

## WORSHIP

**Sunday,  
March 17, 2019**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Second Sunday in Lent

Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: Assuming We Know the Way

Service Choir: Bell Tower Ringers,  
Sanctuary Choir and Vocare

Anthems: "Show Us Christ"  
– arr. GRASSI/JOY; "Soon Ah Will Be  
Done" – DAWSON

### Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to enhance our worship space by placing flowers for this Sunday or one of our other 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 March 17, 24 and 31.

### Missing in Action

The black urn used in the Sanctuary to lift flower arrangements higher on the pedestal is missing. If you have borrowed it, please return it to the platform in the Sanctuary as soon as possible. If you have seen it somewhere, please let Kimberly Coates hear from you at [kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or 233-2527 ext. 128. Thank you for your assistance!



### Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

God's generous nature has been evident since Genesis 1 – giving light, breath, presence, law, prophets, teachings, healings, sunshine, rain and a host of other daily blessings; but in the person of Jesus, God goes above and beyond God's daily generosity. It is an extreme gift of love.

With the blessing of our Finance Committee and Diaconate, our Stewardship Committee is calling us to a season of extreme love and generosity during Lent. At our 'State of the Church Address' last September, we mentioned the need for a soft capital campaign to provide needed upgrades in our Sanctuary lighting, technology, worship paraments and transportation. The total financial need is \$350,000 and we've added \$50,000 for missions creating a total of \$400,000.

The plan? During these days of Lent, prayerfully consider the amount you can give **above and beyond your regular generosity to the church**. A week prior to Easter, you will receive an offering

envelope in the mail. (On Easter morning, they will be provided as well.) We will collect an offering on Easter morning and hopefully fully fund the \$400,000 goal following our 40 days of Lenten prayer. Members wishing to give online may do so by marking the gift for the "Easter Offering."

Easter is an incredible miracle in the history of our world. It would be a beautifully miraculous moment for our church to fund these needs in one day! Again (we can't say this enough), **without reducing our regular gifts to the church**, I am going to dip into my savings and make an extreme gift of love on Easter Sunday morning. I hope you'll do the same...

Knowing we each travel the Lenten path in different ways, if this in any way interferes with your Lenten practice, please set it aside and address it after Easter. I look forward to celebrating with you on Easter morning! He is risen, indeed!

— Jim

## Reminders

Register for Inasmuch Day  
March 16, 2019  
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/inasmuchday2019/>

Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale  
for Missions  
Practice Gym | March 22-23

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

# Preschool and Children's Ministries Are Getting Ready for Summer!

Summer 2019 is just around the corner, and we hope that your children can be part of all the fun and spiritual growth that will be going on this season at First Baptist Greenville.

— Becky and Juli



## FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

REGISTER FOR ALL ACTIVITIES HERE

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/preschool-ministry-summer-activities-2019/>

### Vacation Bible School

For Preschoolers who've *finished* 3K-5K  
Sunday mornings April 29, May 5, 12, and 19  
from 9:15 until 11:30

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/vbs-2019-3456k/>

### Art Experience

For preschoolers who've *finished* 4K or 5K  
June 17-20, 9 am- Noon

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/preschool-art-experience-2019/>

## FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

REGISTER FOR ALL ACTIVITIES HERE

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/childrens-summer-2019/>

### Missions Blast, True You!

For children who've *finished*  
grades 3, 4, or 5  
June 9-12, Sunday 11:30-5,  
Monday-Wednesday 9-3:30

### Missions Blast, Disciple Detectives

For children who've *finished*  
grades 1 or 2  
June 23-26, Sunday 11:30-5,  
Monday-Wednesday 9-1

### Camp Prism

For children who've *finished*  
grades 3, 4, or 5  
July 16-19

## What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

DO IT ALL IN JESUS' NAME

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian, confidential care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others — listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received and employing the tools of faith. If this job description fits your personal goals for

ministry, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. A new training class will start soon. 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 need 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.

# New Member Orientation Has a New Look!

Helping new members integrate into the life of the church is a fun part of my job. I truly enjoy the process of helping individuals and families find their place of service and suggesting a good fit for a smaller community within the church or a Sunday School class or two. Each situation is different, but the main thing I focus on is staying with the new members, walking alongside them as they get to know their new church family and these unfamiliar hallways, basically until they don't "need" my assistance anymore. First Baptist Greenville has

handled this important step in different ways over the years. Sometimes we have hosted a breakfast or lunch; other times it has been more of a group session that meets during the Sunday School hour. Recently, I am finding the best way to do this is through personalized meetings with the new member or new family, where I can focus on their specific interests, needs and passions, so if you are a new member of this church, be on the lookout for an invitation from me to get together to talk about "getting involved." This is not mandatory, and

it won't hurt my feelings if you decline, but please know that a big part of my role here at First Baptist Greenville is to help you enter into the life of this church as fully as you would like. If you hear from me, I hope you'll take me up on it, or if I am taking too long to contact you, feel free to reach out to me, as well (matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 144). Either way, I look forward to helping truly make First Baptist Greenville your new church home.

— Peace and grace,  
Matt

CHURCH LIFE

## Annie's House

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A SUSTAINING WAY



On behalf of SAVER, we will be sharing a series of articles this year highlighting the work we are doing and wanted to start by sharing an update on Annie's House (AH). For those that might be newer to FBG, Annie's House and Sustaining Way (the nonprofit

created to run AH) were born out of the work that I did after we founded the SAVER (Sustaining And Valuing Earth's Resources) Committee at FBG in 2007. Whether it is through our Coordinator Program, our Apprentice Program or our Steward Youth Program, our work is designed to educate, empower and develop individuals in ways that promote responsibility, creative thinking, self-sufficiency, employability and self-confidence.



Our Steward Youth Program is transformative in nature. Each activity, lesson plan and experience we provide is a seed that is planted in the hearts and minds of these



youth helping them to grow into more productive, healthy and sustainable adults. Thanks to support from FBG and other partners, last year we engaged more

than 500 youth for over 700 hours of education. We hosted 16 paid Steward Fellows resulting in 658 hours of workforce development, sustainability education and hands-on service learning. Select youth are also invited to participate in our Steward Leaders Program where they are paid to receive in-depth training and develop leadership skills through leading initiatives in the community. Steward Fellows graduate and now Steward Leader, Mari Jones says, "Working at Annie's House has been the best experience I've had. I learned a lot about living sustainably. Now that I've had this experience I feel it changed the way I see things. Thank you all for letting me have this experience."

In 2019, we are organizing two new initiatives in the Nicholtown community that will be focused on increasing the amount of healthy food produced in Nicholtown and improving household energy efficiency. For more, here is our latest newsletter (<https://mailchi.mp/45a35f1d1ea3/in-case-you-missed-it>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/sustainingway>), website (<http://www.sustainingway.org/>) and engagement signup (<https://goo.gl/forms/ptRIAcU9Po84BLC23>).

— Rick Joye, Co-Chair SAVER Committee



SAVER



## For Your Calendar!

- 3/12 7:30am** Holy Rollers to Tour King Center and Other Sites in Atlanta; Lunch at Six Feet Under
- 3/13** *Wednesdays at First*  
**6:15pm** MidWeek Fellowship: Paula Dempsey – Alliance of Baptists (Fellowship Hall)
- 3/16** Inasmuch Day
- 3/17 9:30am** Protecting Our Children (A-302)
- 10:30am** Second Sunday in Lent  
 Kyle Matthews, Proclaimer  
 Bell Tower Ringers  
 Vocare
- 4:00-5:00pm** Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3/20** *Wednesdays at First*  
**6:15pm** MidWeek Fellowship: Jay Kieve – Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of SC (Fellowship Hall)
- 3/22-23** Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale for Missions (Practice Gym)
- 3/24 10:30am** Third Sunday in Lent  
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer  
 Asheville Youth Chorale
- 4:00-5:00pm** Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:00pm** LGBTQ and Friends Support Group (Parlor)

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 3/9  
 \$571,153  
 Receipts of 3/6  
 \$412,673

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

March 11-17  
 Dylan Rigg  
 205-500-2370 (m)

March 18-24  
 Matt Rollins  
 346-0971 (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 March 13

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

### March 20

**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 3/11/19

### Hospitals

**Roger C. Peace:** Carolyn Mathis

**Greer Memorial:** Bill Jett

### Rehab

**NHC – Greenville:** Marie Clay

**Rehab at Rolling Green:** Hazel Christian

### Sympathy to...

...Joanne Smith and family in the death of her brother.

...Josh Gault and family in the death of his grandmother.

...Pam Jones and family in the death of her uncle.



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## Facilities Personnel Opening

First Baptist Greenville is adding a full-time facilities person to its staff. If you, or someone you know, have interest in giving attention to building maintenance, mechanical systems and the cleaning of our facilities, please contact Jimmy Paul (jimmy.paul@firstbaptistgreenville.com).