

WORSHIP

Sunday,
May 20, 2018

Pentecost

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Baptism

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Graduate Recognition

YMT Commissioning

Mission Teams Commissioning

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: Dining Cars and Destinations

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Ensemble: Vocare

Anthem: "Spirit of God" – BEDFORD

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Helen Horton Hunt by her family: Keeter Horton, Grice, Caitlin, Jamie and Annie.

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. The next available date is June 17.

From the Organist...

The dictionary definition of the word *awesome* is: extremely impressive or daunting; inspiring great admiration, apprehension or fear. The informal use of this word in everyday conversation has given it quite a different connotation.

I don't think that we can even begin to imagine how truly awesome the experience of Pentecost was, but I do know how awesome it is to personally feel the Spirit moving in my heart. *Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. I will sing. I will praise. I will thank God for sending the Spirit to continue his work in the world even today.* Read more at The Organist's Blog (firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-organists-blog/).

— Shelton



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

'It was a holy mess!' I'm just guessing these words were spoken by several of the persons who attended the Pentecost service recorded in Acts 2. On the trip home or around the supper table that evening, I have no doubt someone said of the service, "It was a holy mess!" As was their custom, a large portion of the Jewish population in Palestine had made their way to Jerusalem for this second pilgrimage feast in the Jewish liturgical year. The pilgrimage feast of Passover had occurred fifty days prior commemorating the Israelite escape from Egyptian bondage. The pilgrimage feast of Succoth (Booths) – remembering God's care during their wilderness wanderings – would occur as many days after, but in Acts 2, the second pilgrimage of Pentecost is being observed – the remembrance of Moses' reception of the law at Sinai. This was not the 'first' Pentecost celebration in history. It had been celebrated about a thousand times between Moses and Jesus. But this time, rather than simply moving through the traditional elements of the celebration, a rushing mighty wind filled the room,

tongues that looked like fire rested on the people, preaching broke out, and it turned into a holy mess!

This Sunday, May 20, we will celebrate Pentecost at First Baptist Greenville. It is going to be a holy mess! Embedded in our worship will be all of our worship traditions: prelude, hymns, prayers, litanies, scripture readings, right up to the postlude. We will also encourage our worshipers to wear the traditional color of red that Sunday. But in addition to these traditions, we are going to watch the Spirit fall on large numbers of people. We are going to bless our graduates on Pentecost. We are going to commission our summer mission teams, summer workers and new Stephen Ministers. We will embrace a world mission project in which the whole church can participate... and who knows, a little preaching might even break out. Pull something red out of your closet, grab your place in a pew, buckle up and enjoy Pentecost. It's going to be a wonderful, beautiful, inspiring holy mess.

— Jim

Reminders

May 15, 8:00pm

First Night of Ramadan Dinner, Fellowship Hall
<http://atlanticinstitutesc.org/index.php/interfaith2/ramadan/2018-04-12-17-45-02/ramadan-public-dinners-2018>

Children's Choir and Missions Year-End Showcase



Thank you to the children and leaders for a great year of children's music and missions!! We will kick off again on September 5!

— Laura and Priscilla



Symbols of Our Faith

SATURDAY, MAY 19

SEE

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/symbolsofourfaith>



Time: 10:00am-12:30pm

Location: First Baptist Greenville Parlor

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch afterwards)

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

— Matt

Graduate Recognition

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

This Sunday, May 20, we will celebrate and honor the graduating classes of 2018 – high school, college and graduate school. The day will begin in the AYMC at 9:00am when all graduates and their families are invited to share breakfast with our Youth Family. During our 10:30am worship, graduates will process with our ministers and deacons, wearing their graduation caps and gowns. Our graduates will be recognized individually and given a special gift from the church. Following worship, there will be a special luncheon honoring our high school graduates and their families in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an exciting time for our graduates and their families. We are honored to have the opportunity to recognize and celebrate this milestone in their lives with our First Baptist family.

— Mary Carol and Sarah

Sunday, May 20

9:00am Fellowship Breakfast honoring all graduates with Youth Family – AYMC Terrace Level

10:30am Worship honoring all graduates – Sanctuary

11:30am High School Graduate Luncheon – Fellowship Hall (reservations required)

YOUTH

Congratulations, High School Graduates!

This Sunday, May 20, the graduates of 2018 will be recognized during morning worship. Pictured here are those high school graduates who contributed pictures. Next week, college and graduate school pictures will be shared.

— Mary Carol



Bakary Barton
JL Mann Academy



Caleb Deaton
Wade Hampton High School



Isaac Gibbs
South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities



Thaddeus Jones
Spartanburg High School



Sarah Paden Mobley
Greenville High School



Anna Courtland Poole
JL Mann Academy



Sloan Rohrbaugh
Wade Hampton High School



Anne Frances Saad
Greenville High School



Rebekah Ugenti
Mauldin High School



Caroline Wright
St. Joseph's Catholic School

For Your Calendar!

- 5/15 8:00pm Atlantic Institute First Night of Ramadan Dinner - Reservations required (Fellowship Hall)
- 5/16 8:00am Roadrunners to Swan Lake Iris Gardens
- 5/19 9:30am-12:30pm SEE: Symbols of Our Faith (Parlor)
- 5/20 9:00-10:15am Youth Fellowship Breakfast to Honor Graduates and Families
- 10:30am Pentecost Baptism
Graduate Recognition
Commissioning: Stephen Ministry, Missions Activities, YMT
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 11:30am Lunch for High School Graduates and Their Families (Fellowship Hall)
- 5/26-28 AYMC and Church Offices Closed
- 5/27 10:30am Trinity Sunday
Matt Rollins, Proclaimer
- 5:00pm LGBTQ and Friends Support Group (Parlor)
- 6/2 10:00am Demonstration of Unity Walk and Cookout with Springfield Baptist Church – Meet at Grace Church

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 5/12
\$950,000
Receipts of 5/7
\$913,500

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

May 14-20
Jim Dant
478-737-7298 (m)

May 21-27
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

Wednesdays at First activities, including supper, will resume on September 5.

CUBA 2019!

¡NOS ACOMPAÑEN!

First Baptist Greenville has partnered with the Fraternity of Cuban Baptist Churches (FIBAC) since 1996, a connection facilitated by the Alliance of Baptists. In 2006, our church became partners with the Iglesia Bautista del Camino (Baptist Church of the Way) in Guanajay, Cuba, near Havana. We are in the beginning stages of planning our next visit to Cuba. Tentative dates are February 11-18, 2019. If you would like to attend the interest meeting in June, please contact Laura Stout at laura.stout@firstbaptistgreenville.com or Anne Garner at anne.garner@att.net by May 15.

Care List

as of 5/14/18

Hospitals

As of 5/14, there are no hospitalized church members of whom we are aware.

Rehab

NHC-Greenville: "Jennie" Taylor

Spring Park Assisted Living of Travelers

Rest: Freddie Jameson

Discharged

Ann-Grayson Good, Ben Turner (to Pendleton Manor), Michael Craig

Sympathy to...

...Jacquelyn Bell and family in the death of her stepfather.

...Lindsay Waldrop and family in the death of her grandmother.



Evan and Kate Cramer, 617 McDaniel Avenue, Greenville 29605, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, May 13, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism. They are pictured here with their children: Katharine, Davis and Virginia.

Need a Ride to the Doctor's Office?

The Medical Appointment Transportation Committee, a part of Ministry to Families, offers rides for members to and from medical appointments. Requests made a week in advance will be appreciated. Those in need of this service may call Committee Chair Mary Rankin at 630-2894.

Lessons Available

Our organist, Shelton Ridge Love, is excited to announce that he is accepting students for the fall. Shelton offers private instruction in piano and organ at the church and teaches all ages and skill levels. To reserve a spot for the fall semester, contact Shelton at shelton.love@firstbaptistgreenville.com

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