

WORSHIP

Sunday,
November 22, 2015

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews

Sermon: The Impostor at the
Center of the Universe

Scripture: Psalm 132;
John 18:33-37

Anthems: “E’en So, Lord Jesus,
Quickly Come” – MANZ; “Zion’s
Walls” – COPLAND

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

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

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

November 22: The flowers in
the Sanctuary are given in loving
memory of Dr. W.S. Jackson Jr. by
his family.

Extended Session

Directors: Georgiana and Pat Gray

Infants: Candace Spradlin

Twos: TBD

Threes: April and Steven Czarsty

Fours: Jason and Marie Richards

Fives: Chris and Jennifer Powell

Pianist: Cherry Marshall

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Well...I guess it's time to weigh-in on
the coffee cup controversy...

Several years ago, I stopped by the
local Waffle House—Riverside Drive
in Macon, Georgia—and ordered my
usual. The waitress turned toward
the chef—standing no more than
ten feet from her—and yelled ‘Mark.
Pull one sirloin. Drop a hash brown.
Order. Steak and eggs, medium,
scrambled, with wheat toast.’ Having
ceremoniously announced my
cholesterol-laden meal to the entire
restaurant, she made her way to the
closest carafe. She poured the coffee,
grabbed a couple of individual-sized
containers of cream, and set the
beverage elements in front of me. I
hoisted the sugar container...and was
just about to add my two teaspoons...
when I saw it. I slowly set the sugar
back down and waited to catch the
waitress’ eye. When I finally garnered
her attention, she made her way to
my station at the counter. “Whatcha
need, Honey?” she politely asked.
I lifted the cup, turned it toward her
and responded, “There’s lipstick on
the rim of this cup.” And there was.
Somewhere in the course of this little

mug’s life, someone with red lipstick
had sipped from the very spot where
I was about to drink. I’m not sure if it
missed the wash cycle or if the wash
cycle just wasn’t strong enough to
eradicate *Pomegranate Passion* or
Racy Red or *Sizzling Cherry Bomb*
or whatever it was. But it was there...
on my mug...the imprint of someone
else’s kisser. The waitress stared at
it for a moment—lost in the wonder
of how it came to be—and then
looked at me and asked, “Do you
want another cup, or do you want
me to just wipe it off?” Uhhhh, Honey
wanted another cup...

I like coffee. I typically drink one cup
in the morning and one cup mid-
afternoon. The caffeine wakes me
in the morning and keeps me alert
midday. The taste is soothing, and
I enjoy the conversations that often
accompany those imbibing moments.
I love people. I know the baristas and
the waitresses at the coffee shops
and restaurants I frequent. If I live in
an area long enough, I’ll eventually
know their life stories, some of their
family members and more than likely
participate in the celebration or grief
of a life event. That’s the way I share
faith in a coffee shop. But personally,
I don’t care what the cup looks like...
as long it doesn’t have someone
else’s lipstick on it...

— Jim

Cuba Mission Team

Keep the following members of our congregation in your prayers as they travel to our
sister Baptist Church in Guanajay, Cuba, November 21-30: Jim Dant, Anne Garner,
Mason Garner, Brenda League, Chuck Major, Harriet Major, Rolyn Rollins, Gabriela
Rueda, Camila Rueda Torres, Kathy Sharp, Mark Strange and Manuel Torres.

Sounds of the Season

USC CONCERT CHOIR TO JUMPSTART HOLIDAYS



The prestigious University of South Carolina Concert Choir, directed by Larry Wyatt, will be presenting a concert in our Sanctuary on Friday,

November 20, at 7:30pm. This concert is free and open to the public. The singers will be sharing their Christmas program — one of the most popular concerts of the season in Columbia.

The Concert Choir is USC's most select choral ensemble, requiring an audition. These singers have performed both near and far, performing as far away as Spain, Italy, Austria, Bulgaria, China and Israel. You will not want to miss this outstanding choir!

— Vivian

The Ring of Christmas Music

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 10:30AM



Folks will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 on December 4 for First Friday. After activities of Rummiikub, Bingo and a book review, the program of handbell music will begin at 11:15am. Rev. Robert Beaver, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Belton, will provide solo handbell music accompanied by our own Barbara Stone. Following the program will be a time of fellowship and lunch (\$5). For lunch reservations, contact Sylvia Clyborne at 370-2522 ext. 137 no

later than Tuesday, December 1.



Christmas Poinsettias

During the Hanging of the Green Service on Sunday morning, November 29, poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary. Church members may purchase these plants at \$15.00 each. The poinsettias may be given in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living person. A list of all memorials and honor gifts will be published in upcoming editions of the newsletter. If you are interested in providing a poinsettia, mail the dedication information to:

Kimberly Coates
c/o First Baptist Church
847 Cleveland Street
Greenville, SC, 29601.

All orders and checks (payable to First Baptist Church) need to be received by Tuesday, December 1.

— Kimberly

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Number of Poinsettias (\$15 ea) _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

I will pick up my poinsettia immediately following the worship service on Christmas Eve.

_____ yes _____ no

The Manger in the Movies

WHAT HOLLYWOOD GETS RIGHT (AND WRONG) ABOUT HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE

What do ET, Superman and the Nativity stories have in common?

How true to the narratives of Jesus' birth are the movies about the life of Christ?

When films contain themes of peace and love, how much do they resemble the peace and love we find in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ?

These are just some of the questions we will examine and discuss in the Fellowship Hall on the four Sundays of Advent. We will take a look at some familiar movies and how they portray not only Jesus, but the themes associated with the arrival of God's son on Earth. So, bring your love of movies and let's have a conversation about ways to view both Biblical and secular movies through a Christian lens and within a Baptist theological framework.

Sundays November 29-December 20

9:15 Gather in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee and Fellowship

9:30 Table Trivia Contest

9:35 The Manger in the Movies

10:15 Dismiss to Sanctuary for Worship

— Matt



Learning to Be Disciples

What does it mean to be a Christian? What happens when you're baptized? What is involved in church membership? Each fall and spring, Discipleship Class gives our fourth and fifth graders the opportunity to spend two Sunday afternoons figuring this out. In our fall class this year, the children spent a lot of time studying scripture, playing games, learning from the special windows in our building, hearing from Pastor Jim and even getting in the baptismal tub to see how it feels. Be sure to ask one of our fourth or fifth graders about their favorite part.

— Becky



For Your Calendar!

- 11/20 7:30pm**
USC Concert Choir
(Sanctuary)
- 11/21 – 12/1**
Cuba Mission Experience
- 11/22 10:30am**
Christ the King Sunday
Kyle Matthews, proclaimer
11:30am
New Member Orientation
Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 11/25-11/27**
AYMC and Church Offices
Closed
- 11/29 10:30am**
The First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Green
Jim Dant, proclaimer
- 11/29** Baked goods for College
Care Packages deadline
- 11/30 8:30am-5:00pm**
Roadrunners Shopping at
Asheville Outlets in NC

Wednesday Supper

Menu

Remember to make reservations by noon on Monday, online at our web site. If internet is a problem, contact the church office.

**Serving lines are open
4:45-6:00pm**

November 18

Stuffed Pork Loin, Sweet Potato
Casserole, Green Bean Casserole,
Baked Apples, Salad, Yeast Roll

Kids: Grilled Chicken, Baked
Potato Bar, Fruit, Cookies

November 25

No Wednesdays at First Activities



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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 11/14
\$1,990,395

Receipts as of 11/16
\$1,859,110

Lula Whilden as of 11/16
\$111,537

(Designated: \$471 – Nepal;
\$9681 – SC Flood Relief)
(Includes \$63,536 Lulapalooza)

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

November 16-22
Baxter Wynn
288-4078 (h)

November 23-29
Kyle Matthews
236-8587 (h)

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 11/16/15

Hospitals

Memorial: Basil Manly

St. Francis: Ben Mullinax

Returned Home: Sandra Corder

Sympathy to:

...the family of Mary Sue
Cleveland.

...Jim Stewart in the death of his
aunt.

Introducing...



Elle LaForge,
6 Windrush
Lane, Greenville,
SC 29607,
joined the
church on
November 8,
by profession

of faith requesting baptism. Elle's
parents are Ryan and Shanda, and
her brother is Jacob.

St. John's Bible in Media Center

One of the great treasures in the world is the St. John's Bible. It is the first hand-scribed, illustrated Bible to be produced in over 500 years. The original pages are kept in a vault at St. John's but a 7-volume reproduction of this Bible is now available for viewing in our Media Center.