

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
August 13, 2017**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon: The Real Test of Faith

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthems: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" – *YOUNG*; "We Sing the Mighty Power of God" – *HOPSON*

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Pedrick Peace and Bony Hampton Peace Jr. by their family.

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.

September 3, 2017, is an open date.

Extended Session

Directors: Jamie and Jay Womack

Infant/Toddler: Chris and Kendra Plating

Twos/Threes: TBD

Fours: Brandon and Leslie Roberts

Fives: Brian and Perry Behrens

Pianist: Peggy Neilson

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Every once in a while, you need to try something new. I followed the small hoard of teenagers into the Ananda Yoga Temple in Scotts Valley, California. Each day of youth camp, we had visited and participated in a particular creative art. On Tuesday, we explored the creative nature of God as we spent time with luthier Kenny Hill. On Wednesday, Santa Cruz potter John Albrecht allowed us to mold clay in his studio as we explored the shaping work of God. On Thursday, we studied the tending and caring nature of God... which led us to Doug Andrews, founder of Ananda Scotts Valley. I slipped off my shoes and entered the yoga room. Multiple mats were unrolled on the floor. Beside each lay a pillow, a blanket, a block and a strap. It reminded me of naptime in kindergarten. For the next ninety minutes, we breathed, stretched, posed, embraced affirmations and rested. Okay, I'll admit, I've made fun of yoga for years. Now? I think I might be hooked...

Every once in a while, you need to try something new. This past Sunday the Furman Singers Alumni Choir led our

congregation in worship. I watched many of you as you listened. Some were smiling. Some were quietly allowing the music to sink deep in their souls. Some were mouthing the words as the choir sang. In those moments, I wondered how many of you might need to open yourself to singing in our choir? There is always room for one more. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, and worship leadership is on Sunday mornings. An added bonus – you get to wear a cool robe! Maybe you'd like to join one of our handbell choirs. Vivian Hamilton, Josh Harrington or Julie Treu would love to share more information with you about our Sanctuary Choir and both our Beginner Handbell Choir and our more advanced Bell Tower Ringers. All groups will resume rehearsal this fall. Again, added bonus – the Bell Tower Ringers always wear a cool black outfit!

Trying something new has opened fresh possibilities for my health and spirituality. Finding your place in our music ministry will connect you with a wonderful means of service and a delightful community within the larger church. Now, please excuse me while I go shop for a cool yoga outfit.

— Jim

Reminders

Wednesday, September 6
Wednesdays at First
Activities Resume

Sunday, September 10
Sunday Activities for
Youth Resume

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

Senior Adults Celebrate

Senior Adult Sunday is scheduled for September 10. The annual Senior Adult Banquet will be Friday, September 8, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This event kicks off a new year of programming for Roadrunners, Holy Rollers and First Friday Lunch and More. Representatives from each of these will be on hand to preview calendars for the 2017-2018 year.

The entertainment for the Senior Adult Banquet will be The Upstate Senior Band of Senior Action, Inc. – back by popular demand. A small ensemble of the band performed during First Friday Lunch and More this past spring, and we are excited to hear the entire band.



The Upstate Senior Band was formed with five members in May of 1999 and now has 60 members with a median age of 75. This group is directed by Tad Riddle. Twenty band members are in Carolinians Jazz Ensemble, directed by Ron Hamilton, performing at additional venues. To view band schedules and videos of concerts in the Upstate, go to <http://www.upstatesrbands.org/>.

Uptown Catering will prepare the meal of a plated salad, Parmesan encrusted pork tenderloin, honey roasted potatoes, seasoned green beans, yeast rolls and apple spiced cake. Iced tea, water and coffee will accompany the meal. The cost of the meal with evening entertainment is only \$10. Please contact me to make your reservation at shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 111. The deadline for reservations is Monday, September 4, but don't delay – contact me today. You don't want to miss this!

– Shanda

Parent/Youth Night

FOR ALL YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, AT 5:00PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

I would like to formally invite and encourage all youth (6th–12th grade students) and their parents to make it a priority to attend Parent/Youth Night on Sunday, August 20, at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Parent/Youth Night has become an annual event to provide our youth and their families with dates and information on how students can get involved throughout the upcoming school year (weekly events, annual retreats, mission trip, and Unidiversity Youth Camp). We will also be introducing our new schedule for this school year's Youth Bible Study and select youth music ensemble, *Vocare*. Parent/Youth Night is an opportunity to learn more about the vision for FBG's Youth Family, get to know our Youth Ministry staff and hear about our passion of working with youth!

Having BOTH youth and their parent(s) present for Parent/Youth Night will help us to provide answers to any questions. It also allows us to get everyone's information up-to-date and to complete medical waivers for the year.

Don't miss this important, information-packed event AND remember to bring your calendars so you can begin planning your year!

– Mary Carol

Christmas and Advent - Celebrating Twice in a Year!

UNIDIVERSITY YOUTH CAMP 2017

Unidiversity is a summer church youth camp that seeks to help youth see themselves as unique individuals crafted by the creative power of a loving God who is revealed in Jesus the Christ. This year's theme, "Christmas Presence" gave our youth a chance to learn how to find the language to speak about their faith AND understand the incarnation as we looked more deeply at Hope, Love, Peace and Joy. Visit the church website for pictures!

— Mary Carol

My first experience at Unidiversity showed me over and over again how our FBG Youth Family really is a family, a strong community for our kids, where over time our youth can develop real connections with others in the group and gradually come to feel that this is a place where they belong. I watched high school guys and girls hanging out with 6th graders on their first Unidiversity trip and also welcoming our Israeli youth into the group; saw middle-schoolers telling the graduating seniors how much it meant to them that the seniors would spend time with them; heard the seniors telling the middle-schoolers to invest themselves in the youth group, because it would become their family; and I saw college students taking their summer vacation time to come back and pour themselves into the youthies and the youth group that had been so important to them for so many years. I realized this week that it was true; this is a youth community where students are taught to value each other as important to the group.

I also saw how Unidiversity plugs our youth into a larger community of faith, with youth from other congregations like us, with other Christian kids that they can hang out with, do silly skits with, dive into the Bible with, sing and dance in worship with, and generally connect with. The Unidiversity experience is carefully planned to develop the day's Bible theme from morning worship through personal devotion time to small-group Bible study time and then wrap it up again in evening worship time. In the midst of hectic camp schedules, this multipronged approach helps kids "get" the Bible teaching they encounter all day long, and share with kids from other congregations. I've already told Mary Carol to put me down for next year!

— Laurie Bery-Dorroh, 1st time Chaperone

I have been going to Unidiversity since I was in 6th grade, and every year it is a totally new and exciting experience. This year, the other seniors and I got to experience the camp as leaders in our youth group. Though this comes with responsibility, the experience was a new kind of great. Getting to see the new young faces experience everything for the first time and build those relationships with other churches' youth was really awesome to see. I've built relationships through this camp that will last a lifetime, and I'm very thankful to have been able to attend and experience God's presence through this camp.

— Sam Ramsey, High School Senior

A Call for *Vocare*

I am so excited to get started with our new Youth Music Ensemble: *Vocare*! All youth in grades 6-12 who are interested in leading worship through their gift of singing are encouraged to join us. We chose the name *Vocare* for this special group of worship leaders. *Vocare* is the Latin word for "vocation" and means "to call or summon." We believe in the special ways Youth can lead and inspire us in worship and hope this new way of doing "youth choir" will give these singers an avenue to intentionally share their gifts of song to enhance our worship services in new ways at FBG.

I'm so looking forward to working with our new Organist, Shelton Love, who will be our accompanist, and Ellen Wilson, who has so graciously agreed to assist us each week. These Youth are already so special to me as most all of them were in my Junior Choir as 4th and 5th graders. I can't wait to work with them again!

Rehearsals will be each Sunday afternoon from 4:00-5:00pm and will begin on September 10. We also plan to have a meeting for parents and all interested Youth in the next few weeks to measure for our new robes and to schedule informal "interviews and voicings" with participants. We'll contact you with a specific date soon!

— Amy Joye

For Your Calendar!

- 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 (Skyzone)
- 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)
- 8/27 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 8/31-9/4 AYMC Closed
- 9/2-4 Youth Family Fall Retreat (Rockmont)
- 9/3 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 8/5
\$1,490,387
Receipts of 8/4
\$1,360,036

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

August 7-13
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)
370-2522 ext. 199

August 14-20
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (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.

Wednesday Night Meal Deliverers Needed

Every Wednesday night, members of our congregation deliver meals to other members who, for various reasons, could use a hot prepared meal and a visit. As we begin a new school and church year, we are in need of volunteers for this ministry. If you choose to volunteer, you would pick up the meal(s) in the Fellowship Hall between 4:45-6:15pm one Wednesday per month, deliver it and stay for a short visit. You will be blessed with these visits. For questions or to volunteer, contact me at 346-8684 or skshelley@aol.com.

— Susan K. Shelley

Care List as of 8/7/17

Hospitals

As of 8/7/2017, we are aware of no members in the hospital.

Returned Home: Peggy Nielson

Congratulations to...

...Courtney and David Camferdam on the birth of a son, David Weldon Camferdam III, on June 27, 2017. Wells' grandparents in our church are Eric and Teresa Swan.

...Chris and Lindsay Kaplan on the birth of a son, Thomas Rush Kaplan, born July 30, 2017.

Sympathy to...

...the family of Harry Chapman III.

...Sarah Carter in the death of her grandfather.

...Marie Richards and family in the death of her grandmother.

...Howard Renda and family in the death of his cousin.

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.



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Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

August 13, 9:15am

Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School Class Teachers and Leaders, please join us for breakfast treats and coffee in celebration of your leadership in our adult Sunday School classes. There will be a joint Sunday School option in the Chapel at 9:30am for other class members. We look forward to thanking you over breakfast!

— Jennifer

— Laura