

WORSHIP

Sunday,  
December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent  
10:30am in the Sanctuary

**Proclaimer:** Jim Dant

**Scripture:** Luke 1:39-45

**Sermon:** We're in This Together

**Anthem:** "There Is No Rose"  
– STOPFORD

**Service Choir:** Sanctuary Choir  
and Vocare

**Ensemble:** Bell Tower Ringers

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. The next  
available date is January 7.

Extended Session

**Directors:** Robert and Sarah Farrar

**Twos/Threes:** Carmen and Will  
Feemster

**Fours:** Caroline and Nick Reinhardt

**Fives:** Ben and Elaine Barnhill

**Pianist:** Martha Burwell

**Worship Leader:** Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Growing pains. It's a real thing. Infants can grow as much as an inch-a-month in the first year of their life. They can double in size and weight within the first five months! What is it like to have bones, nerves, vessels, and skin expanding at such a rate? Then, when the teeth start 'growing in,' children are old enough to let out a scream or whimper to indicate the 'growing pains.' These are, however, good pains. They convey the presence of health and life. They are necessary for our children to become what and who they were intended to be.

Churches experience growing pains, and yes, they are good pains. The addition of new members, new ministries and new directions can stretch us in ways that are not always comfortable. They often require additional energies, resources and insights. In the end, however, they are necessary for our becoming what and who we are intended to be.

Our Youth Ministry at First Baptist has been growing at a wonderful rate. It is reflective of the overall growth within the church's life. The addition of members and ministries in this area has made it difficult for one minister to have enough energy and resources for the work, so our 2018 budget provides for the hiring of an Associate Youth Minister. This will be a full-time position with benefits. The salary and benefit structure is conducive to a seminary or divinity school graduate seeking their first experience in a large full-time youth ministry setting. A search committee will be established in early January. Applications and resumes may be submitted to our present Minister of Youth and Recreation – Rev. Mary Carol Anderson.

Growing pains are good pains! They are much better than the pains that accompany atrophy and conflict. Growing pains convey the presence of health and life within the church. Growing pains are indicators that we are continuing to become what and who we are intended to be.

— Jim

Reminders

First on Main  
December 13, 2017  
5:00pm and 6:00pm  
NOMA Square

Candlelight Service of  
Lessons and Carols  
December 17, 6:30pm  
Sanctuary

Church Retreat  
March 2-4, 2018  
Unmasking God  
Joy Yee, Retreat Leader  
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwide-retreat/>

# Youth Family December Events & 2018 Winter Retreat

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS OUTING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 4:00-6:15PM

Before we gather with our church family at NOMA Square for First on Main, our Youth Family will meet at Antonio Bertolo's Pizza on Main Street to eat an early dinner. Then we will walk together up to the Hyatt Regency where we will tour the beautiful Festival of Trees and support *Vocare* and the FBG band.

## Youth Christmas Fellowship Breakfast & White Elephant Candy Exchange

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS OUTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 9:00-10:15AM

ALL youth and college students are invited to our Christmas Party to enjoy a homemade breakfast followed by a spirited White Elephant candy exchange game. All you need to bring is a bag/box of candy (i.e.: skittles, candy bars, bag of gummy bears, etc.). Feel free to be creative on style, flavor and size, but please do not wrap your candy.

## Winter Retreat 2018

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26- SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

What could be a better Christmas gift than giving your youth a night away with their friends followed by and a day filled with winter fun?? To learn more about our 2018 Youth Family Winter Retreat and to register online, visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/youth-registration-for-winter-retreat/>

— Mary Carol and Sarah



## Lula Whilden World Missions Offering



the entire offering from the December 17 Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols will also be donated to Lula Whilden. Don't forget to mark the Lula Whilden box on the offering envelopes. Just as important, we'd love to see 100% participation from our congregation on our way to the \$125,000 goal.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Lula Whilden World Missions Offering children's bank collection for this year. The children raised \$914.35, bringing our total to \$69016.35 for the year, but we aren't finished. The Lula Whilden collection and emphasis continues through the end of the year, so if you haven't made your donation yet, there's still plenty of time and opportunity. Not only can you make an online contribution, but

— Ryan Dennis, Lula Whilden Task Force

# Poinsettia Gifts

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN PLACED IN OUR SANCTUARY:

The Devon family (Jo, Mark, Andrea, Christina and Alex) gives a poinsettia in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gohl Devon.

A poinsettia in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Paul Albert Bueker is placed by the Devon family (Jo, Mark, Andrea, Christina and Alex).

The Devon family (Jo, Mark, Andrea, Christina and Alex) gives a poinsettia in memory of Mr. Ware Lafayette Killian.

A poinsettia in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Pullen Garrett is placed by the Devon family (Jo, Mark, Andrea, Christina and Alex).

Richard and Betty Alice Harper place a poinsettia in memory of Rita and James Harper.

A poinsettia in memory of Betty and Duncan Baynes is placed by Betty Alice and Richard Harper.

Bess Cook donates a poinsettia in memory of John Cook.

A poinsettia in honor of Vin and Jada Rampey is placed by Alvin (Al) Rampey.

Alvin (Al) Rampey gives a poinsettia in memory of Edna Rampey.

A poinsettia in memory of Mac Christopher is placed by Barbara Christopher.

Tom and Sherry Atkinson give two poinsettias in memory of their parents, Ben and Louise Atkinson and Floyd and Jenie Jones.

Two poinsettias in memory of Grace and Bernard Simmons and Ruth and Oscar Funderburk Sr. are given by Sandra Funderburk and family.

Sandra Funderburk and family place a poinsettia in memory of their husband and father, Oscar Funderburk Jr.

Two poinsettias in memory of Gerald Stroud are given by Lois, Ginny, Stephen and David Stroud and their families.

Martha Hall places a poinsettia in memory of J. Floyd Hall.

Two poinsettias in memory of Ruth and Henry Little are given with love by their family.

Willis E. Tisdale Jr. places a poinsettia in honor of his father-in-law, John Crabtree, and another in memory of his mother-in-law, Anne Crabtree.

A poinsettia in honor of the Gayle Price Sunday School Class is given by Anne Garner.

Kevin and Julie Treu place a poinsettia in honor of Josh Harrington.

Two poinsettias in honor of Dawn Strickland, Bo, Tigist and Peter Campbell are given by Ruth Reid.

Ruth Reid places a poinsettia in honor of Dot Dill.

A poinsettia in honor of Bill and Mary Ruth Lacy is given by Ruth Reid.

Betty and Gene Morin place a poinsettia in memory of their sons, Doug and Russ.

A poinsettia in honor of Arnold and Patsy Burrell is placed with love by their children and grandchildren.

Boyd and Polly Gaskin place two poinsettias in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Anthony and Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Gaskin.

Two poinsettias in memory of Nancy and Heyward Morgan and Vee and Sleepy Oxford are given by Jim and Peggy Morgan.

Rosalind and Ted Tedards place two poinsettias in memory of Mell and J.D. Todd and Helen and Jack Tedards.

A poinsettia in memory of Catherine Ann Jeter and another in honor of Jimmy Jeter are given by Jenice House and Ken and Mary Bolt.

Lib Hunter places a poinsettia in memory of Bill Hunter.

A poinsettia in memory of Helen and John Roberts is given by the Freeman family.

Annelle and Dick Locke place a poinsettia in memory of their niece, Julie Crowder Mitchell.

A poinsettia in honor of Ms. Betsy Bob Miles and another in memory of Mr. Earl Miles are given by Ned and Marie Clay.

Ralph and Becky Bouton place two poinsettias in memory of their mothers, Frances Capers Bouton and Blanche Owen Carpenter.

A poinsettia in memory of Dr. and Mrs. William West Simmons is given by Bob Simmons and Anne Martin.

Nancy Strange, Laura Gabrels and Anne Peterson place a poinsettia in memory of Chet Gabrels.

A poinsettia in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Strange is given by Bert and Nancy Strange.

Jim and Martha Fayssoux and children place a poinsettia in memory of Carolyn and Jim Fayssoux.

Two poinsettias in memory of Helen and Erwin Austin are given by Jim and Martha Fayssoux and John and Carole Austin and their families.

Carol Ann and Al Bell and John and Carole Austin place a poinsettia in memory of Myles Golden.

Four poinsettias in memory of Catherine Ann Jeter are given by her husband, Jimmy, and her sons, Scott, Greg and Brad, and their families.

Shirley Young places a poinsettia in memory of her husband, C.J. Young.

A poinsettia in honor of Bill and Mary Ruth Lacy is given by Bill Wells.

Gail House places a poinsettia in memory of her husband, Thomas Edward House, another in memory of her parents, Grady and Louise Toney, and one in memory of her sister, Sharon T. Newton, and her niece, Lisa M. Carpenter.

A poinsettia in loving memory of Margaret Baker Bell is given by her family.

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## For Your Calendar!

- 12/11 4:00pm Holy Rollers to Cracker Barrel and Roper Mountain Holiday Lights
- 12/13 4:00pm Youth Meet for Dinner (Bertolo's)  
5:00pm and 6:00pm First on Main (NOMA Square)
- 12/15 6:30pm Roadrunners to Holiday at Peace (Peace Center)
- 12/17 9:00-10:15am Youth and College Christmas Fellowship Breakfast (AYMC Terrace Level)  
9:30am Joint Sunday School for Advent (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30am Third Sunday of Advent  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer  
Bell Tower Ringers, Vocare  
11:30am Lunch for College Students  
4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal  
6:30pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
- 12/17-24 Host IHN (formerly GAIHN) Guests
- 12/20 7:00pm Longest Night Service (Carpenter Chapel) – Kendra Plating, Proclaimer

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 12/9  
\$2,355,773  
Receipts of 12/6  
\$2,192,342

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

December 11-17  
Kyle Matthews  
551-0829 (m)

December 18-24  
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."

## Lula Whilden World Missions Offering

Goal \$125,000  
as of 12/6  
\$68,102

## Poinsettia Gifts

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Libby, Mary Caroline and Griffin place a poinsettia in honor of Ann Golden and in memory of Myles Golden.

A poinsettia in honor of Marie and Ned Clay is given by their children and grandchildren.

Jeanie and Bill Stoddard place two poinsettias in memory of Pauline and Tommy Pillow and Ruby and Bill Stoddard.

A poinsettia in honor of Debbie Paden Mobley and another in loving memory of Sherwood Mobley are given by Kimberly and Lee Coates.

Johnny and Phyllis Flynn place two poinsettias in memory of Ed and Nora Barnhill and John and Madelyn Flynn.

A poinsettia in memory of Mrs. A.K. Armitage is given by J. Todd Jamison and Watussie Jenkins.

Becky and Bobby Hartness place two poinsettias in memory of Tom and Edna Hartness.

A poinsettia in honor of Martha Johns and another in honor and celebration of Maude Maddox's 100th birthday are given by Darrell and Sandra Corder.

Darrell and Sandra Corder place a poinsettia in memory of their children, Stephanie and Carey; one in memory of Norma Crume; and one in memory of Grace Gilchrist.

## Care List as of 12/11/17 Hospitals

**Greenville Memorial:** Cassandra DeFranco  
**Returned Home:** Ann-Grayson Good, Amy Paul Carr, Tony Alexander to NHC Mauldin  
**Sympathy to...**

...Barbara Watson in the death of her cousin.

...Mike Kellett and family in the death of his sister-in-law.

...Ryan Dennis and family in the death of her grandfather.

  
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## Wednesday Supper

December 13, there are no Wednesdays at First activities on campus except for Sanctuary Choir rehearsal. First on Main will have sets at 5:00pm and 6:00pm on NOMA Square in downtown Greenville. Wednesdays at First activities will resume January 3.

## Is God Calling You?



Your Stephen Ministry team announces that a third 50-hour training class will begin on January 9 and continue until the end of

April. Weekly sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30-8:00pm in the AYMC. Additional sessions will be held on two Saturdays, January 27 and April 21, 9:30am-3:00pm. Commissioning will take place during a worship service in May. Applications are available at the Visitor's Center and on the FBG website, under "Serve." Please contact a Stephen Minister for further information.