

WORSHIP

Sunday,

February 5, 2017

Foundation Sunday
10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: 2 Kings 20:12-21

Sermon: Shaping a Future

Anthem: "Ride the Chariot"
– SMITH

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Soloists: Paul Sewell and
Bergsvein Toverud

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

Sanctuary Flowers

There are no flowers scheduled for the Sanctuary this Sunday. If you would like to donate flowers to adorn our Sanctuary for worship this Sunday or any other, please contact Kimberly Coates at 233-2527 ext. 128 or kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com. The next available dates are February 5 and March 19 and 26.

Extended Session

Directors: Robert and Sarah Farrar

Infants/Toddlers: Darby and
Melanie Smith

Twos/Threes: Beth and Stokely
Holder

Fours: Darin Gehrke and
Cherington Shucker

Fives: Derek and Renee Dunlap

Pianist: Melanie Ruhlman

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Okay...so it's not Maui. Our Second Annual Churchwide Retreat is scheduled for March 3-5 at the YMCA's Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, North Carolina. I know we 'promised' you Maui, but that just ain't happening. There will be no sandy beaches, poolside piña colada, afternoon surfing lessons or scooter rides around the volcanoes. Temperatures will not be in the 80's, a breeze will not be blowing in from the Pacific, and there will be no whale sightings. Snorkling is not a free time option (unless you really want to do that in the YMCA pond – not recommended), and hardwood trees will be more prevalent than palms. I admit, it's not Maui...but...

We will enjoy some wonderful Hawaiian music as well as the delights of island cuisine. (Well, as island-y as a YMCA cafeteria can manage.) The ukuleles and tropical shirts and grass skirts will be in abundance. Beach chairs will grace the party area. I think we've found

a video of some ocean waves crashing along a beach. It's going to be as beachy as we can make it...but be sure and bring a coat.

More important than the molding of a Maui theme, we will be worshiping, learning and praying together. We will be exploring the Psalms and pondering the idea – You Are Here. We will discover facets of our lives – sadness, happiness, doubt, growth and more – all present in the prayers of this Old Testament book. We will also discover that in all of these situations God is present.

So given the choice between being by myself in Maui or being with you on retreat in Black Mountain...well...I'd probably choose Maui (hey, gotta be honest), but I've already made reservations for Black Mountain. I hope you've made your reservations, too. This week is our deadline for reservations, so go online or call the church office today and make sure you are part of this wonderful weekend.

— Jim

Reminders

Annual Churchwide Retreat
March 3-5, 2017

Online Registration
Please register by Sunday, February 5.
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwideretreat2017>

Save the Date

February 3 - First Friday,
10:30am, AYMC Terrace Level
March 18 - Operation Inasmuch

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FOLLOWING WORSHIP



For over 25 years, young groups have made a united effort to use the energy of the Super Bowl® to collect dollars to help care for partnering people and communities. Immediately following worship this Sunday, February 5, members of the Youth Family will be at Sanctuary exits collecting monetary donations in soup pots. This year, we will collaborate with our church's January and February *Focus on Missions* and will donate 100% of the money collected to Greenville's Gift. Greenville's Gift is a new organization dedicated to clothing newborns in need in the Greenville community. To learn more, visit greenvillesgift.org or contact Marshall Johnson at greenvillesgift@gmail.com.

Youth Family Tailgate Party

THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 6:00PM-END OF HALFTIME, AYMC TERRACE LEVEL

Our Youth Family will gather together this Sunday night to watch the Atlanta Falcons and New England Patriots square off to earn NFL's biggest title. Everyone is encouraged to bring their friends for fellowship, yummy tailgate food, games with prizes and, of course, to watch the big game and the commercials. In an effort to make it a full day of giving, we are asking for donations from our youth and families of one or more pieces of gently used or new infant clothing and/or a blanket(s) for Greenville's Gift!

Donations of gently used (clean and no visible stains) or new:



- Clothing (size 0-12 months) including onesies, footed pajamas and outfits
- Baby blankets
- Socks and Hats
- Bibs and Burp Cloths

— Mary Carol

2016 Lula Whilden World Mission Offering Recap



Once again the Lula Whilden Task Force is overwhelmed by your generosity. For the second year, we far exceeded our \$125,000 goal by collecting \$132,023. This dedicated support of world missions exemplifies our church's commitment to sharing the love of Christ both here at home and around the world. We are proud to be a part of such a selfless and caring congregation and look forward to seeing how we can continue to honor Lula's memory for years to come.



— Elaine Barnhill, Jeanette Cothran, Peggy Good, Beverly Greer, Louise Stanford, Lindsey Waldrop
 Laura Stout, Missions Coordinator

First Baptist 101

A NEW CLASS OFFERED DURING THE SS HOUR

This church is big – lots of people, lots of hallways, lots of parking lots – lots of lots! We also have lots of ways to get involved, but in a church this size, it can sometimes be a daunting task to take it all in. If you found yourself nodding in agreement at the previous sentence, this might be a good temporary option for you.

First Baptist 101 will not serve as a permanent Sunday School class; rather it will be an entry point to the life of the church for those who are finding it difficult to find their place of service or their area of involvement.

Here is a list of people this class might benefit: first-time visitors wanting more information about the church, long-time visitors considering joining or needing help finding a Sunday School class, new members looking for guidance and orientation to their new church home, and long-time members wondering how they can become more involved.

First Baptist 101 will meet on Sundays from 9:30-10:15am, beginning Sunday, February 19, in the Prayer Room (E-317), which is on the third floor, near the Carpenter Chapel (directly below the Sanctuary).

– Matt

MidWeek Fellowship

Wednesdays at First resumed on January 4, and Jim Dant shared an abbreviated version of his life story during MidWeek Fellowship. Since then, Kyle Matthews has been leading us in celebration of some inner spiritual disciplines: meditation, prayer and fasting.



This week we will celebrate the final inner discipline, study. The following week, on February 8, Children’s Minister Becky Ramsey will share her story with the congregation. On February 15, the celebration of outer disciplines will begin with the celebration of simplicity. You won’t want to miss any of these opportunities to learn and grow together. MidWeek Fellowship begins at 6:15pm and ends by 7:00pm. Come early and enjoy fellowship around the tables as we eat dinner.

Make your reservations by noon on Monday at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/> or by calling the church office, 233-2527.

– Kimberly

Seeing, Ordaining and Sending



On Sunday, January 22, Carrie Walker Nettles was our guest proclaimer. On November 13, 2016, this congregation ordained Carrie to the gospel ministry. The practice of this congregation is to have those who have been ordained to preach; Carrie fulfilled this request on January 22.

Carrie, the daughter of Roger and the late Deborah Walker, grew up in First Baptist Greenville, serving as a Children’s Ministry Intern during the summers of 2004-2006. Carrie is now married to Mason Nettles, and they have two children, Brigid and Bret. In January of this year, she began working as a victim services specialist at the Julie Valentine Center. In this role, she will help children, adults and families process spiritual questions regarding abuse. As this is the first child advocacy center in the U.S. to employ a chaplain, Carrie will also help train other clergy throughout the state to help them assist victims of child abuse and sexual assault. FBG recognized her gifts, set her apart and sent her into the world.

On Sunday, November 15, 2015, the church ordained Sally Sarratt and Maria Swearingen. Following ordination, Sally served as proclaimer January 31, 2016, and Maria preached on

February 21, 2016. Neither of them was a stranger to our congregation – both had preached here before. Sally, the daughter of Bill and Elaine Sarratt, preached both Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunrise services in 2010. Maria preached at FBG during the summer of 2008 when she served here as a Duke Divinity School Ministerial Intern.

On Sunday, January 29, this congregation blessed Maria and Sally for their journey ahead. Maria is leaving her post as associate chaplain at Furman University, and Sally vacates her positions as associate chaplain at Greenville Health System and associate pastor at Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. They have been called to co-pastor at historic Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. This church recognized their gifts, set them apart for service, and sent them out to make space for God to do God’s work in the world.

– Kimberly



For Your Calendar!

- 2/1 *Wednesdays at First*
MidWeek Fellowship: Study
Kyle Matthews, Proclaimer
- 2/3 **10:30am** First Friday Lunch
and More (AYMC Terrace
Level)
5:30-8:00pm Fifth Grade
Outing: Skyzone and Pizza
- 2/4 **10:00am-Noon** SEE: Peace
Like a River (Parlor)
- 2/5 **9:30am** Protecting Our
Children (E-317)
10:30am Foundation Sunday
Souper Bowl of Caring
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Stewardship Lunch
(Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm End of Halftime
Youth Big Game Party
(AYMC Terrace Level)
- 2/8 *Wednesdays at First*
MidWeek Fellowship: My Story
– Becky Ramsey

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 1/28
\$192,308
Receipts of 1/26
\$123,826

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

January 30-February 5
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (h)
370-2522 ext. 199

February 6-12
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.”

Wednesday Supper

Reservations are required and must be made by noon on Monday prior to the meal. Serving lines are open 4:45-6:00pm.

Menu

February 1

Braised Beef (with Carrots, Onions and Potatoes), Green Bean Casserole, Layered Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Kids: Buttered Noodles, Mini Pizzas, Fruit, Ice Cream Sandwiches

February 8

Meatloaf with Brown Gravy or Tomato Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Yeast Rolls, Dessert

Kids: Pigs in a Blanket, Tater Tots, Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

- 3:00pm** Youth Hang Time and Supper
4:45-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open
5:15pm Youth Choir
5:30-7:00pm Children’s Missions and Choirs
6:00pm Youth Bible Study
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Care List as of 1/30/17

Hospitals

As of January 30, there are no members in the hospital of whom we are aware.

Returned Home: Garnette Bane, Joan Garrett, Tammy Dantin, Jan Smetana

Sympathy to...

...Peggy Paul, Jean Watts and Joye Rose and their families in the death of their father.

Our Handbell Ministry is Growing!

A new ensemble, Beginners Bells, meets on Fridays at 10:30am in room E-317 (the room beside Carpenter Chapel). This group is designed for adults who don’t have any handbell ringing or even musical experience, but all are welcome. It is a “casual” group that will plan to play for groups in our community like First Baptist Kindergarten or local nursing homes or our First Friday attendees. (We won’t rehearse on First Fridays.)

Contact me at 864-546-1088 or jhtreu@gmail.com for more details or to let me know you’d like to join us!



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First Friday Lunch and More

First Friday Lunch and More will be held on February 3 at 10:30am on the Terrace Level of the AYMC. The book review will be given by Nancy Brown. The program will be presented by The Carolina Honey Bee Company, a Travelers Rest-based company that specializes in local and specialty honeys, beekeeping classes, and natural beeswax-based body care. They will have products available to purchase.