy. At the core of this philosophy is the natural development of the child in close relationship with his or her environment.

We believe each child has gifts and unique ways of seeing the world, connecting layers of understanding as he or she grows. Teachers and parents are facilitators to this process, prompting children to research their curiosities to find solutions or new questions. Children begin seeing themselves as competent researchers, growing in self-confidence and independence, all key in establishing a foundation for a future full of promise. Our goal is to support each child in their own learning style, nourish their curiosities and inquiring mind, and guide them in growing respect for themselves and the world around them. We desire to build strong relationships with each child, family and teacher; fostering the circle of partnerships is essential to the core process of learning.

— Dewanda, Kathy and Rosemary

CHILDREN

Two Handbell Choirs Recruiting New Members

Both the Beginner's Bells and Bell Tower Ringers are recruiting new members for this fall. For those new to ringing or who want to improve their skills, please join us on Friday mornings at 10:30 in Room E-317 (beside the Chapel) starting September 1.

If you have bell ringing experience, we would love to have you ring with the Bell Tower Ringers! This group practices on Sundays from 6-7pm, also in Room E-317, and will begin on August 20.

Questions? Contact me at jhtreu@gmail.com or 864-546-1088.

— Julie Treu, Beginner's Bells Director and Bell Tower Ringers Administrator

MUSIC

Need a Ride?

Three years ago, I did not know L.D. Recently she arrived at my door with sixteen long-stemmed red and white roses, a chocolate cake, a birthday card and an invitation for lunch. Thanks again, L.D. and Mary Bolt, chair of the Transportation Committee! All of this happened because about two years ago I asked for a ride, and L.D. gave me a ride at Mary's request. That was the start of our friendship.

Giving up driving was not as hard as giving up a lot of independence. The Lord said, "Ask, and you will receive," and I found him right. In fact, as in Jim's May 7 sermon, God gives us more than our basic needs.

So, if you need a ride to the doctor, call Mary Bolt at 864-640-9644. She cannot promise roses and chocolate cake, but she will see that you have a ride and more.

My heartfelt thanks to Mary and many "L.D.'s" who have given rides and more.

— Ruth Reid

TRANSPORTATION

For Your Calendar!

- 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
Catherine Crowe, Violinist
- 3:00-6:00pm Crossover for Rising 6th-7th Graders and their parents
- 8/20 10:30am Promotion Sunday
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 11:30am Lunch for Visitors (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00-7:00pm Parent/Youth Night (Fellowship Hall)
- 8/23 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
Summer Soirée
- 8/26 9:00am-2:00pm LGBTQ and Friends Picnic (Herdklotz Park)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 7/29
\$1,442,310

Receipts of 7/28
\$1,294,032

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

July 31-August 6
Frank Smith
268-3890 (h)
370-2522 ext. 199

August 7-13
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (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

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 7/31/17

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: Harry Chapman III

Returned Home: Lib Hunter, Sandra Corder

Sympathy to...

Larry Cobb and family in the death of his mother.

Needs, Travel-Sized

Approximately 40 people take showers at Place of Hope five days a week. Each person gets a travel-sized bar of soap (not regular size) 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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of DuPre and Eleanor Rhame. DuPre was music minister at First Baptist Church, 1936-1970, and founder and conductor of the Furman University Singers, 1946-1970. "Music was his heaven on earth."

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: Brian and Chesnee Marshall

Infant/Toddler: Gary and Laura Darnell

Twos/Threes: JR Christy and Ann Godfrey

Fours: Dustin and Hope Green

Fives: Beau and Laura Harling

Pianist: Melanie Ruhlman

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner