

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
October 29, 2017**

Reformation Sunday

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Bill Leonard

Scripture: Matthew 10:5-16

Sermon: Improvising Grace

Anthem: "Festival Piece on 'ST. ANNE'" – BUTLER

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir with Brass Quartet and Timpani

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

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in our Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Anna Katherine Armitage 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.

Extended Session

Directors: Gary and Laura Darnell

Twos/Threes: Carmen and Will Feemster

Fours: Carrie and Mason Nettles

Fives: Ben and Elaine Barnhill

Pianist: Kathy Stewart

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

I've preached it for years. It has served as the theme for numerous retreats I've led. It was the subject of a class I taught for graduate students in seminary. The Spiritual Practice of Hospitality is simply and gracefully opening a space so that God can do God's work. Friday evening, 1400+ people filled our Sanctuary to share the music of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. In the days that followed, almost 3000 viewers accessed the Livestream recording of the event. Here are just a few of the messages I've received...

"It has been over 40 years since I have attended a revival service. But last evening, along with a 'standing room only' congregation of God's children, I witnessed a true revival service."

"I was in tears as the choir was walking in. And so were they."

"This is the first time I've been in a church in years. Never thought I'd be welcomed. Can you recommend a good church for me in San Francisco?"

"I left the concert a happier and more hopeful person. The laughter and tears were healing."

"I am not a person of faith, but I was amazed at what I saw at First Baptist. You exemplified the love of Jesus."

"I never thought I'd set foot in a church again. I'm here tonight. I've decided I'll be back Sunday."

"Dr. Dant, thank you and your congregation for welcoming us, receiving our gifts and treating us like the people of faith we are. You made a space for God to do God's work last night and many souls were healed; mine included. Thank you."

"After tonight, I have a longing and a want to attend a Sunday service at First Baptist and experience the love and warmth again."

We laughed. We cried. We loved each other.

Welcoming 'the stranger' always creates the opportunity for healing and community. It often takes some effort. Sometimes it's really hard, but it wouldn't be a spiritual 'practice' if were always natural and easy. I'm going to keep practicing. I've found that in moments of hospitality, I most vividly see the grace of God, the gifts of God and the image of God in each of God's children...and I hope the stranger sees the same in me...

— Jim

Reminders

Sunday, October 29, 10:30am
Reformation Sunday
Bill Leonard
Brass Quartet and Timpani

Sunday, November 5, 10:30am
All Saints Sunday
Deanna Witkowski, Jazz Pianist

Get in the 'Spirits'



Are you a one-time only movie-watcher or a repeater? I'm pretty much a "one time is plenty, thank you" guy, yet every Christmas season, my family and I watch the same movie: the 1970 movie version of the Leslie Bricusse musical "Scrooge" starring Albert Finney.

There are lots of movie retellings of Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" out there, and they all have their strengths, but in my humble opinion, none have aged so well. Leslie Bricusse's musical score and Albert Finney's brilliant acting only add to the depth of the film. I've seen something new in it every year!

I want to share this film with *you*! We're going to watch 1/6th of it each time we gather for MidWeek Fellowship between now and Christmas. Bring a friend who may not know you can have this much fun at church, and together let's allow the "Spirits" to prepare us for an Advent season that is not only a celebration, but a new beginning.

— Kyle

Happy Birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER WHO ARE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO BE WITH US IN WORSHIP:

November 9

Harvey Sanders

Autumn Leaves of Greenville
352 Pelham Road
Greenville, SC 29615

November 17

Tom Buford

Woodlands at Furman
1231 Trailhead Court
Greenville, SC 29617

November 10

Helen Mace

284 Henderson Road
Greenville, SC 29607

November 21

Edgar McKnight

Woodlands at Furman
50 Arboretum Lane
Apartment 201
Greenville, SC 29617

November 11

Gene Cantrell (96)

52 Mount Vista Avenue
Greenville, SC 29605

First Friday Lunch & More

November 3, 10:30am
Army Chaplain Mike DuCharme
Veteran's Day Program

Holy Rollers on the Road

November 14
Bargain Foods in Pelzer

Roadrunners Roll

November 15
Depart: 10:00am
Cost: \$2 + Lunch

For more information or to make reservations for the above, contact Shanda LaForge at 233-2527 ext. 111.

You Are Not Alone

WHAT A TEAM!

All good coaches will tell you that teamwork is important to win a game. All who serve as Stephen Ministers become part of a team that helps people win life's toughest battles. While our ministry is confidential, our victory celebrations are like no others. God may have a place for you on our caregiving team! To learn more about this exciting opportunity, contact one of FBG's Stephen Ministry Leaders: Robin Barton, Wofford Green, Hazel Harris, Duke McCall or Ann Quattlebaum.

How to Request a Stephen Minister: If either you or someone you know is having a difficult time dealing with a life crisis and need the caring friendship and support of a Stephen Minister, please contact one of FBG's Stephen Leaders/Ministers to ask for a referral card or get one at the church Reception Desk.

— Stephen Ministers



SAVE THE DATE!

Stephen Ministry invites you to hear Doug Tate's continuing education presentation in Carpenter Chapel at 5:00pm on Sunday, November 5. His topic is *How Did I Get Here? A Slow Walk into Depression.*

Lula Whilden World Missions Offering



For the past 25 years, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina (CBFSC) has been leading efforts into some of South Carolina's most destitute areas, most of which are not more than three hours away from Greenville. It has successful community development initiatives in Allendale and Metanoia, and disaster relief teams ready to mobilize when called.

Metanoia is discovering and growing assets to create sustainable change in their neighborhoods by working alongside its own residents. Metanoia's first initiative was the Young Leaders, a leadership-based afterschool program for elementary students. It has since expanded to both middle and high school aged students – called Civic Leaders. Both the Young and Civic Leaders work year-round to build their character, commit to excellence and to exhibit the presence of a leader. Visit <http://www.pushingforward.org/> to learn more about Metanoia.

The incredible work of CBFSC reminds us that field personnel don't just exist halfway around the world. There are dedicated individuals and organizations working right here in our own communities. As CBFSC is a direct beneficiary of the Lula Whilden World Missions Offering, portions of all donations stay right here in South Carolina. When these local efforts are combined with the national and international work from CBF and the Alliance of Baptists, it demonstrates how our commitment to missions funding is impacting thousands of lives.

As we celebrate Lula Whilden throughout the month of October, please remember to include this important offering in your giving plans. On average, about 30% of the FBG congregation makes a donation. Just think what we could do if all members made a contribution.

It's time to register for the Lulapalooza Poker Tournament on November 19. No experience is necessary as the evening starts with an hour of instruction before play begins. Visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/lulapalooza-2017-registration/> to sign up and find out if you can beat the experts while raising money for a great cause.

— Ryan Dennis

Worship Celebrations, Worship Guests

Celebrations often demand guest lists. Birthday parties, baby showers, weddings, etc., are usually shaped by a guest list. Our church will be hosting two celebrations on October 29 and November 5. You are obviously on the 'invitation list' and so are a couple of special guests.



On Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. While this Sunday is part of the protestant liturgical calendar each year, this year is special. This is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses being tacked to the church door at Wittenberg. It is the birthday of Protestantism. Dr. Bill Leonard,

friend of this church and noted Baptist historian, will be our proclaimer on Reformation Sunday. Dr. Leonard currently serves as the Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. He is the author of numerous books and articles – his most recent is *Homebrewed Christianity Guide to Church History: Flaming Heretics and Heavy Drinkers*. His keen insights and incredible sense of humor make him a favorite in both classroom and congregation.



On Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate All Saints Day. In addition to your presence and the presence of those who have lost loved ones over the past year, we will also welcome Deanna Witkowski to our time of worship. Deanna is a New York-based jazz pianist/composer/arranger, winner of the 2002 Great American Jazz Piano competition, who has released six critically acclaimed albums over the last two decades. Recently, she has received numerous awards for her work in sacred music and has become a frequent presenter in the area of jazz and spirituality. Her particular feel for jazz and the liturgical life of the church will add much to our celebration of All Saints Day.

Special days often include invitations to special guests. Make sure that you, your family and your friends are present on these special days with these special people.

— Jim

For Your Calendar!

- 10/24 10:00am-before Dark**
 Roadrunners to Lunch at Larkin's Carolina Grill and Tour Tryon International Equestrian Center
Noon Hop On, Hop Off Tour of the Bible (Fellowship Hall)
- 10/25 Wednesdays at First Activities**
- 10/29 9:30am** Guided Prayer Practicum in Fellowship Hall – Stephanie Patterson
- 10:30am** Reformation Sunday
 Bill Leonard, Guest Proclaimer
- 4:00-8:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth: Halloween at the Farm (Grove Station Farms)
- 5:00pm** Trunk or Treat (Phillis Wheatley Center Parking Lot)
- 10/31 Noon** Hop On, Hop Off Tour of the Bible (Fellowship Hall)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 10/21
 \$2,019,234
 Receipts of 10/18
 \$1,809,213

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

October 23-29

Jim Dant
 478-737-7298 (m)

October 30-November 5
 Matt Rollins
 346-0971 (m)

If you are unable to reach this minister at the above number, please call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, and leave a message by pressing the number "199" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies."

Wednesday Supper

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

Menu

October 25

Adults: Meatloaf with Brown Gravy or Tomato Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Yeast Roll
Kids: Pigs in a Blanket, Tater Tots, Fruit, Ice Cream Sandwich

November 1

Adults: Lasagna, Italian Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Antipasti Salad
Kids: Pizza Bread, Buttered Noodles, Fruit, Veggie Sticks, 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
5:30-7:00pm 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 10/23/17

Hospitals

St. Francis Eastside: Judy Heard
Spartanburg Regional: Stuart Jones
Returned Home: Amy Paul Carr, Mittie Taylor

Sympathy to...

...Annie Mae Clark and family in the death of her daughter-in-law.

Congratulations to...

...Jeremy and Katy Lee on the birth of a daughter, Alyce Kathryn Lee, born August 17, 2017, in Fairhope, Alabama. "Poppy's" grandparents in our church are Carol and Mike Stephens.

Lula Whilden World Missions Offering as of 10/18

\$32,552




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Introducing...



Lois Ruffle, Furman PMB 29884, Greenville, SC 29613, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, October 15, by profession of faith requesting baptism. Lois is a Furman University student.

Carlos and Marisa Handal, 741 Woodruff Road #2228, Greenville 29607, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, October 22, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination. Carlos is employed with



Allen Tate Realtors. Carlos and Marisa are pictured here with their 3rd grade daughter, Abigail. They also have a 3-year-old son, Carlos Jr.