



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.

News

June 22, 2015

First Baptist Greenville

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Rustlings...



Let me see if I heard Steven Porter correctly. Let me see if I have my math right... or rather, his math right. There are 1800 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship partnering churches. If only 1000 of these churches had 100 members each that would give an additional \$30.00 a year (Yes, that's a year – not a month or a week, but a year.), then we would fully fund every missionary's salary, benefits and missions budget for the year. That's it. 100 individuals in 1000 churches giving an additional \$30 each and our long-term mission efforts would be fully funded. That's two quick meals or one nice meal at a local restaurant. That's a tank of gas. That's fifteen cups of Starbucks without the bagel or seven cups with the bagel. That's a movie date with popcorn and a drink (so I'm told). That's less than three dollars a month. That's less than ten cents a day.

I'm often asked why we send money to career missionaries rather than exclusively funding our own mission trips and local mission efforts. It's simple: our missionaries' long-term presence in a place makes it possible for us to visit and work in a place. Contexts are rarely open and ready for mission trips and teams unless long-term preparations have been made. Our missionaries establish relationships with people that make it possible for churches to be planted, ministries to be birthed and the gospel to be deeply rooted. This type of work cannot be done with sporadic drop-ins by church mission teams.

I walked over to Steven Porter, our CBF Coordinator of Global Missions, and said, "I like your math. First Baptist Greenville is in. I know I can find 100 people who will give \$30 more than they gave last year. Let's do this."

– Jim



Sunday, June 28, 2015

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Takin' It to the Streets

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-6:2; 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Sermon: Takin' It to the Streets

Anthems: "True Light" – HAMPTON; "Music Down in My Soul" – HOGAN

Soloists: Richie Alan, guitar; Daniel Hendrix, uilleann pipes; Rush Little, saxophone; Katie and Larry Rockwell, guitar and duet vocalists; and Jen Wiggins, vocalist

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.

The Seven Vocations of Jesus
9:15 a.m.

June 7 - August 9
(not June 28 or July 5)
Fellowship Hall

Please note schedule change.

On June 28, participants are invited to Carpenter Chapel to learn about *JustFaith* groups or to volunteer with Project Host (information on page 2).

On July 5, there will be no joint Sunday School option.

"The Seven Vocations of Jesus" will resume on July 12.

Volunteers Needed...

Project Host soup kitchen servers are needed for Sunday, June 28. Volunteers arrive at 9:00 a.m. to prepare and serve food and are finished around 1:00 p.m. First Baptist serves at Project Host 5-6 Sundays a year. To learn more about their mission, visit <http://www.projecthost.org>. Please contact John Braeunig at john@bflpropertiesllc.com to volunteer or to receive more information.



Focus on Missions:

During the month of June, the church will be collecting books for The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale. The book sale is Greenville Literacy's largest annual fundraising event and will be held August 15 at McAlister Square. Proceeds from the sale directly support their three fully-staffed learning centers in Greenville County, serving adult students in Adult Basic Education, Pre-GED and English as a Second Language programs. For more information, visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org or call 467-3456.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Fill the Shelves
at United Ministries.
Bring Non-perishable Items
to Place in the Bins.

Roadrunners

July 15

Shelby, NC

Lunch TBD

Earl Scruggs Center

Music and Stories
from the American South

Depart Church: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$12.00 (bus and ticket)

Lunch: Pay your own



Center Special Exhibit

The Luthier's Craft: Instrument Making Traditions of the Blue Ridge and Piedmont is a traveling exhibit from the Mount Airy Regional History museum in Mount Airy, NC, in the special exhibits gallery on the second floor of the Earl Scruggs Center. The Luthier's Craft offers guests an experiential exploration of the traditional art of stringed instrument making as it still exists in Southern Appalachia and the Blue Ridge Mountains with a focus on guitar and banjo.

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.

Trustee Election

During a brief church conference in morning worship on Sunday, June 21, Elaine Barnhill, Roy Janse and Brenda League were elected to serve a three-year term on the board of trustees for the Foundation of First Baptist Greenville.

Chaperones Needed

Adult Leadership: Youth are relational and tend to participate only in an environment where they have friends and feel welcomed and cared for by those around them. I strive as a youth minister to offer this relational and spiritual environment for youth. Our FBCG Youth Family needs to have adults and mentors who will be involved, care for them, listen to them, and be present in their lives. Our Youth Ministry will be as strong as its adult leadership and volunteers. We already have wonderful adult leaders in our Youth Ministry who teach Sunday School and chaperone trips; however, we still need more! We need your help to find willing chaperones for this summer and throughout the year. We especially need your help in finding 3 adults for Unidiversity July 20-25!

– Mary Carol

A Green Tip from SAVER



The mystery of life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.

– Art Van Der Leeuw

Happy Anniversary

During worship Sunday morning, June 21, Kyle Matthews called attention to the anniversary of Jim Dant. Jim began serving as the senior minister of FBG one year ago.



Keep It Casual

First Baptist Greenville will welcome the season with a special summer music service, "Takin' It to the Streets," on June 28. This service will feature some of our local street artists: Richie Alan, Daniel Hendrix, Rush Little, and Katie and Larry Rockwell. The Sanctuary Choir is also preparing special music. We will welcome back Jen Wiggins, Furman graduate, who returns to First Baptist to share her musical gifts with us. Jim Dant will continue his series of sermons following the life of David.

After worship, we will move to the Fellowship Hall where Uptown Catering will "Take It to the Streets" with a food-truck style lunch. There will be stations featuring American, Asian and Mexican foods, along with dessert. Katie and Larry Rockwell will share their music to continue the "Fun, Food and Fellowship!" Make reservations by calling the Reception Desk at 233-2527 or by sending an email to beckybouton@gmail.com.

Because we want this to be a time to enjoy each other's company and linger over lunch, this Sunday will be a casual dress Sunday. There will be no need to hurry home to change clothes, so stay and enjoy the fun. This is a great time to invite others to join you in worship!

Youth Sunday School



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Join Us for Fun, Food, and Fellowship!

June 28 following worship

TAKIN' IT TO THE ST



Fellowship Hall

Featuring Mexican, Asian,
and American foods
with Dessert

Adult: \$10

Child (10 and under): \$5

RSVP by Monday, June 22
by calling the Reception Desk or
sending an email to
beckybouton@gmail.com

Entertainment provided by
Larry and Katie Rockwell

June 21 at First Baptist Greenville

During Sunday School, the Youth Family gathered as one to remember those whose lives were taken and those whose lives were forever changed by the events of June 17 at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC. At 10:00 a.m., they moved to the terrace where they joined hands in prayer as our steeple bells rang in solidarity with our extended family in Charleston.

During the worship service, Baxter Wynn led congregants to pray both for the victims and their families as well as for the perpetrator and his family. During his sermon, Jim Dant also referred to recent events saying, "There is nothing glorious in killing another human being whether it is with guns or with our words and thoughts." He posed that "there is something glorious about sharing holy presence with another human being."

Following worship, a number of worshipers went to share holy presence with worshipers at Nicholtown Missionary Baptist Church. Thirty youth with chaperones left for a week of missions in Atlanta to share presence with young children's families. Fourth and fifth grade children are also on mission this week, making connections with God's world.

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).



Please honor our handicapped and green vehicle parking spaces.

Living Generously @ FBG

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

Needs as of June 20:

\$1,061,544

Receipts as of June 22:

\$1,015,045



Missions Offering

\$11,306

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

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Looking Ahead

June 21-26

Youth Mission Trip

June 22-25, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Children's Missions Week for Grades 3-5

June 22-25, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Preschool Art Experience for 4 and 5 Year Olds

June 28, 9:15 a.m.

JustFaith Joint Adult Sunday School in Carpenter Chapel

July 3-6

Church Offices Closed

July 3-5

AYMC Closed

July 6-9, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Children's Missions Week for Grades 1-2

July 7-10, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Preschool Music Experience for 4 and 5 Year Olds

July 7-10, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Preschool Nature Experience for 2 and 3 Year Olds

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, June 21, were given in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Arnold and Patsy Burrell by their children and grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 28, are given in loving memory of Shaw McDonald by his family.

Congregational Care

As of June 22, 2015, there are no members of whom we are aware in the hospital. Please inform the Pastoral Care office of any hospitalizations.

Extended Session

June 28

Georgiana and Pat Gray (Directors)
Marie and Steven Carpenter (Twos)
Derek and Renee Dunlap (Threes)
Jon and Julie Good (Fours)
Chris and Jennifer Powell (Fives)
Cherry Marshall (Pianist)
Helen Lee Turner (Worship Leader)



Nights and Weekends

June 22-28

Kendra Plating 828-208-1313 (m)
370-2522 ext. 199

June 29-July 5

Baxter Wynn 288-4078 (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."