

WORSHIP

Sunday,
February 24, 2019

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Youth Sunday

Proclaimer: Youth

Scripture: Psalm 71:15-16;
Philippians 2:1-8; Romans 12:1-2

Sermon: Rooted in Our Story,
Each Other and God

Service Choir: Vocare

Anthems: "Like a Tree" – *FORREST*;
"Praise the Lord" – *arr. JOHNSON*;
"You Are Welcome Here"
– *BURROWS*

Additional Ensemble: Youth Strings

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given by the Youth Ministry in honor of the youth of FBG whose energy and enthusiasm enable us to dig deeper and soar higher than we ever imagined and the Youth Sunday School teachers and the Youth Committee members whose dedication and support throughout the year strengthen all of us – Youth Family and youth leaders.

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 March 17, 24 and 31.

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.



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

In a world filled with division and derision, I'm proud to be a member of First Baptist Greenville. I delight in our willingness to listen to, learn from, work with and respect those who differ from us. We have discovered that we can be distinctively who we are, while appreciating the beautiful diversity of God's creation and its many faith expressions. I'm proud to be a member of First Baptist Greenville.

I'm delighted to announce our church will be co-sponsoring an Abraham Build with Habitat for Humanity this fall. Laura Stout, our Missions Coordinator, will be sharing more details later in the year, but for now, know we have committed to hammer, paint, garden and more beside our fellow co-sponsors from the Muslim, Jewish and extended Christian community in Greenville. The home will be a symbol of our love for each other and our common care for the needy of our world.

I'm also delighted First Baptist is a co-sponsor of the upcoming Greenville Jewish Film Festival. Held the same weekend as our church's retreat, film festival organizers have insured none of the featured films are shown during our retreat sessions! This inaugural festival will include showings of: *Fanny's Journey*, *Humor Me* and *Heading Home*. Tickets are selling fast...*Fanny's Journey* and festival passes for all three films are SOLD OUT! Tickets are still available, however, for *Humor Me* and *Headed Home*. I know February 28-March 3 is a busy weekend – especially with our church retreat schedule, but if you love good cinema...and if you love building community...I hope you'll attend at least one of these featured films. Complete information (and our church's logo) may be seen at the following website: <https://www.greenvillejewishfilmfestival.com/>

— 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/>

Youth Family

YOUTH



Can you believe it is already February? January 2019 flew by down on the bottom floor of the Activities and Youth Ministries Center. A lot of planning and dreaming took place! We are excited to announce that Youth Sunday will take place on February 24th this year. By now you have probably heard that this year's Youth Family theme is "Rooted." This theme sprung out of three ideas: Being Rooted in Our Stories, Being Rooted in Each Other, and Being Rooted in God. Youth Sunday worship will incorporate each of these ideas, and our incredible youth will show each of us how their stories, friends, families, and God keep them Rooted.

Our recent adventure into North Carolina brought about all sorts of fun. Our Youth Family spent that Saturday enjoying Cataloochee and all the thrills that come with a snow-covered mountain. Skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing were just a part of the fun. Our youth also got to spend quality time with one another and take their minds off school for a much needed weekend. But the excitement did not end there! Just as the youth began their journey home, First Greenville's college students arrived at Montreat for their 24-hour retreat. This year's theme was "The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships." The Enneagram is an ancient spiritual and personality tool useful for self-discovery. We spent several sessions discussing our different types on the Enneagram and how we perceive and interact with the world and others. It was a refreshing time of spiritual growth away from all the chaos of college life.



A lot has happened! However, the planning and dreaming has not stopped. Western North Carolina has not seen the last of First Baptist Greenville yet! The Middle School Mission Blitz will once again take us to Asheville, NC. We will be staying at Blue Ridge Assembly and be serving in several different locations ranging from a garden to a rescue mission. There is even a rumor that a "return" visit to the Pinball Museum is in store. We hope your middle schooler will join us! We will depart on Friday, April 5th, and return on Sunday, April 7th. Mark your calendars! Registration will open soon.

MidWeek...Incoming!

One of the best signs that a church is both thriving and bonding is the presence of shared storytelling. When we start sharing our stories—rather than protecting our secrets— in order to help one another, we grow. When the church becomes a safe space for that kind of sharing, bonds are forged that can be created no other way. Little wonder that Jesus’ teaching consisted of stories and the church was founded upon a “confession.”

Confessional stories have been the substance of our MidWeek gatherings these past seven weeks. Jim Dant and an assortment of church members have led us through “the valley of the shadow of addiction” together. We have learned why the 12-steps of recovery are a source of hope for people struggling with substance use and for those of us who love them and want to help them without becoming unhealthy ourselves. It has been both powerful and tender, poignant and joyful, and the threads of our stories have woven our lives together in beautiful ways.

On Wednesday the 27th, we will conclude this series and host some special guests. Representatives from different recovery communities will be on hand to answer our questions about what makes their organization unique and what “next steps” we might take. Bring a friend who needs encouragement and get to know these folks in person!

Wednesday, March 6th, is Ash Wednesday when we celebrate the service that begins the Lenten season. Each year we hit a spiritual “reset button” and return to the dust from which we were created, inviting God to breathe new life into it. This year, we’re hosting special musical guest Bobby Jo Valentine, a California-based singer-songwriter who lost his home, sadly, in the recent California wildfires. In response to that tragedy, Bobby Jo has been playing benefit concerts across the nation to help other victims of the fire, so who better to help us find our way to that intersection of loss and hope, ash and rebirth? Don’t miss it!

— Kyle

Visitor Open House and Lunch



Guests and visitors, we want to get to know you! We also want you to get to know us. You are invited to gather with us for a time of casual conversation and learning each other’s stories in our Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, February 24. This will help you meet some of our staff, and it will also help us learn how to assist you as you consider making us your church family. After a wonderful lunch, there will be a brief presentation followed by plenty of time for questions and an optional tour of the church for those who are interested. Children are welcome! RSVP at matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com or call 864-233-2527 ext. 144.

We hope to see you then!

— Matt and the Outreach Committee

For Your Calendar!

- 2/19 9:45am Roadrunners Depart for the Carolina Music Museum at Heritage Green and Tommy's Ham House
- 2/23 2:00pm, 7:00pm Greenville Symphony Orchestra Spotlight Series: Bookends – ticketed event (Fellowship Hall)
- 2/24 10:30am Youth Sunday
11:30am Lunch for Visitors (Fellowship Hall)
5:00pm LGBTQ and Friends Support Group (Parlor)
- 2/26 10:45am-4:00pm Holy Rollers to Soapstone Baptist Church in Pickens County
- 3/1-3 Churchwide Retreat (Downtown Greenville)
- 3/3 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Kate Campbell, Soloist
11:30am-12:30pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
3:30-5:30pm Puerto Rico Participant Meeting (AYMC)
3:45-5:30pm First Baptist Day School Afternoon of Stories – Open to Community (Fellowship Hall Lobby)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 2/16
\$363,461
Receipts of 2/15
\$281,415

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

February 18-24
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)

February 25-March 3
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (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 February 20

Adults: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Fried Apples, Salad, Dessert
Kids: Mac and Cheese, Veggies and Dip, Fresh Fruit, Cookies

February 27

Adults: Pulled Roast Beef au Jus, Corn Casserole, Seasoned Green Beans, Heirloom Tomato Salad, Rolls, Dessert
Kids: Meatballs, Mac and Cheese, 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 2/19/19

Hospitals

Greenville Memorial: Marie Clay, Jim Dant

St. Francis – Downtown: Joanne Smith

Returned Home

Brenda Ballard, Floyd Surles

Sympathy to...

Mary Adam and family in the death of her grandfather.

Swamp Rabbit Opportunities

Take a walk behind the church along the Swamp Rabbit Trail and learn about the rain garden and riparian restoration projects at a new educational kiosk near East Faris Road. We'd love more volunteers! To find out how, please visit savoursaluda.org/volunteer-opportunities/fbg-site or contact me at 270-7629.

— Melanie Ruhlman

Roadrunners

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; balance due 7/16

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


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