

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
February 3, 2019**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Foundation Sunday

Souper Bowl of Caring

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Luke 4:22-30

Sermon: Dangerously Rooted in the World

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" – *POSTON*

Sanctuary Flowers

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 or 233-2527 ext. 128. The next available dates are February 3 and March 3.

The Rooted banner in the Sanctuary was created at the Youth Family's Fall Retreat at Rockmont. The Youth Family's theme for this school year is "Rooted." They are on a journey to explore what it means to be Rooted – in their gifts, in their God, in their stories, and in each other as Youth Family.

The cedar root on the baptistry belongs to Becky Ramsey. Her father pulled it out of a peat bog while doing research in Eastern North Carolina in the 1970s. It is at least 10,000 years old.

Focus on Missions

As we look forward to our annual Inasmuch Day on March 16 (Registration begins February 10!), we are excited to again partner with Open Arms Hospice and the McCall Hospice House for one of our projects. A team of volunteers will gather at the Hospice House on Inasmuch Day to assemble care bags for in-home and hospice house patients. To help prepare, we are collecting the following items (new or unused) during February and until March 13. Please place these items in the purple collection bins located throughout the church building. Thank you for your support!

— Laura

Body Wash (travel size)	Mouthwash (travel size)	Individually-Wrapped Hard Candy
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste	Brushes/Combs	Individually-Wrapped Snacks: Crackers, Cookies, Chips, Snack Cakes
Skid-Proof Socks	Crossword Puzzles/Word Search Games	Fleece or Crocheted Blankets
Deodorant	Pens	
Lotion (travel size)	Small Notepads for Journaling	

We all have to die. We don't have to die poorly. The goal of hospice is to give people a "good death." This is why I'm so excited that we are supporting hospice as Laura explains. Most of us don't move through our day thinking about death and preparing for our death. That's why the work of hospice is so important – when the time comes that we do need to be thinking about and preparing for death, they can help us do this. With a team composed of nurses, a doctor, a social worker, a chaplain and the

ever important "aides" that do so much of the personal care for our bodies, you can approach death with a guide from every angle – the physical, emotional, spiritual and practical. I see the work of hospice as giving people back their dignity at the time of death – by seeing them as a whole person with lots of different needs and as people most of all connected to other people who love them. Thank you to all the people who work in hospice! I'm so glad we can support you!

— Kendra

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/>

Foundation Sunday

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

John 3:16 was one of the first Bible verses to cross our lips and become embedded in our hearts and minds. “For God so loved the world, He gave...” At First Baptist Greenville, we have embraced and emulated this core characteristic of God’s nature. In fact, we believe our expression of generosity and celebration of generosity are our best reflections of God.

Sunday, February 3, is Foundation Sunday at First Baptist Greenville. During our morning worship hour, we want to celebrate the joys and benefits of reflecting God’s generous nature in our lives. Foundation donors and beneficiaries will process into worship with the deacons, ministers and Sanctuary Choir and then participate in a responsive litany of thanksgiving.

What began in 1992 as the Faith Fund was merged with three other

endowment funds in 2004 to create the Foundation of First Baptist Greenville. It does not compete with the church’s operating budget. Rather, it provides a vehicle for individuals and families to make gifts that support ministries important to them not only today but in the future. The Foundation consists of four major funds, each of which contains named funds created with gifts from individuals and established for specific purposes and causes.

The major funds include the Faith Fund which is used for local, state, national and international missions; the General Fund used for FBG ministries or special projects; the Leadership Development Fund used for the education, training or skills development of the laity and clergy for their ministry callings; and the Property Fund used for major maintenance or capital needs of the church property and facilities.

Disbursements to these funds are determined by the Foundation Trustees. Once disbursements are made, various committees within the church determine funding for individual projects. Since its inception, the Foundation has distributed over \$1,900,000.

If you have any questions about the Foundation or how you can become a donor, please visit the church website at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-foundation/> or contact Stacey Shinas at stacey.shinas@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

Please make plans to join us the morning of February 3 and help us celebrate the reflection of God’s generosity!

— Foundation Trustees

Souper Bowl of Caring

THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, FOLLOWING WORSHIP



For over 25 years, young groups have made a united effort to use the energy of the Super Bowl to collect dollars to help care for partnering people and communities. Immediately following worship this Sunday, February 3, members of our Youth Family will be at Sanctuary exits collecting monetary donations in soup pots. This year, 100% of the money collected will go towards missions in Puerto Rico. This summer our high school youth will be traveling to Puerto Rico to join alongside a partner congregation in an effort to help rebuild after the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. Our youth will go where they are needed—ranging in minor repairs to assisting in a children’s day camp. We are excited to be a part of this mission and are thankful for your support.

Youth Family Tailgate Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 6:00PM - END OF HALFTIME
AYMC TERRACE LEVEL

The Youth Family will gather together to watch the Los Angeles Rams and the New England Patriots face off. Youth are encouraged to bring friends for fellowship and to enjoy the football game and commercials, eat yummy tailgate snacks and win prizes.

— Mary Carol



An Invitation from Stephen Ministry

Twice-monthly continuing education is one of the facets of the Stephen Ministry program that ensures our lay ministers receive on-going training to provide optimal care for care receivers. Twice-yearly we invite speakers to present programs that might have special interest to the congregation at large. The first of these programs scheduled for 2019 will be held in Carpenter Chapel from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 17.



We invite you to join us as our senior minister Jim Dant addresses the topic of theodicy: *A Conversation with Job: Why in the World is this Happening to Me?* He provides the following description of the presentation:

The Book of Job is the classic biblical record of humankind's struggle with suffering, evil and God's role in the whole mess. One might imagine an answer lurks somewhere within the chapters of this Old Testament book. The truth is, answers - plural - are embedded there. Job's encounters with family, suffering, friends and God provide a context for exploring the multiple ways humankind have processed the worst of days...and God's role in them. Understanding these 'multiple' answers will help us minister to the many theological perspectives people hold on the worst days of their lives.

Following the presentation, Jim will offer a brief time for questions and dialogue. We encourage your participation in this important Stephen Ministry offering. Please enter through the steeple doors.

— Ann Quattlebaum, Stephen Ministry Leader

Happy Birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY WHO ARE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO BE WITH US IN WORSHIP:

February 5

Nancy Sanders
1414 Parkins Mill Road
Greenville, SC 29607

February 19

Anne Lindsey (96)
Shepherd's Care
2100 N. Pleasantburg Drive
Room # 107
Greenville, SC 29609

February 22

Martha Johns
Woodlands at Furman
1343 Trailhead Court
Greenville, SC 29617

February 25

Shirley Roberts
Foothills Presbyterian
Community
205 Bud Nalley Drive
Room # E-107
Easley, SC 29642

Senior Adult Activities

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH AND MORE

FEBRUARY 1, 10:30AM

Paula Cargill will review Denise Kiernan's *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II*. Announcements will be made and a musical program enjoyed before fellowship around the tables during lunch. Lunch will include soup, salad, sandwiches, dessert and a beverage for \$5. Money will be received at the door, but reservations for lunch must be made in advance.

ROADRUNNERS FEBRUARY 19

Carolina Music Museum at Heritage Green
Tommy's Ham House

Depart: 9:45am
Cost: \$6 for bus and museum admission;
Lunch is on your own.

HOLY ROLLERS FEBRUARY 26

Soapstone Baptist Church, Pickens County
Private Fish Fry

Depart: 10:45am
Cost: \$6

MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Shanda LaForge at 233-2527 ext. 111 or shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville.com for more information or to make reservations for First Friday Lunch and More or any Holy Rollers or Roadrunners outings.

For Your Calendar!

- 1/30 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
- 2/1 10:30am First Friday Lunch and More (Fellowship Hall)
- 2/3 9:30am Protecting Our Children (Bride's Room)
- 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Foundation Sunday
Souper Bowl of Caring
- 4:00-5:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:00pm-end of halftime Youth Big Game Party (AYMC)
- 2/8-9 Winter Retreat for Youth
- 2/8 5:30-8:00pm Fifth Grade Night: Pizza and SkyZone
- 2/9-10 Winter Retreat for College Students
- 2/10 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Nita Strauss, Guest Artist
- 11:30am-12:30pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:30am-1:30pm Children's Ministry Event: Love Lunch with Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall)
- 2/11-18 Mission Trip to Cuba
- 2/17 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 11:30am-12:30pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 1/26
\$207,692
Receipts of 1/24
\$166,485

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

January 28-February 3

Jim Dant
478-737-7298 (m)

February 4-10
Dylan Rigg
205-500-2370 (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 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

February 6

Adults: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Spinach Salad, Butter Biscuits, Dessert
Kids: Chicken Fingers, Tater Tots, Veggies 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 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 1/28/19

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: As of 1/28/2019 we are unaware of any hospitalized members.

Rehab

NHC-Greenville: Joe Leaphart

Martha Franks: Beverly Greer

Returned Home

Skip Foster, Earline Shabkie, Howard Wimmer, Anne Cargill, Cathy Ballard, Sylvia Clanton

Sympathy to...



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Roadrunners Fall Trip September 23-28 New Orleans, LA

Includes: motorcoach transportation, 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners, guided tour of New Orleans, National World War II Museum, guided tour of Louisiana plantation, Mardi Gras World, Mississippi riverboat cruise, historic French Quarter visit, and more

Cost: \$575; deposit of \$75 due upon signing

For more information and to make reservations, contact Frank Smith at 616-5444.