

WORSHIP

Sunday,
November 18, 2018

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-5; Mark 13:1-8

Sermon: An Impressive Religion

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "Jubilate Deo" – *BRITTEN*

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the family of Robert Wilson in loving memory and thanksgiving for his life.

The flowers in the Narthex are given by Courtney Tollison Hartness in memory of Tom and Edna Gladden Hartness, in honor of their grandson Sean and in celebration of the birth of their great-grandson Gladden.

From the Organist...

To read past blog entries, visit the Organist's Blog at <http://firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-organists-blog/>

— Shelton

Church Conference and Baked Potato Bar

Following Worship | November 18

Move from the Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall following worship to enjoy a baked potato prepared by the Youth Family as a fundraiser for their mission projects. Among items to be covered during the church conference are the mission and ministry plan and reports from the Committee on Committees and the Deacon Nominating Committee.



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

I have barely unpacked from sabbatical. I have been back in the office for less than a week, and today, I find myself writing an article about traveling...again. No worries, the trip is not until December 2019, and it's really more about you traveling than me.

For several years, I've made pilgrimages to the Holy Land with members of my faith family. I've joked on many occasions that I've walked where Jesus walked more than Jesus walked where Jesus walked! These have been meaningful journeys for all who participate. In December 2019, I've planned a different type of pilgrimage. With the assistance of Academy International and Celestyal Cruiseline, I've created a 'Cruise the Bible Pilgrimage.' Our journey will take us to three continents (Africa, Asia and Europe) as we recall and reflect upon the complete chronology of the Bible. Beginning in Athens, Greece, we will sail to Egypt and reflect upon

the earliest stories of the family of Abraham and their enslavement. We will depart from Egypt and make our way to Israel. (Rather than wandering 40 years, we'll simply sail for a day.) In Israel, we will reflect upon Israel's conquest of the land and celebrate the birth of the gospel. From Israel, we will sail to Turkey and Greece to explore the expansion of the Christianity as we visit cities visited and evangelized by the Apostle Paul (Ephesus, Corinth and Athens). Excursions on specific days and lectures/meditations each evening will usher us through the complete chronology of the Bible!

As with all pilgrimages, space is limited. You can insure your spot on this pilgrimage by registering at www.aitatl.com. For registration and details, you must log-in (Group ID: dantcruise19, Password: pilgrimage). If you need more information before committing, a pilgrimage interest meeting will be held on Sunday morning, December 9, at 8:45 in Carpenter Chapel.

— Jim

Reminders

Make Reservations for the
Churchwide Retreat
March 1-3, 2019 | Downtown Greenville
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwide-retreat/>

Make Reservations for
Wednesday Night Supper
Enjoy Family Time
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/>

College Care Package Ministry

A SMALL BOX OF OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS

Our church family has participated in our College Care Package ministry for many years. If you were a college student, or have raised a college student in this church family, then you know how meaningful our care package ministry is for all those who receive. Our care packages are packed by our Youth Family and include study supplies, snacks, handwritten notes and best of all... homemade treats donated by you, members of FBG's congregation. This ministry helps us to maintain contact with our college students, remind them of our prayers during this stressful time of the year, and send our love and care to them while they are away from home.

We Still Need Your Help!

Homemade Treats Needed! Visit here – <https://goo.gl/forms/8cZGN2I55ROFjnOr2> – to sign up to donate homemade treats for our college care packages.

All homemade goodies are due on Sunday, November 25. Please divide your treats into sealable Ziploc ® bags with 2-4 items per bag.

— Sarah

New Members,



If you have not attended a New Member Orientation, the next one is scheduled for November 18, at 9:00am. This is an opportunity for you to meet in a small group setting and find ways to plug into church life here at First Baptist. I will work with you to sign up for opportunities, connect with various groups of interest and answer all sorts of questions about how to serve, volunteer and participate.

Here is the schedule for the morning:

9:00-9:30am — Clemons Conference Room
(4th floor at the end of the Heritage Hallway)

9:30-10:15am — Tour of Sunday School classrooms

— Matt

Church Conference in Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER 18, 11:30AM

During our Church Conference, the Committee on Committees list will be presented. The church budget, which has been mailed to all church members, will be voted upon. The slate of Diaconate nominees, which are listed to the right, will also be up for a vote. Remember to come hungry and support the Youth Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser for Youth Missions!

— Jenna

****Manuel Torres Anjel, Sylvia Hodge, Rhonda Girvin, Chris Powell, Perry Behrens, Mary Adam, Clay Gilbert, Henry Watkins, Kevin Treu, Carmen Feemster, Sam Oates, Sarah McGregor, Harrison Kisner, Carrie Nettles, Stephanie Wright and Sara Herbert**

Using Your Spiritual Gifts

YOUR GIFTS PACKAGE



Faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement or knowing: Do one or more of these gifts describe you? If so, check out Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one, confidential, caregiving ministry. For more information, contact one of our Stephen 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 needs 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.

— Your Stephen Ministers

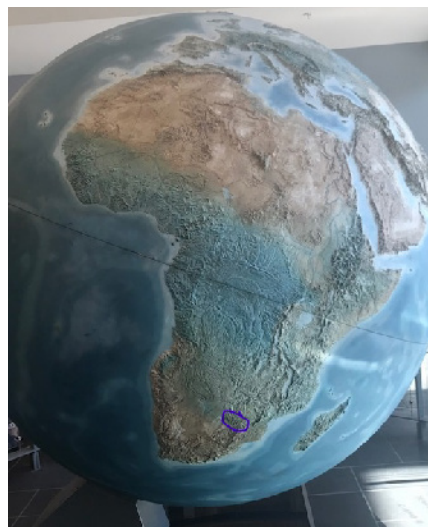
Tutudesk Delivery

Kom ons gaan! Let's Go! Do you know where Limpopo is? Neither did we until recently, and we look forward to learning more about the area and experiencing it firsthand when we travel to South Africa next July. If you have been following our church's partnership with the Tutudesk project, you know we raised funds to purchase 1060 portable desks for students in South Africa. We recently learned that our desks will be given to students in three schools in the Limpopo region near Johannesburg. Just as Greenville is situated in the northwest corner of our state and neighbors North Carolina and northern Georgia, Limpopo is the most northwestern region of South Africa and is bordered by Zimbabwe and Botswana.

What will the desks we provide look like? Our children and day school students have submitted their design suggestions, and we can't wait to see the final product in a few months. Even more exciting than seeing the final desk design will be meeting the students who will use the desks! If you would like to be part of the team to deliver desks next July, we invite you to an informational session on Sunday, November 18. We will gather in the Media Center immediately following the church conference. Tentative trip dates are July 12-19, 2019, and we will provide details about cost and itinerary at the meeting. While it is not necessary for you to register for the informational session, it would help us plan for seating and materials. If you can't attend on November 18 but want to be on a list to receive information, please contact either of us at jenna.manning@firstbaptistgreenville.com or laura.stout@firstbaptistgreenville.com. To learn more about Tutudesk and the impact it is making on children's literacy development and overall academic performance, visit www.tutudesk.org.



— Jenna and Laura



For Your Calendar!

- 11/12 11:15am Roadrunners Depart for Lunch at the Topsy Taco
5:00-8:00pm Youth Fundraising for Puerto Rico Night at Frodo's
- 11/13 8:45am-3:00pm Holy Rollers to Wholesale Grocery in Pelzer and Lunch at Kenny's Homecooking
- 11/14 *Wednesdays at First*
MidWeek Fellowship: Fruits of the Spirit – Self-Control
- 11/16 4:00-6:00pm Children's Ministry Event: Spare Time
- 11/18 9:00am New Member Orientation (Clemons Conference Room)
9:25am First Baptist 101 (Carpenter Chapel)
10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
11:30am Church Conference with Youth Fundraiser Baked Potato Bar (Fellowship Hall)
11:30am-2:00pm Children's Ministry Event: Discipleship #2
- Following Conference**
Tutudesk Delivery Interest Meeting (Media Center)
1:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 11/10
\$2,250,000
Receipts of 11/8
\$2,038,984
Lula Whilden Offering
Receipts as of 11/8
\$55,967

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

November 12-18
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)

November 19-25
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

November 14

Adults: Beef Tips and Rice, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Pineapple Casserole, Layered Salad, Yeast Rolls, Dessert
Kids: Mac and Cheese, Veggies and Dip, Fresh Fruit, Cookies

November 21

No *Wednesdays at First* Activities
– Happy Thanksgiving!

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 11/12/18

Hospitals

St. Francis-Downtown: Shelton Ridge Love
Greenville Memorial: Max William Kennedy
Cleveland Clinic: Rusty Browning

Rehab

NHC- Greenville: Gwen Smith
Shepherd's Care: Anne Lindsey

Sympathy to...

...the family of Polly Gaskin.
...Lamar Jordan and family in the death of his father.
...Jenna Manning and family in the death of her uncle.
...Linda Green in the death of her father.
...Julie Moniot and family in the death of her mother.
...Rebecca Feldman and family in the death of her father-in-law.
...Becky C. Bouton and Billy Carpenter and family in the death of their father.

Singing Christmas Music!!

Additional opportunities for singing in the choir this Advent and Christmas began Sunday, November 4. On Sunday mornings through the Christmas season, Vivian Hamilton will lead choral rehearsals in the Choir Room from 9:00-9:30am. If you are interested in singing this December, come try out this additional rehearsal time! We are working on some beautiful music!

Deadline Extended!

The deadline for providing a poinsettia for our Sanctuary during the seasons of Advent and Christmas has been extended. If you have not already sent in your check and dedication, you have a little more time. Help us beautify our space as we honor our loved ones. Please get dedications and money to me this week!

Name _____
Number of poinsettias _____
Honor of _____
Memory of _____

Check made payable to First Baptist Greenville - \$30 per poinsettia

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