

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
August 27, 2017**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: The Keys of the Kingdom

Anthem: "Come to Him"
— KILSTOFTE; "You Are Holy"
— arr. HELGEN

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Soloist: Amy Joye, Soprano

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Linda and Eldon Russ to honor the memory of Ruby Bridges Owens and Jesse Russ.

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: Robert and Sarah Farrar

Twos/Threes: Carmen and Will Feemster

Fours: Carrie and Mason Nettles

Fives: Justin and Whitney Blum

Pianist: Cherry Marshall

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

We consider them commonplace, but calendars are actually very complex systems. The earliest calendars were lunar based and followed phases of the moon. These phases – full, waxing and waning – were easily visible and identifiable by the ancients and thus provided a rubric for Babylonians, Persians and Hebrews. Since these phases cycle in less than thirty days (like the months of our solar calendar), leap 'months' were required to keep months and seasons aligned. Today, most of the world relies upon the Gregorian calendar as the de facto means of recording time. Our Gregorian calendar is a fairly recent tool. It was introduced by Pope Gregory in 1582 as a refinement to the Julian calendar. It involved a .002% correction to the length of a year over the Julian calendar. Like I said...complex.

Most of us live by other calendars as well. The Christian calendar flows from Advent to Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Christ the King Sunday and back. The sports calendar moves from football season to basketball season to baseball season

and back. (I know, I left out Nascar and Soccer and Bowling, etc., but you get the drift.) And of course, there is the academic calendar for students of all grades.

I tend to live by a preaching calendar. Each summer, I designate a week for annual sermon planning. Yes. The Holy Spirit and I settle into a quiet place and plan our sermons a year in advance. The final manuscripts are written week to week, but we know where we are going months prior. This helps our Worship Planning Team orchestrate services and helps me live with ideas...marinate ideas...for a long time. I thought it might help you to know where we are going as well. In September, we will be exploring scriptures related to Creation Care – loving and living well on this beautiful planet. In October, I'll be preaching on the theme "We Have these Treasures" and reminding us of the greatest gifts God has given. November's sermons will focus on the sacred use of our resources. December will sermonically and musically put us in the presence of Mary. And in January, we are going to revisit the Book of Ruth; the material that first brought us together almost five years ago.

So mark 'your' calendars for each of these sermonic seasons...and I'll see you in worship on Sunday.

— Jim

Reminders

Wednesday, September 6
Wednesdays at First
Activities Resume

Sunday, September 10
Stewardship Breakfast/
Sunday Activities for Youth
Resume

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

Deacon Nominating Committee Announcement

The Deacon Nominating Committee invites all church members to submit names of servant leaders for consideration to serve on the Diaconate. The Deacon Nominating Committee has agreed to consider all nominees based on the Scripture references found in the *Rules of Church Order*: John 13:1-15 and Romans 12:1-18.

The committee has agreed on the following additional criteria:

- Members demonstrating regular attendance at church events, dedicated church service, and consistent financial support of the church budget will be given priority consideration
- The committee will work to balance the new slate of deacons to represent the diversity of the congregation
- Deacon Nominating Committee members and their spouses are not eligible
- Neither full-time nor part-time church staff members are eligible
- Spouses of full-time church staff are not eligible
- Spouses of part-time church staff are eligible

Please submit nominations to Jenna Manning by Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Nominations should include a brief statement of each nominee's qualifications and include your contact information. Nominations can be made by written letter or by email to jenna.manning@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

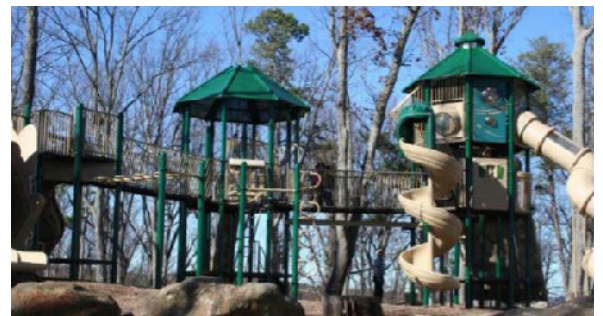
Members of the Deacon Nominating Committee include: Becky Bouton, Charlie Bryan, Ana Gibbs, Ed Good (chair), John Harris, Pam Jones, Todd Ramsey (chair-elect), Susan S. Shelley and Stephanie Wright.

LGBTQ & Friends Family Picnic

LGBTQ & Friends is hosting a Family Picnic and would like to invite members of the congregation to attend. The picnic will be on Saturday, August 26, from 9:30am-2:00pm at Herdklotz Park. We'll be providing burgers and chicken. Bring a dish and/or drink to share.

Come enjoy some fellowship and fun. We'll have games for kids and adults. There are playgrounds for toddlers and older kids, sand volleyball courts and soccer nets. Attendance is limited due to the size of the shelter, so reservations are necessary. Please let us know if you can make it by following this link - evite.me/Sz3qDGxJAs - and telling us if you would prefer chicken or a burger. We hope to see you there!

— Judy Snyder and Jennifer Craig



Date: August 26

Time: 9:30am-2:00pm

Location: Large shelter at Herdklotz Park
(126 Beverly Rd, Greenville, 29609)

RSVP: evite.me/Sz3qDGxJAs

Food: Burgers and chicken will be provided.
Sides, drinks and desserts are potluck.

Preparing to Serve

LEARN, GROW AND SERVE BY BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER



Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement and listening? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. First Baptist Greenville is preparing to train another class of Stephen Ministers in 2018. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness or loneliness. To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen 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.

– Stephen Ministers

PASTORAL CARE

Happy Birthday!

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

September 17

Earline Shabkie

Sarah Gossett

27 Conestee Avenue
Greenville, SC 29605

September 23

Dixie McAdams

The Cascades

30 Springcrest Court
#228
Greenville, SC 29607

September 24

Abbie Jean Poole

21 Isbell Lane
Greenville, SC 29607

September 29

Wilma Frese

104 Willow Bend Drive
Taylors, SC 29687

SENIOR ADULTS

Senior Adult Banquet

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10
Entertainment: Upstate Senior Concert Band of Senior Action, Inc.

Make reservations by September 4 with Shanda at 233-2527 ext. 111.

Roadrunners Roll

SEPTEMBER 19

Lunch at Dillard House
Helen, Georgia

Bus Cost: \$6
Lunch: Pay Your Own
Bus Departs: 9:00am

Oops!

In the Lifetouch pictorial directories, the address for Margaret Faile has the incorrect zip code. The correct number is 29615. There are still a limited number of directories (\$5) available at the Reception Desk.

DIRECTORIES

For Your Calendar!

- 8/23 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
Summer Soirée
- 8/26 9:30am-2:00pm LGBTQ and
Friends Picnic (Herdklotz Park)
- 8/27 10:30am Back to School Blessings
First Baptist Day School
(previously FBCK and ITP)
65th Anniversary
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Amy Joye, Soloist
- 8/31-9/4 AYMC Closed
- 9/2-4 Youth Family Fall Retreat
(Rockmont)
- 9/3 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 9/4 Church Offices Closed – Labor Day
- 9/6 *Wednesdays at First* Activities
Resume
- 9/8 6:00pm Senior Adult Banquet
(Fellowship Hall)
- 9/10 8:30-9:15am Stewardship
Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30am Protecting Our Children
(E-317)
- 10:30am Service of
Communion
Senior Adult Sunday
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 11:30-1:30pm Acolyte Training

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 8/19
\$1,586,541
Receipts of 8/14
\$1,411,306

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

August 21-27

Kendra Plating

828-208-1313 (m)

370-2522 ext. 199

August 28-September 3

Jim Dant

478-737-7298 (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.

Friday Morning Bible Study Resumes

The Friday Morning Bible Study will resume meeting on September 22. Michelle McClendon will be leading this study that will focus on the books of the Corinthians this year. This group meets 10:00-11:30am on the Terrace Level of the AYMC. The cost of this study is \$50 per semester. To register or receive additional information contact Becky Bouton at beckybouton@gmail.com.

Care List as of 8/18/17

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: Bruce Brown,
Tom Maddox

St. Francis Downtown: Cathy Ballard

Returned Home: Camp Wynn

Sympathy to...

...Roger Walker and family in the death of his father.

...the family of Maurice Brown.

...Helen Mace and family in the death of her sister.

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Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study Resumes

The Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume its gatherings at 6:30am on September 13. This group meets weekly on the Terrace Level of the AYMC September 13-December 13 and January 10-May 23.

Introducing...



Brian and Sarah Snyder, 25 Sagamore Lane, Greenville, 29607, joined FBG on Sunday, August 13. Brian joined by transfer of letter from another Baptist Church, and Sarah joined by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination. Brian is employed with Wells Fargo Advisors, and Sarah is a stay at home mom (NP nurse). They have two children, Watson and Hank, with another due in November.

Evelyn Bradley, 205 Donnybrook Avenue, Greenville, 29609, also joined FBG on Sunday, August 13, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination. Evelyn is employed with Greenville County Schools at Tanglewood Middle School.

Rowe Carenen, 205 Donnybrook Avenue, Greenville, 29609, joined FBG on Sunday, August 13, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination. Rowe works with the Governor's School for the Arts Foundation.



Zach Humphrey, 601 Worchester Place, Simpsonville, 29680, also joined FBG on Sunday, August 13, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination.

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