

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
November 5, 2017**

All Saints Sunday

Communion

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon: Risky Business

Anthem: "Hark, I Hear the Harps
Eternal" – PARKER

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Soloist: Deanna Witkowski, Jazz
Pianist; Shannon Hoover, Bass

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
in loving memory of Mr. L.L. Shealy
by his 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.

Extended Session

Directors: Robert and Sarah Farrar

Twos/Threes: Jay and Kimberly
Stephens

Fours: Josh and Rebecca Gault

Fives: Jennifer and Jeremy Murphy

Pianist: Melanie Ruhlman

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

While attending seminary, I pastored a wonderful church in rural, mid-state Kentucky. Our small, unincorporated town was populated by dairy farmers, tobacco farmers, factory workers, a couple of lawyers, a doctor, a few teachers and of course, the preacher. We traveled to other towns to 'do our banking and grocery shopping.' We had one general store 'down at the bridge' where you could purchase basic essentials, get a sandwich at the counter (bologna, liverwurst or any other packaged meat on white bread) and catch up on the latest gossip...I mean...news. It was a quiet community intent upon caring for each other and pleasing God.

Rook was the card game of choice in our little town. Everyone played. When I visited in their homes – we played. Every Friday evening, the general store cleared the dimly lit back room in order to make room for tables and card players. On one such Friday evening – jammed to the gills in the general store – I suggested we move the weekly *Rook* game to the church fellowship hall where there was much more room. The crowd went silent; I mean really silent. No one moved. Finally, a tentative voice broke the still

air, "Preacher, playing cards is a sin. We can't do it in church." The noise resumed, the hand continued, and we kept sinning until about 11:00pm.

Our 4th Annual Lulapalooza Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament, to benefit the Lula Whilden World Missions Offering, will be held Sunday evening, November 19, from 6:30-9:00pm... in the Fellowship Hall. A Texas hold 'em lesson/refresher will be given at 5:00pm for those who'd like to brush up on their game. Players contribute \$50 to play in the tournament or can receive additional starting chips by paying \$100. ALL money collected goes to the Lula Whilden Offering. We are not gambling. No cash is awarded to the tournament winner. The only thing the winner receives is the coveted Lulapalooza Winner's jacket...which usually hangs in their closet until next year's presentation. Oh, and whoever knocks me out of the tournament receives a downtown restaurant gift certificate.

I hope you will sign up today for this fun and fruitful evening. Register online at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/lulapalooza-2017-registration/> or call the church office to reserve your seat. You will pay at the door on the night of the event. If it's sinning... well...come sin with us. It's for a great cause, and I'd rather sin with my friends at the church than in a dimly lit back room in rural Kentucky...

— Jim

Reminders

Sunday, November 5, 10:30am
All Saints Sunday
Service of Communion
Deanna Witkowski, Jazz Pianist

Sunday, November 19
Lulapalooza Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament
5:00pm Lesson
6:30pm Tournament

Focus on Missions

WORLD RELIEF

From October 29 to November 19, we will be collecting items for Welcome Kits for refugee families. The Welcome Kits provide the basic household items a family of four would need for their new start in a place of safety. Each item for a kit will be listed on an index card attached to large plastic bins located in the lobby, near the front desk at the church. Please take a card, purchase the item(s) listed, and return the item(s) to the bin by November 19. Questions? Call Laura or email her at laura.stout@firstbaptistgreenville.com.



Operating through 27 offices across the United States, World Relief and its network of local church partners welcome and resettle thousands of refugees to the U.S. each year. For nearly 40 years, World Relief has partnered with the U.S. Department of State to help refugees referred by the United Nations Refugee Agency. These refugees undergo extremely rigorous screening and background checks by Homeland Security. They often flee their homes at a moment's notice and arrive in their new country with few belongings. That's where our Welcome Kits help!

In addition to providing Welcome Kits, our church is partnering with World Relief Upstate to sponsor a refugee family. World Relief provides training to volunteers in partner churches to assist the families when they arrive, and around twenty volunteers from our church have already been trained. These Good Neighbor Teams provide language skills, job training and spiritual support. We don't know when we might receive a family, but we want to be ready. To volunteer with our church's Good Neighbor Team, contact team leader Jenny Lee at jennbe814@gmail.com. For more information about World Relief, go to worldreliefupstatesc.org.

With so many refugees in the world, we often wonder what we can do to help. Assisting a family by providing household items for the Welcome Kits is one small way to make a difference.

— Linda Green, Missions and Affiliations Committee

College Care Package Ministry

A SMALL BOX OF OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS

Sometimes, there is nothing like receiving some good ol' snail mail in the mailbox, particularly if you are away at college. Students always enjoy receiving care packages from home as a little reminder they are remembered by those who love them. These small boxes packed with love and prayers, through goodies and personalized notes from the youth, can really brighten up a student's day! Care packages are especially appreciated during those particularly stressful times of midterms and final exams. Having extra snacks and sweet goodies on hand usually makes the long nights and exhausting days studying for upcoming exams a little easier.

Our college care package program is a ministry in which our congregation has participated for many years. If you were a college student, or have raised a college student in this church family, then you know how meaningful our care package ministry is for all those who receive them. Our care packages are packed by our Youth Family and include study supplies, snacks, handwritten notes and best of all... baked treats donated by you, members of FBG's congregation. This is a wonderful ministry to help maintain contact with our college students and to remind them we are praying for them during this stressful time of the year, sending our love and care to them while they are away from home.

— Sarah Carter

Need College Addresses!

Please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/gVuuXeUA4d727eYz1> to submit your college students' mailing address or email it to Sarah Carter at sarah.carter@firstbaptistgreenville.com. We do not want to leave anyone out, so please check to make sure we have your college student on file.

**We can only send care packages to those students for whom we have addresses.*

Baked Goodies Needed!

Visit <https://goo.gl/forms/qbcZpPhaTt7xrccU2> to sign up to donate homemade treats for our college care packages. All homemade goodies are due Sunday, November 26. Please divide your treats into sealable Ziploc® bags with 2-4 items per bag.

THYME and Play



This summer Eva Vega and her husband, Henry, met with me to discuss a partnership opportunity for the AYMCC and their business, THYME and Play. THYME and Play is a personal chef service that creates fun dinner experiences for veterans, adults, caregivers and families that are neuro-diverse, physically impaired or may struggle in a “typical” restaurant environment. Their mission is to nourish the heart, mind and body of the Greenville community by fusing social opportunity, disability awareness and great food all in one.

Several years ago, they took their autistic son to a restaurant to celebrate his birthday with some mac n’ cheese and ice cream. After about fifteen minutes, the manager came over and asked them to leave because other patrons were feeling uncomfortable. Of course, they left but were feeling embarrassed and mad. That was the beginning of the dream for their business. They soon began offering dinners at their home. Couples would make a reservation for dinner and bring their child with them. While the parents were being treated to a home cooked gourmet meal, children were being entertained and supervised in a separate area by certified therapists. It wasn’t long until their home could no longer accommodate the guests.



That is where First Baptist comes in. They began reaching out to various churches to sponsor them by offering a place to have the dinners. I met with them, and we looked at the downstairs area of the AYMCC and decided it would be a good fit. They had their first dinner here on September 21, and the space was transformed into a beautiful restaurant setting. Wonderful aromas permeated throughout the building. One of the nearby classrooms was set up as the play area for the children with all sorts of things for them to do. There were arts and crafts, movies, puzzles, books and so much more. With the glass walls, parents could even see into the classroom and know how much fun their children were having.



Feedback from Eva, Henry and the guests was wonderful. Some are even interested in getting more information about the church and all it has to offer. I am so glad that our partnership exists. To me, they embody in their business everything that First Baptist strives to be.

— Mittie

An Invitation from Stephen Ministry

Twice-monthly continuing education is one of the facets of Stephen Ministry that ensures our care givers are trained to provide optimal care for their care receivers. Occasionally, guest speakers present programs that may have significant interest to the congregation at large. On Sunday, November 5, from 5:00-6:00pm in Carpenter Chapel, you are invited to hear Doug Tate, a new member of FBG, tell his personal story: *How Did I Get Here? A Slow Walk into Depression*. If you struggle with depression or have a family member or friend who may be dealing with depression, Doug’s experience offers meaningful insight. What we say and how we respond to others living through difficult times is often critical, and our goal as Stephen Ministers is to know how best to “walk with” our care receivers in a way that is supportive and affirming. Join us in hearing Doug talk about coming to terms with having the disease and how he is learning to manage life productively – most of the time – in spite of the disease.

Please bring interested friends and join us by entering through the steeple doors. A brief time for questions and dialogue will follow the presentation.



— Ann Quattlebaum

For Your Calendar!

- 10/31 Noon** Hop On, Hop Off Bible Tour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11/1** *Wednesdays at First* Activities
- 11/3 10:30am** First Friday Lunch and More
- 11/5 9:30am** Protecting Our Children (E-317)
Guided Prayer Practicum in Fellowship Hall – Stephanie Patterson
- 10:30am** All Saints Sunday Communion
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Deanna Witkowski, Jazz Pianist
- 11:30am** Children's Discipleship Class, Part 1
- 4:00pm** Vocare (Choir Room)
- 5:00-7:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth
- 11/7 Noon** Hop On, Hop Off Bible Tour (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30pm** First Baptist Day School Presentation on Social Media and Technology: Harry Shucker

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 10/28
\$2,067,311
Receipts of 10/27
\$1,852,649

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

October 30-November 5
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)

November 6-12
Kendra Plating
828-208-1313 (m)

If you are unable to reach this minister at the above number, please call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, and leave a message by pressing the number "199" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies."

Wednesday Supper

Reservations are required and must be made on the church website or by calling the Reception Desk by noon on Monday prior to the meal. Serving lines are open 4:45-6:00pm.

Menu

November 1

Adults: Lasagna, Italian Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Antipasti Salad
Kids: Pizza Bread, Buttered Noodles, Fruit, Veggie Sticks, Cookies

November 8

Adults: Grilled Chicken with Mango Sauce, Saffron Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Spring Greens, Rolls
Kids: Meatballs, Tater Tots, Fruit, Cookies

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

3:00pm Youth Hang Time and Supper
4:45-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open
5:30-7:00pm Children's Missions and Choirs
6:00pm Youth Bible Study
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Care List as of 10/30/17

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: Will Gray

Returned Home: Ann-Grayson Good, Tom Kirby, Stuart Jones, Judy Heard

Sympathy to...

...Eric Coleman in the death of his grandfather.

...Mike Houston and family in the death of his father.

Lula Whilden World Missions Offering

Goal \$125,000
as of 10/27
\$38,154



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Save the Date!

We will have a Church Conference and Youth Fundraiser Baked Potato Bar in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, November 12. The agenda will include voting on the budget, the list of deacon nominees and the Committee on Committees report.

Time Change

Before going to bed on Saturday night, let your clocks "fall back" an hour – or else you will be at church an hour early on Sunday morning!