

WORSHIP

Sunday,
April 22, 2018

10:30am in the Sanctuary
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Service of Psalms and Prayers
Meditations of Jim Dant
Sanctuary Choir

South Carolina Governor's School
for the Arts and Humanities Cantus
Chamber Choir

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday are given in loving memory of Mary and John Ellison, by their daughters, Judi Rushton, Peggy Good and Jane Milford; and their spouses, children and grandchildren.

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.

From the Organist...

Throughout my life, the Psalms has been my constant go-to book in the Bible. When I am happy, I find rejoicing. When I am sad, I find encouragement. When I stray from God, I find direction. This Sunday we are worshiping with a service of psalms and prayers. One of my favorite psalms, Psalm 150, will be highlighted. I especially like the KJV translation of verse 4, which says: *Praise [God] with...organs*. While that is exactly what I intend to do, don't miss the big picture: praise God with the means God has given you to praise. *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

— Shelton



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

It happens at least once a month. A congregant exits our Sanctuary, stops in the Narthex to shake my hand, smiles apologetically and says, "You shared a nice sermon today, but I primarily come for the music." I typically smile and respond, "Me too. I've already heard the sermon."

Like many of you – most of you – I love the rich musical tradition of First Baptist Greenville. If one of the reasons you attend FBG is for the music (or if the only reason you attend is for the music), then you will not want to miss these upcoming opportunities!

This Wednesday, April 18, our organist, Shelton Love, will be leading our MidWeek Fellowship. Shelton will share selections from his recently published collection of piano solos, and his music will be accompanied by stories regarding their composition. This Sunday, April 22, our Sanctuary Choir will be joined by the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Cantus Chamber Choir to lead us in a service of Psalms and Prayers. It's going to be a wonderful week of music.

Looking ahead, on Sunday evening, May 6, Livingston Taylor will perform at a dinner/concert in our Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. Individual tickets and tables of 8 may be purchased online at the church website (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/livtaylor/>). Get your tickets today. Don't wait. On Sunday, July 8, we will celebrate Summer Music Sunday with Adam Nitti. Adam is a bass guitarist who has appeared on three Grammy Award winning albums. He has performed with Kenny Loggins, Carrie Underwood, Michael McDonald, Steven Curtis Chapman, Susan Tedeschi, Al Green, Chris Tomlin and the London Symphony Orchestra (just to drop a few names). Adam will be part of our worship leadership on July 8, perform for our Summer Music Sunday luncheon and then lead a Master Class that afternoon for local musicians.

There are just a few of the musical events being offered at FBG in the coming months. There are so many more musical opportunities that fall in between these dates...as well as a few sermons....

— Jim

Reminders

May 6, 6:00pm

Livingston Taylor, Dinner and Concert
Benefit for Youth Ministry/Puerto Rico Rebuild
www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/livtaylor

Summer with our FBG Youth Family

In a few short months, school will be dismissed and summer break will be at full speed! Our Youth Family summer calendar provides lots of opportunities to connect, or maybe reconnect, with your church family. We offer weekly Bible studies, mission opportunities, lunch clubs *and retreats* for all of our FBG youth members! We also provide weekly meetings for our college students! Check out our youth page www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/youth to learn more!

High School Mission Trip

WASHINGTON, D.C. - CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. SATURDAY, JUNE 23 - FRIDAY, JUNE 29

We are looking forward to partnering with Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. where our own Rev. Maria Swearingen and Rev. Sally Sarratt are co-pastors. Our host organization while we are in DC, Reach Beyond Mission, will provide for us an alternative mission trip opportunity, during which our youth will not only serve but also learn how they might work in their own communities and throughout their lives. Our service partners for the week are: Capital Area Food Bank, Central Union Mission, Feeding America, National Coalition for the Homeless, S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), and Denominational Advocacy Organizations.

Mission Trip Cost: \$375/youth

Register Online: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/hsmisiontrip2018/>

Registration Deadline: Only a few spots left! REGISTER ASAP

University Youth Camp

KNOXVILLE, TN - UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE. MONDAY, JULY 23 - SATURDAY, JULY 28

University Youth Camp is a week-long camp for students in grades 6-12 from over 20 CBF/Alliance congregations. It is organized, planned and led by youth ministers and church volunteers to help youth to see themselves as members of God's larger Church, which represents many different gifts, talents, styles and viewpoints. This year, our camp theme is "Rhythms." If you would like more information about how your youth can be involved in this amazing discipleship opportunity, please contact Mary Carol.

University Cost: \$350/youth

Register Online: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/university2018/>

Registration Deadline: Registration after June 3: \$375/youth

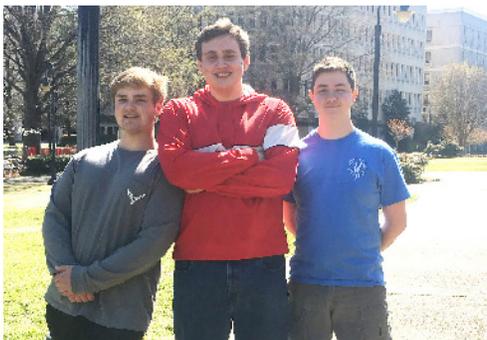
FBG Youth Scholarships

We never want money to be a reason why a youth cannot attend a retreat or participate in an event. We are grateful for the distributions of our Foundation and our church members who have graciously contributed to our Youth Scholarship Account. Funds from this account are used to help supplement trip costs for those youth who might need assistance.

For further information about receiving financial assistance or if you would like to make a contribution to our Youth Scholarship Account, please contact Mary Carol Anderson.

— Sarah

2018 Youth Mentoring Team (YMT)



The Internship Committee is excited to introduce three college students who will make up this summer's Youth Mentoring Team: Colin Byrne, John Michael Dunn and Sam Ramsey. The Youth Mentoring Team is a program that provides an opportunity for college students to identify strengths, gifts, interests, and abilities; invest in our Youth Ministry and its members; and help create a sense of trust, respect, and bond between our youth and youth leaders.

Read more about Colin, John Michael and Sam at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/2018-youth-mentoring-team/>.

Psalms and Prayers



The book of Psalms in the Bible is considered some of the most beautiful poetry ever written. The psalms include writings of every human condition: joy, thanksgiving, yearning, hope, anger, bitterness, sorrow. C.S. Lewis wrote that in reading and singing the psalms “we find an experience fully God-centered, asking of God no gift more urgently than God’s presence with us, joyous to the highest degree, and unmistakably real.”

Our Sunday morning service on April 22 will be a service of psalms and prayers with some of the most beautiful musical psalm settings ever written interwoven with meditations from Jim Dant. The SC Governors School Cantus will sing the William Byrd “Sing Joyfully Unto God our Strength” based on Psalm 81, the modern jubilant setting of Psalm 150 by Aguiar, and the Mendelssohn setting of Psalm 42: “As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.” Our Sanctuary Choir will combine with Cantus to sing the Ned Rorem “Mercy and Truth are Met Together” based on Psalm 85, the Gerald Finzi “God is Gone Up with a Shout” based on Psalm 47, and the Mack Wilberg “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” based on Psalm 23.

I encourage you to read these psalms in your personal devotions and be present in this beautiful worship service on April 22.

— Vivian

SEE: Symbols of Our Faith

Saturday, May 19

Time: 10:00am-12:30pm

Location: First Baptist Greenville Parlor

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch afterwards)

Check-in and Coffee: 9:30-10:00am



How often has your worship experience been enhanced in some way by the colorful stained glass windows in the Sanctuary or by its intentionally theological architecture and design? How many times have you squinted up at the figures in those windows wondering how they got there and why their stories came to be represented through art in a house of worship? I answer both of these questions with a yes, which is why I am so very excited about our next Spiritual Enrichment Event (SEE retreat): Symbols of Our Faith.

Pam Shucker will lead us through the various artwork, sculptures and architecture that add to both the aesthetic and spiritual beauty of our campus and Sanctuary. Beginning with an overview presentation and discussion in the Parlor, we will visually explore and discuss many of these faith symbols, followed by time for personal study and reflection in the actual areas with the symbols.

To sign up, go to <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/symbolsfourfaith>

— Matt

For Your Calendar!

- 4/18 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
 4/22 9:15am Stewardship Breakfast
 (Fellowship Hall)
 10:30am Service of Psalms and
 Prayers
 Meditations of Jim Dant
 SC Governor's School of the
 Arts and Humanities Cantus and
 FBG Sanctuary Choirs
 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live
 for Youth
 5:00pm LGBTQ and Friends
 Support Group (Parlor)
 4/23 9:00am Roadrunners to
 Woolworth Walk and Lunch in
 Asheville, NC
 4/25 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
 MidWeek Fellowship in Parlor
 4/27-29 Alliance of Baptists Annual
 Gathering (Dayton, OH)
 4/29 10:30am Kyle Matthews,
 Proclaimer
 Bell Tower Ringers
 5:00-7:00pm Spring's Final Sunday
 Night Live for Youth
 5/2 Spring's Final Wednesdays at First
 Activities
 5/4 10:30am First Friday Lunch and
 More (Fellowship Hall)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 4/14
 \$750,000
 Receipts of 4/9
 \$744,351

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

April 16-22
 Jim Dant
 478-737-7298 (m)

April 23-29
 Frank Smith
 268-3890 (h)

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

Required reservations for the meal must be made by noon on Monday by visiting the church website or calling the church office. Serving lines are open 4:45-6:00pm.

Menu

April 18

Adults: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice,
 Fried Apples, Salad, Dessert

Kids: Mac and Cheese, Veggies and Dip,
 Fresh Fruit, Cookies

April 25

Adults: Pasta Bar with Lasagna, Salad,
 Italian Green Beans, French Bread,
 Dessert

Kids: Pizza Bread, Tater Tots, Carrot
 Sticks and Dip, Fruit, 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 4/16/18

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: Tom Benston,
 Floyd Surles

St. Francis Eastside: Barbara Watson,
 Donna Brown

Rehab

Rolling Green: Ben Turner

NHC-Greenville: "Jennie" Taylor

Spring Park Assisted Living of

Travelers Rest: Freddie Jameson

Discharged

Parker Tollison

Sympathy to...

...the family of Ruth Poole.

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