



July 27, 2015

## WORSHIP

### Sunday, August 2, 2015

The Tenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Psalm 51

Sermon: A Service of Prayers

Anthems: "Psalm 86" - NYGARD  
"Untitled Hymn" - RICE

Soloist: Priscilla Harris, soprano

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.

### Sanctuary Flowers

Please contact Kimberly Coates at 370-2522 ext. 128 or [kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com) if you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday, August 2, or September 6.

### Extended Session

Directors: Caroline and Nick Reinhardt

Twos: Marie and Steven Carpenter

Threes: Anna and Logan Green

Fours: Liz and Shane Whatley

Fives: Lori and Xin Huang

Pianist: Melanie Ruhlman



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

George Gershwin wrote, 'It's summertime, and the livin' is easy.' This soft, easy jazz standard from the score of *Porgy and Bess* conjures images of rocking chairs on front porches, cold iced tea, and the gentle breeze of a funeral fan. Of course, no southern porch would be complete without the family dog nearby – lying in a bit of shade... panting to keep cool. We're approaching the dog days of summer...

Douglas Harper, a famous etymologist (if there is such a thing), tells us that the 'dog days of summer' are the hot period of the summer when the rising of Sirius (the Dog Star) coincides with the rising of the Sun. The extreme heat was a result of both stars imposing their energy on the earth. The ancient Egyptians believed that the possibility for evil was pronounced during these sultry days, so human activity was kept

to a minimum. Today, we rarely regard our summer idleness as a protection against evil; we simply don't like the heat!

We all know that these are not lazy days at First Baptist Greenville. These final weeks of Summer are still filled with mission and ministry. Rather than rocking and relaxing on front porches, we are finalizing details for Vacation Bible School, the St. John's Bible Retreat, the continued Sunday School study of Jesus' Seven Vocations, Rockmont, Youth Lunch clubs, a Senior Adult trip to Strawberry Hill (at least it's not Blueberry Hill – the Egyptians would have considered that evil!), a baseball camp, our August hosting of GAIHN families, a Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast and more!

Feel free to spend a little time on the porch with your dog, a funeral fan and a glass of iced tea. But when Sunday rolls around, we'll hope to see you in the pew at FBG.

— Jim

### Vacation Bible School

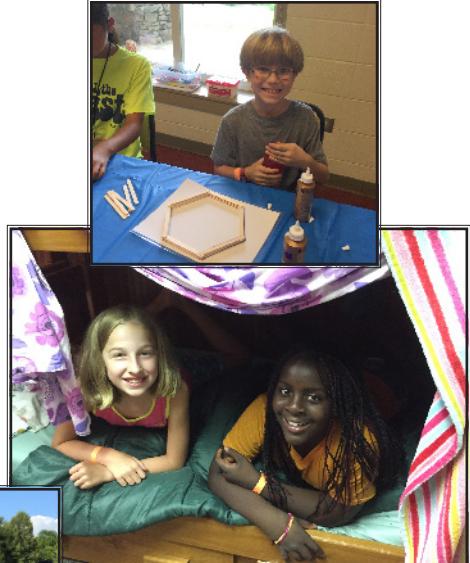
July 27-30: Get ready for a week of worship, fellowship, and fun!

### St. John's Bible Retreat

August 1, 9:30-1:00: a prayerful viewing of the St. John's Bible; Led by Dr. Tracy Hartman, Professor of Preaching and Christian Scriptures at Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond.

# Camp Prism 2015

This summer, together with 7 other CBF churches, 38 of our third, fourth, and fifth graders, including several friends from GAIHN, attended Camp Prism, an annual four-day, sleep-away camp held at Bonclarken Conference Center. Our theme for the week was Free to Be God's People. In addition to Bible studies on Exodus, worship experiences and campfire time, children had the opportunity to do crafts, go swimming, take part in group games, and experience the zipline and other adventurous activities. Many thanks to our chaperones: Trevor Barton, Bruce Brown, Sara Kathryn Coates, Tony McDade, Alexis Muhumure, Ruth Kennedy and R.J. Styles.



## Jubilate Festival and Tour 2015

Before I tell you about our trip, I must make a few confessions. As a full-time school teacher, I have the greatest job in the world; however, I must confess that I look forward to my summer vacation. When I scheduled the Youth Choir to participate in the Jubilate Festival, I did not realize that the tour would take place



during my first six days of summer vacation... As the time drew near, I began to question that decision... I would be spending the first week of my summer vacation on a bus with 13 teenagers...really?! My final confession...I could not have had more fun doing anything else!

This past January, the Youth Choir went to Atlanta, Georgia, for the first part of our Jubilate Festival experience. Our singers spent 12 hours rehearsing with youth choirs from 5 other churches from Georgia, Kentucky and South Carolina. On Sunday, they sang in a service at First Baptist Church Avondale Estates. Our singers were polite, focused and positive contributing members of the choir.

On Saturday, June 6, we reunited with our Jubilate Festival friends. During our six days together we went from Dalton, Georgia,

to Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee, and Louisville, Kentucky. We gave six concerts (bringing joy and enhancing worship), went whitewater rafting, took a tour of Churchill Downs, and enjoyed great fellowship with the other singers. None of this would have been possible without Ellen Wilson, our fearless chaperone who kept us laughing while taking great care of everyone – the world's greatest chaperone!

I cannot begin to tell you how proud I was of our Youth Choir. What a wonderful way to spend the first week of my summer vacation. Thank you for the opportunity!

— Joyfully!  
Jeanie Reed

# SEEs – Spiritual Enrichment Events

What do our neighbors think of First Baptist? Do they see us as people offering help for their real-world problems whether they are members or not? Do they think our facilities and resources are for members only? Would First Baptist come to mind if they were looking for a place for spiritual rest and nurture, no strings attached?

Those questions have inspired Spiritual Enrichment Events (SEEs). Open to the public, these events are designed to provide a space of rest, prayer and personal nurture for people whether they are church members or not, whether they live in Greenville or not. SEEs will typically be held on Saturday mornings and include a continental breakfast, opportunities for relaxed learning, the chance to interact with some of the finest speakers/facilitators we know, and a delicious lunch. They will address real needs: spiritual formation, health and wholeness, marriage and parenting, addiction recovery,

theological education, artistic exploration, or the need for a “space” for prayer and contemplation. They are scheduled for the fall and spring so that out-of-towners can take a full weekend to explore Greenville’s beautiful parks and revitalized downtown.

We are thrilled about the fall line-up: The St. John’s Bible (Aug. 1), “Be Still and Know”: for the Friends and Family Members of Alcoholics and Addicts (Sept. 19) and “Path of Prayer”: praying with our heart, soul, mind and body (Nov 7). Please take some copies of our brochure — wonderfully designed by Vance Milford — and share them with your friends and neighbors...

...and attend! The best gift we can give our neighbors is to become the spiritually healthy church that God calls us to be.

— Kyle

## Wynn Again...

I miss Ted Ellett, and I am sure those of you who knew her feel the same way. In the last few years of her life, Ted became increasingly comfortable in

talking about her own death. On one occasion she said, “Death is a part of life, and I am not afraid of death. My greatest fear is not being able to die when the time comes, and I need to move on.” Ted frequently told family members and friends, “My prayer is that one day I will go to sleep, and wake up dead!”

It seems like I hear some version of this sentiment expressed nearly every day. It is not death itself, but the uncertainty and unpredictability of the process of physical and mental decline that most of us fear and prefer not to face, think about, or discuss. We wonder if perhaps there is a better way.

Ted’s sincere prayer that she would one day “go to sleep and wake up dead,” came to mind as I read *On Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. It is not light and easy reading, but I highly recommend it. As one reviewer expressed it, the book is “riveting, honest and humane,” revealing “how the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life—all the way to the end.”

— Baxter

## Plating Baby Coming Soon!

The time is drawing near for the birth of our first child — a little girl. Her due date is September 10th, a month and a half away! Since we are around 34 weeks, baby girl should be weighing in close to 5 lbs. and be about the size of a cantaloupe. (Don’t you love the silly way pregnancy websites measure babies!) I am hoping to continue working as close to my due date as possible and then take 3 months off to bond with baby girl. Baxter and our other ministers will be around during that time for any pastoral care needs. That should put me out of the office from early September to early December, and I’ll be back in time to enjoy the crux of the advent season with you all — with baby girl in tow.

— Kendra

## For Your Calendar!

**7/27-30**  
Vacation Bible School

**7/29** Noon  
Youth Lunch Club (Frodo's)

**8/1** 9:30am-1:30pm  
Retreat with the St. John's Bible (\$25, reservations required)

**8/2-9** Host GAIHN Guests

**8/2** 9:15am  
Protecting Our Children (E-317)

9:30am  
7 Vocations of Christ Joint Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)

10:30am  
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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**Afternoon**  
Youth Pool Party

**8/3** 10:30am  
Roadrunners to Strawberry Hill, Gaffney, SC

**8/9** 9:30am  
7 Vocations of Christ Joint Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)

10:30am  
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Furman Singers Reunion Choir

**8/16** 9:15am  
Adult Sunday School Teachers and Leaders Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

10:30am  
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion  
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**8/16** Youth Crossover with 6th and 7th Grades

  
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### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 7/25

\$1,282,699

Receipts as of 7/27

\$1,203,955

### Pastoral Care

#### On Call Nights and Weekends

July 27-August 2  
Frank Smith  
268-3890 (h)  
370-2522 ext. 199

August 3-9  
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."

### Care List

as of 7/27/15

#### Hospitals

Memorial: Don Watson  
St. Vincent's Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL: Annie Mae Clark  
Returned Home: Joan Garrett, Lindsey Mann to NHC in Laurens, Don Bolt

#### Sympathy to:

...Norma Crume in the death of her son, Ramsey Horton.

...Marietta Bolt in the death of her cousin.

#### Congratulations to:

...Congratulations to Elizabeth and Greg Clanton on the birth of a son, Joseph Ellis Clanton, born July 2, 2015, in McDonough, Georgia. His grandparents in our church are Larry and Sylvia Clanton, and his great-grandmother in our church is Doris Clanton.

### Make Your Reservations!

**August 1, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

Retreat with the St. John's Bible (\$25, includes light breakfast and lunch) – Make reservations by calling the church office.

**August 3, 10:30 a.m.**

Roadrunners to Strawberry Hill, Gaffney, SC – Make reservations this week by contacting Sylvia Clyborne at ext. 137.

**September 4, 6:00 p.m.**

Senior Adult Banquet: Jim Dant, speaker – Make reservations no later than August 31, by contacting Sylvia Clyborne at ext. 137.