



Mission Statement

We are a community of believers in God as revealed in Jesus Christ as Lord. We believe in the authority of the Bible, the equality of all members, unity in diversity, and the priesthood of all believers. In communion with and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we follow the Way of Jesus the Christ and share the Good News through worship, education, ministries, and missions. As an autonomous Baptist Church, we value our heritage and the freedom it allows us to minister alongside other groups, both Christian and non-Christian. We express our love for all in gratitude for the love God has shown to us.

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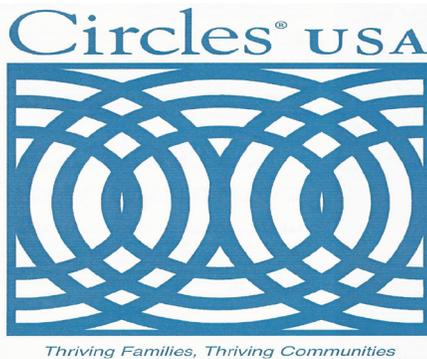
May 18, 2015

First Baptist Greenville

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Missions Near...

Tony McDade, FBG member and executive director of mission partner Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network, issues an invitation to participate in a town hall-style informational meeting for



the entire community at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m. about Circles USA. Circles USA uses an innovative approach to helping folk leave poverty behind once and for all, Circles of Support. The approach involves a "Circle Leader" (usually the head of household in a low income family) who receives support from a cohort of "allies" who help her/him move toward economic stability. Naturally, congregations are excellent resources for community volunteers to serve as Allies. Superb training is provided, and the commitment

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And Far...

The Missions and Affiliations Committee has approved \$2000 from the FBG Foundation to be sent to Nepal for disaster relief efforts following the recent earthquakes. Donations of \$1000 each will be made to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Church World Service (a partner of the Alliance of Baptists). If you wish to make a donation through First Baptist Greenville to add to these efforts, you may contribute online through *Engage First* (Disaster Relief account) or by check made payable to First Baptist Greenville earmarked for



Summer School

The Seven Vocations of Jesus
9:15 a.m.
June 7 - August 9
(not July 5 or 12)
Fellowship Hall

The role of the church is to help you become one person whose many commitments all fall under your over-arching commitment to God. Our "spiritual lives" and our "real lives" should be one and the same thing so that each of us ministers outside the church through whatever we do during the week.

To that end, we're devoting the Sunday School hour this summer to learning about the "Seven Vocations of Jesus" and discovering which particular ministry most closely fits your own sense of calling. It will be a fresh way to "be church" by learning to see our jobs as ministries and an opportunity to bless one another.

– Kyle Matthews

Disaster Relief. Below are links with more information about the CBF and Church World Service relief efforts:

<http://www.cbf.net/nepal/>

<http://www.cwsglobal.org/for-the-press/appeals-and-updates/nepal-earthquake.html>

Sunday, May 24, 2015

Pentecost

Foundation Sunday

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Baxter Wynn

Scripture: Acts 2:1-6, 12-13

Sermon: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Anthem: "I'm Gonna Sing til the Spirit Moves in My Heart" – HOGAN

Soloist: Corey Hart

The service choir for Sunday's worship is the Sanctuary Choir.

The 10:30 a.m. worship will be simulcast live on WLFJ 660 AM and 92.9 FM from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Living Generously @ FBG

2015 Budget Goal: **\$2,300,000**

Needs as of May 16:

\$840,389

Receipts as of May 18:

\$836,860



Missions Offering
\$8,070

Remember that contributions using your debit or credit card through *Engage First* at the church website are accepted.

Focus on Missions:



During the month of May, we will be collecting

individually wrapped breakfast snacks for MissionBASE: Atlanta. It is an immersive mission expedition sponsored by CBF's Passport Camp. This summer, FBG's Youth Family will spend a week taking part in its programs. Each day our youth will spend six hours working with children and families through literacy and academic readiness programs. They will also be preparing and providing meals to the families. This opportunity will allow them to hear about the history and culture of an urban community. They will also be able to reflect on their own experiences encountering new people, new ideas and new understandings of the world.

Please place donated items in the collection containers.

- Cereal bars
- Granola bars
- Fruit bars
- Dried Fruit packs
- Muffin packs

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given by Annette and Lucius Cline in loving memory of their parents, Dr. Lucius M. Jr. and Margaret Ellen Greyard Cline and Ralph Lee and Nancy Harrison Owen.



The next available date to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday worship is July 26. If interested contact Kimberly Coates at 370-2522 ext. 128 or kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com. It is a beautiful way to honor a loved one and enhance our worship space.

A Green Tip from SAVER

Purslane is a common succulent garden "weed" that can be eaten raw or cooked. It contains more omega-3 fatty acids than any other leafy vegetable. Follow this link for more information: <http://www.treehugger.com/lawn-garden/eat-dandelions-9-edible-garden-weeds.html>.



Transportation Ministry

Through Ministry to Families, the Transportation Committee offers rides for members to and from medical appointments. Requests made a week in advance will be helpful. Those in need of this service may call Mary Bolt (288-1285) or Gwen Kennedy (288-6972).



CIRCLES continued from page 1 for a Circle group to operate is 12-18 months. Families who stay with this program for 18 months have significantly improved their financial stability and health.

On May 21, information about the Circles of Support program will be shared, followed by a question-answer time. Details about the first training cycle will be highlighted, as the hope is to launch Circles in Greenville in September or October of this year.

No preregistration is required, and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information about Circles, visit their website: www.CirclesUSA.org.



Please remember those who are not able to join us in worship regularly.

May 24
Maude Maddox
27 Conestee Avenue
Greenville, SC 29605



Call for Chaperones

The Youth Ministry is in need of chaperones for upcoming summer trips – especially in need are adult males for the mission trip. Any congregant who has completed Protecting our Children or could complete it before the scheduled trip is welcome.

Transportation is needed, also. If you are willing to drive a mini-bus or if you have your CDL and can drive the big bus, this is critical for our summer trips.

If interested in accompanying our youth on any of their trips, e-mail Kendall Parks (kendall.parks@firstbaptistgreenville.com).

Youth Mission Trip

(MS and HS Combined)
Passport Camps, Atlanta, GA
Sunday, June 21-Friday, June 26

University Youth Camp

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Monday, July 20-Saturday, July 25

NOTE: If you are not able to stay the entire time, let us know. Sharing responsibilities works!

Are You Connected?

The Senior Adult Committee is sponsoring a voluntary registration of FBG members who are 50 and above. Our committee would like to create a contact list so that all senior adults could receive notifications and reminders of senior adult events more easily. Please sign up in your Sunday School class or at the church front desk. You may also register with Sylvia Clyborne by phone at 233-2527, ext. 137 or e-mail at sylvia.clyborne@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

The Gavel Was Passed...



The Youth Family had a wonderful day on Sunday, May 17. As one of her final acts as the interim youth minister, Kendra Plating shepherded the youth as they led in morning worship. If you were not in attendance, you missed something truly special. The worship time is still available on Livestream.

At 4:00 on Sunday afternoon, the Youth Family gathered on the Terrace Level of the AYMC to celebrate the arrival of Mary Carol Anderson, minister of youth and



Roadrunners

May 19

Tommy's Ham House and
Heritage Green Art Gallery
Depart Church: 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$6.50 (bus and tour)

Lunch: Pay your own



Please contact Sylvia Clyborne at 370-2522 ext. 137 or sylvia.clyborne@firstbaptistgreenville.com to make reservations for any trip with Roadrunners or Holy Rollers.



recreation. Kendall Parks had a "getting to know you" time of question and answer, and Kendra Plating "passed the gavel" of Youth Ministry.

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 Vicki Shafer, 300 South St., #120, Simpsonville, SC 29681, joined the church on May 10 by promise of letter from another Baptist church.

Dru Burrows and Steve Hester, 300 South St., #124, Simpsonville, SC 29681, joined the church on May 17, Dru by profession of faith requesting baptism, and Steve by promise of letter from another Baptist church. Dru works with ZF Transmissions, and Steve is employed with Spartanburg Regional Health System. They are pictured here with Steve's grandson.



Mary Carol Anderson joined the church on May 17 by promise of letter from another Baptist church.



Care List as of
 5/18/2015

In the Hospital:

Memorial:

Millie Smith

North Greenville:

Basil Manly

Returned Home:

Earline Shabkie to the Cascades

Catherine Sumerel to Pendleton
 Manor

Vara Graham

Looking Ahead

May 19, 11:00 a.m.

Roadrunners to Tommy's Ham House and Heritage Green Art Gallery

May 24, 10:30 a.m.

Pentecost
 Foundation Sunday
 Baxter Wynn, proclaimer

May 24, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Children's Ministries VBS Filming

May 24-25

AYMC Closed

May 25

Memorial Day –
 Church Offices Closed

May 31, 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday
 Graduate Recognition
 Jim Dant, proclaimer

May 31, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Children's Ministries VBS Filming

May 31, 11:45 a.m.

New Member Orientation

Extended Session: May 24

Foster and Leslie Rodwell

(Directors)

Boggs and Miller Howard (Twos)

Brian and Perry Behrens (Threes)

Brandon and Leslie Roberts (Fours)

Jason and Ryan Dennis (Fives)

There will be no Children's Church.

**PASTORAL CARE
 EMERGENCIES**

Nights and Weekends

May 18-24

Matt Rollins 346-0971 (h)
 370-2522 ext. 199

May 25-31

Frank Smith 268-3890 (h)
 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."

Fill the Shelves

at United Ministries.

Bring Non-perishable Items
 to Place in the Bins.