

## WORSHIP

Sunday,  
January 27, 2019

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Deacon Ordination and Installation

Proclaimer: Dylan Rigg

Scripture: Isaiah 58:6-14,  
Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: Continually Rooted in Sacred  
Purpose

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "The Olive Tree" – CORNISH

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in celebration of the birthday of Carol Riddle Bevis and in memory of C. Dayton Riddle Jr. by their families.

If you would like to enhance our worship space by placing flowers for one of our services, please contact Kimberly Coates at [kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or 233-2527 ext. 128. The next available dates are February 3 and 17.



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

It's probably on your back burner. Maybe you've set the idea aside because you truly believe you do not need it. Maybe you've set it aside because you're not sure it's worth the cost. Maybe it just got lost in the shuffle of a hundred other things you are presently doing and a hundred more things vying for time on your calendar. Whatever the case, if you have not registered for our 2019 Church Retreat, I want you to register today. Here's why...

**You need a break.** Don't look at retreat as 'one more thing you have to do.' Embrace this time as a gift to yourself. There is childcare provided for your preschooler and child. The chairs are already arranged, the music is live, the lessons are meaningful and brief...and on Friday night the cash bar is open. Really, give yourself a break and relax...

**You get to know your church family better.** We are a large congregation. Most of us are acquainted with only a small portion of our faith family. In the tight schedule of any Sunday morning

or Wednesday evening, we rarely have time to talk, laugh, share our stories, share our struggles and enjoy casual company. At retreat, however, I always see new friendships emerge and old friendships deepen. People find sofas and corners and cups of coffee and time to get to know one another. This is your faith family... your church home...let's spend some time together...

**You need to hear what will be said and sung.** This year's retreat 'Bless Your Heart' is an entertaining but inspirational twist of southern humor and biblical truth. The music of Kate Campbell and my session lessons will be geared toward helping you add some joy, stability and purpose to your day-to-day life.

This edition of *The Branch* is solely dedicated to our annual retreat. Read each article, then register. The retreat is in town at the Westin Poinsett Hotel. It's less expensive than years past. It's open to the public, so you can bring a friend or friends. There's no need for it to be on the back burner any longer. See you there!

— Jim

## Reminders

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

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

# Bless Your Heart!



In 2016, our church family established a new tradition: Retreat. It's easy to spell and pronounce and not terribly hard to define or understand. However, this simplicity masks a word full of power and significance.

It's a verb that instills fear, trepidation, hostility telling us to flee, run, fall back, escape; but it also encourages us to find peace by purposefully withdrawing for respite and solitude. As a noun, it symbolizes this fear, often referencing defeat and decline while simultaneously providing a haven for refuge, reflection and sanctuary – in isolation or amongst others. Whether you are actively running from or towards something in your life or looking for that space to find recovery, safety or peace, the FBG Retreat, Bless Your Heart, has a place for you.

Below you will find a schedule of events for our time together, with additional details to follow.

## Friday, March 1

7:00pm Retreat Check-in and Welcome Party featuring Cappuccino Funk, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

## Saturday, March 2

10:00am Session 1

11:30am Lunch

1:00pm Session 2

## Sunday, March 3

10:30am Worship – FBG Sanctuary

*Friday and Saturday sessions will take place at the Westin Poinsett Hotel at 120 S. Main Street in downtown Greenville.*

*Sunday Worship will be in the FBG Sanctuary.*

*Childcare for infants through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be provided onsite at First Baptist Greenville.*

While the weekend dates remain the same, we've changed the schedule to provide a new experience for all attendees, whether this is your first time or you are a veteran of the occasion. Having spent the last 3 years *in retreat* to the mountains, it seemed like we were being called this year to *find retreat* here at home. We look forward to sharing this with you in just a few short weeks.

For more information and to register, visit here:

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwide-retreat/>



*Beyond wonderful. A time of renewal and reflection we treasure.*





*Wonderful fellowship time for family and church community! WE LOVE IT!*



*AMAZING - what a blessing it was!*



# Retreat Leaders

**JIM DANT**  
SESSION LEADER



An author, a musician – both a classical guitarist and an electric bass player – a standup comedian, a Texas Hold ‘Em instructor, a theology professor, an Ironman, and a pastor, Dr. Jim Dant’s diverse

interests and background make him relatable to people in all walks of life; he is a sought-out conference and retreat leader throughout the country. First Baptist Greenville is blessed to have him serve as both our retreat leader *and* senior minister of our congregation.

Dr. Dant is a graduate of Georgia State University, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary. He has post-graduate studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, Hebrew College, Macon State College, and the Mercy Center. He has served churches in Georgia, Kentucky and South Carolina. In 2012, he co-founded Faithlab, a creative services firm that assists churches with their organizational and communications needs. Jim has served as an adjunct professor at Brewton Parker College, Mercer University and Mercers’ McAfee School of Theology.

**KATE CAMPBELL**  
CONFERENCE MUSICIAN

Kate Campbell, a southern singer-songwriter, writes and sings memorable folk songs with undercurrents of delta blues, folk, pop and country. She has resisted the temptation to follow musical trends and has chosen to set her own pace for her musical journey. Her songwriting follows in the southern literary tradition with an emphasis on a sense of place, race and religion. Campbell’s endearing, clear-water vocal delivery and her eloquent gift of storytelling have drawn repeated comparisons to such bastions of the Southern literary tradition as Flannery O’Connor, Eudora Welty and William Faulkner. We are blessed to have her sing us stories at our retreat.

Originally from the Mississippi Delta and the daughter of a Baptist preacher, Kate’s formative years were spent in the very core of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, and the indelible experiences of those years have shaped her heart and character as well as her songwriting. Her easy command of a full range of American musical styles has earned her recognition as a formidable talent by critics with both *Time Out London* and the *Boston Globe* proclaiming her a “major talent” and the *Chicago Daily Herald* describing her as a “world-class singer-songwriter.” Music legends such as Emmylou Harris, Rodney Crowell, Nanci Griffith, Guy Clark, Maura O’Connell, John Prine, Mac McAnally, Buddy Miller, Spooner Oldham and the heart of the Muscle Shoals classic soul and R&B hit-making machine are both admirers and collaborators in her distinctly literate musical vision.



## For Your Calendar!

- 1/20 11:30am-12:30pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 1/20-27 Host IHN Guests
- 1/21 AYMC and Church Offices Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 1/22 11:15am Roadrunners Depart for Lunch at Bimini's
- 1/23 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
- 1/25 7:00pm *Children's Ministry Event: Family Hockey Game Night*
- 1/27 10:30am Deacon Ordination and Installation  
Dylan Rigg, Proclaimer
- 11:30am-12:30pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3:30-5:30pm Puerto Rico Participant Meeting (AYMC)
- 5:00pm LGBTQ and Friends Support Group (Parlor)
- 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 1/30 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
- 2/1 10:30am First Friday Lunch and More (Fellowship Hall)

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 1/19  
\$155,769  
Receipts of 1/14  
\$94,900

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

January 21-27  
Kyle Matthews  
551-0829 (m)

January 28-February 3  
Jim Dant  
478-737-7298 (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

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

### Menu January 23

**Adults:** Chicken Divan, Rice, Steamed Vegetables, Salad, Bread, Dessert  
**Kids:** Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Fruit, Cookies

### January 30

**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

### Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

3:00pm Youth Hang Time and Supper

4:45-6:00pm 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 1/22/19

### Hospitals

**St. Francis- Downtown:** Howard Wimmer, Cathy Ballard

**Greenville Memorial:** Sylvia Clanton, Anne Cargill

### Rehab

**NHC-Greenville:** Joe Leaphart

**NHC-Mauldin:** Skip Foster, Earline Shabkie

**Shepherd's Care:** Anne Lindsey, Marie Clay

**Martha Franks:** Beverly Greer

### Returned Home

Roland Freeman, Mike Payne, Tom Kirby, Joan Garrett to Westminster

### Sympathy to...

Gayle and Barbara Gulley and family in the death of their sister-in-law.

### Congratulations to...

Jason and Cara Craig on the birth of a son Carter Watson Craig, on December 31, 2018, in Charleston, SC. Carter's older sister is Anson, and his grandparents in our church are Cindy Craig and Michael Craig.

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## Introducing...

Erik Freeman and Fritz Whitmore, 203 King Circle, Easley 29640, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, January 20,



by previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination. Erik is

employed with Publix Supermarket, and Fritz is employed with TD Bank. They are engaged.