

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
August 20, 2017**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon: Against All Odds

Anthem: "Psalm 86" – *NYGARD*;
"Behold the Shepherd" – *SLEETH*

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Soloist: Paul Sewell, Tenor

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
in celebration of Betty Morin's
birthday by her family.

If you would like to donate flowers
to adorn our Sanctuary for worship,
please contact Kimberly Coates at
233-2527 ext. 128 or kimberly.coates@
firstbaptistgreenville.com.
September 3, 2017, is an open date.

Extended Session

Directors: Jamie and Jay Womack

Twos/Threes: Adrienne and Ben
Burris

Fours: Beth and Stokely Holder

Fives: Marie and Steven Carpenter

Pianist: Peggy Nielson

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

I tend to be a directionally challenged person. I cannot tell you which direction the front door of my home faces – North, South, East or West. I've actually watched planes descending in the sky to determine where a city's airport was located. (Yes...I've actually tried to follow planes that were in a landing pattern in order to find an airport.) No one is more appreciative of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) than moi. I love being able to type in an address and mindlessly drive to a destination. This is not necessarily a negative trait. I've had some wonderful adventures 'not knowing where I was going.' I've been down some unexpected roads, met some genuinely wonderful people (who gave me directions) and learned a lot about the roads less traveled.

I'm not directionally challenged in the work of the church. In church work, it's always about sensing the wind, hoisting a sail and trusting the combined power of the Spirit and abilities of the people. Long-range plans are less valuable in the

life of the church than are ongoing sensitivities to the movement of the Spirit and the passions of the people. It is in this wonderfully mysterious mix of us and God that direction emerges.

I'd like to treat you to breakfast on Sunday morning, September 10, in our Fellowship Hall from 8:30-9:15am. (Actually, our Stewardship Committee is footing the bill, but I'm taking credit.) The primary purpose of this gathering is not to appeal for increased giving. (I'm sure I'll work it in somewhere, but that's not the 'primary' purpose.) The primary purpose is to share with you my perception of the church's immediate future. We are a healthy congregation with a wonderful path before us. The 'wind of God' is blowing in some interesting directions...and I want us to hoist the sail together...and enjoy the ride...

There is no charge for the breakfast, but please make a reservation by calling the church office or signing up online at <https://goo.gl/forms/Hi21sRW5tR7bcsO93>. This allows us to prepare an appropriate amount of food. Children are welcome...no nursery is provided...I'll be brief. See you there.

— Jim

Reminders

Wednesday, September 6
Wednesdays at First
Activities Resume

Sunday, September 10
Sunday Activities for
Youth Resume

Friday, October 13
San Francisco's Gay Men's
Chorus and Oakland
Interfaith Gospel Choir

Youth Mentoring Team End of Summer Reflections

Our Intern Committee is grateful for the commitment our interns made this summer to our youth, church family and staff! Thank you!

There are not enough words to describe how impactful this summer has been for me. First off, thank you. Thank you to the whole congregation for supporting and funding Peyton and me as we took on this internship. Thank you to the Intern Committee for giving me this wonderful opportunity. Thank you to the youth for allowing me to dig deeper into your lives. And lastly, thank you to Peyton Mills and Mary Carol Anderson who have been a dream team from which to work and learn.

This summer was full of laughs, jokes, hugs, tears and conversations. I had the privilege of writing devotions and Bible studies that made the youth really think and dive deeper into themselves than they thought possible. Given

As the summer draws to a close and everyone slips back into their fall routine, I look back at this summer with the youth with great joy and appreciation. I was blessed with the opportunity to be a YMT for a second year, and I enjoyed every second. As the seniors leave and the sixth graders come in, there will be another transition, but First Baptist has a strong Youth Family full of young people who care for each other and that lean on each other when the time comes. I give my thanks to the church staff, Intern Committee, and the Youth Family for giving me this opportunity to continue my faith journey and see the continuing journey of others.

the opportunity to be vulnerable with a group of sixth to twelfth grade youth and have them be vulnerable back is something I could never put into words of how impactful it can be for everyone. From singing our hearts out at camp, telling jokes as we worked on mission trip, eating dinner together every Wednesday night, and the fellowship with each other all summer long strengthened the bonds with the youth even more! Experiencing this crazy world called youth ministry was a true blessing. Having been a YMT this summer has solidified the fact that this type of ministry is what I want to do for the rest of my life.

— Annie Deaton

— Peyton Mills

Youth Promotion Sunday Breakfast

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Promotion Sunday marks the beginning of a new school year and a day to celebrate students moving up a grade. During our Sunday School hour on August 20, we will enjoy fellowship and a pancake breakfast as we welcome our new 6th graders and give recognition to our amazing Sunday school teachers. It will be a great way to kick the new school year off right!

Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Rockmont

SEPTEMBER 2-4

Rockmont, is a celebratory time in the life of our Youth Family. We are kicking off a new school year, we are welcoming a new group of 6th graders, and we are in many ways finding some moments together to catch our breath after a very busy start of school and fall schedules. During our time away on retreat, our youth and adults journey together as a large group and in family groups to explore our faith and build relationships within our Youth Family.

Rockmont is a tradition that has been built for many years. Every year our youth look forward to arriving at Rockmont and spending the Labor Day weekend together. This is definitely a retreat your youth will love! **Sign up for Rockmont by August 20** on the FBG webpage or by clicking here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/rockmont-registration/>

— Mary Carol



Time to Reserve

It is hard to believe that the start of school is right around the corner! The good news about that is our *Wednesdays at First* will be picking up again, too! The Food Team and Uptown Catering meet regularly to be sure we are meeting the needs of the church. Please visit the church website to learn more about the Wednesday night schedules, see menus, and more! <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/>

Kids of all ages may enjoy the kid's meal! Simply indicate that choice on the online reservation form or when you call in your reservation. Kids 10 and under pay \$3 each for the kid's meal. Ages 11 and up pay \$8 each for the kid's meal or the adult meal. The September 6 menu features a pasta bar for adults and mini pizzas or buttered noodles for the kids.

The Food Team and our Sustaining And Valuing Earth's Resources (SAVER) Committee are working to provide recycling opportunities in the Fellowship Hall. At the entrance to the dish room, you will find a bucket and a bin - empty any remaining liquids in the bucket and put your cup in the bin! This is a small step we can all take to be good stewards of the one earth on which we are living.

Honoring your reservation helps Uptown Catering prepare the appropriate amount of food. We strive to always have enough and making or cancelling your reservation helps with planning.

— Food Team

Time to Register

BEFORE THE DELUGE OF SCHOOL FORMS

You know it's coming: the avalanche of paperwork sent home those first days of school. Before your hands start cramping, why not go ahead and fill out our online permission form and registration for all preschool and children's programming at First Baptist Greenville? It's easy and quick and makes your child all set for Sunday School, *Wednesdays at First* activities and monthly Children's Ministry outings.

For one quick easy registration for your children and preschoolers, visit: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/registration-pre-child-2017-18/>

— Becky, Juli, Laura, Priscilla

Studio Time

Our new organist, Shelton Love, will begin work at First Baptist Greenville on September 6. In addition to being an accomplished organist, Shelton is an organ and piano teacher (for all ages) with fifteen years of experience. His degree is in organ performance with a focus in piano and organ pedagogy. He plans to open a studio, teaching lessons at FBG. If you or someone you know has interest in piano or organ lessons, please get in touch with him at either shelton.r.love@gmail.com or 864-347-2863.

Visitor Open House and Lunch



Guests and visitors, we want to get to know you! We also want you to get to know us. You are invited to gather with us for a time of casual conversation and learning each other's stories in our Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, August 20. This will help you meet some of our staff, and it will also help us learn how to assist you as you consider making

us your church family. After a wonderful lunch, there will be a brief presentation followed by plenty of time for questions and an optional tour of the church for those who are interested. Children are welcome! RSVP at evite.me/hKrYkGg5sz, or call 864-233-2527 ext. 144.

We hope to see you then!

— Matt and the Outreach Committee

For Your Calendar!

- 8/20 9:00-10:15am Youth Promotion
Sunday Breakfast
10:30am Promotion Sunday
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Paul Sewell, Soloist
11:30am Lunch for Visitors
(Fellowship Hall)
5:00-7:00pm Parent/Youth
Night (Fellowship Hall)
- 8/23 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
Summer Soirée
- 8/26 9:00am-2:00pm LGBTQ and
Friends Picnic (Herdklotz Park)
- 8/27 10:30am Back to School
Blessings
First Baptist Day School
(previously FBCK and ITP)
65th Anniversary
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Amy Joye, Soloist
- 8/31-9/4 AYMC Closed
- 9/2-4 Youth Family Fall Retreat
(Rockmont)
- 9/3 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 9/4 Church Offices Closed –
Labor Day

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 8/12
\$1,538,464
Receipts of 8/8
\$1,389,619

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

August 14-20
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)
370-2522 ext. 199

August 21-27
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."

Wednesday Supper

Wednesdays at First with Wednesday Night Supper will resume September 6.

Bible Study Resumes

The Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume its gatherings at 6:30am on September 13. This group meets weekly on the Terrace Level of the AYMC September 13-December 13 and January 10-May 23.

Care List as of 8/14/17

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: Camp Wynn,
Tommy Maddox

St. Francis-Downtown: Catherine Ballard

Returned Home: Catherine Sumerel,
Dan Williamson

Sympathy to...

...John Burwell and family in the death of his brother.

...Lauren Anderson and Claire McCranie and family in the death of their father,
Ed Anderson.

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Need a Ride?

The Transportation Committee is available to take senior adults to and from medical appointments. Five to seven days of notice is appreciated. For more information, or to request transportation, call Mary Bolt at 864-640-9644.

Introducing...



Adrienne and Ben Burris, 23 Wilton Street #C, Greenville 29601, joined FBG on Sunday, May 7, by transfer of letter from another Baptist church. Adrienne is employed with Greenville Wordsmiths, and Ben works with AE Solutions. They are pictured here with their son, Isaiah.

Al, Lisa, Anders and Matthea Mathiason, 510 Watts Avenue, Greenville, 29601, joined FBG by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination on Sunday, June 11. Al works with Jacobs Engineering, and Lisa works with FBG in the nursery.

Su Tamsett, 1608 E. Saluda Lake Road, Greenville, 29611, joined FBG by transfer of letter from another Baptist church on Sunday, July 9. Su is self-employed.

Chris and Lindsay Kaplan, 23 Kimborough Street, Greenville, 29607, joined FBG by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination on Sunday, July 9. Chris works with Polysystems, and Lindsay is employed with Millie Lewis. They have a newborn son, Rush.

Wednesday Night Meal Deliverers Needed

Every Wednesday night, members of our congregation deliver meals to other members who, for various reasons, could use a hot prepared meal and a visit. As we begin a new school and church year, we are in need of volunteers for this ministry. If you choose to volunteer, you would pick up the meal(s) in the Fellowship Hall between 4:45-6:15pm one Wednesday per month, deliver it and stay for a short visit. You will be blessed with these visits. For questions or to volunteer, contact me at 346-8684 or skshelley@aol.com.

— Susan K. Shelley


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