

WORSHIP

Sunday,
May 5, 2019

10:30am in the Sanctuary
Third Sunday of Easter

Proclaimer: Matt Rollins

Scripture: Acts 9:1-9

Sermon: Sunday Underground

Service Choirs: Vocare and Sanctuary
Choirs

Anthems: "Batid las Manos!"
- BURROWS; "Kyrie" - MCCLURE

Soloist: Will Harris, Marimba

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Max and Nancy Whatley by their children and grandchildren. 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.



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

The days ahead are filled with music. As I shared with you on Sunday, I will be in New York City during the early days of this week. My primary mission is to represent our church at the Tribeca Film Festival during the premier screening of *Gay Chorus, Deep South*. This documentary follows the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus on their Lavender Pen Tour through the southern United States. The climax of the film is the grace found at First Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina. I will be at the film premiere, but...when in New York... On Tuesday evening – before returning on Wednesday – I'll be attending *Die Walküre* at the New York Metropolitan Opera. The Wagner Ring Cycle is on my bucket list. At least I'll get to see and hear a portion of it this week. Beautiful music...

I'll be back Wednesday, May 1, but I do not want to miss our MidWeek Fellowship of Music and Mission. Each year, at the end of the Spring

Semester, our children present a program of music and mission inspiration. I hope you will be in attendance this Wednesday to hear all of our children's choirs sing and listen to our children's mission groups share what they have learned about and prayed for during recent months. When the children's choirs sing, they never disappoint! Beautiful music...

Finally, next Sunday afternoon at 5:00pm, Springfield Baptist Church will join us in our Sanctuary for a festival of music. Choirs – adult, youth and children – from both churches will perform. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the program. Each year our churches take time to 'be together.' In the past, this gathering has taken the form of worship, meals, a march and an outdoor BBQ. This year, it is an afternoon of music. Beautiful music...

I can't take you with me to New York, but I do look forward to sharing these other musical moments with you this week. Put these events on your calendar and come enjoy some beautiful music...

— Jim

Reminders

MidWeek Fellowship
Children's Choirs and Missions Showcase
May 1, 6:15pm
Fellowship Hall

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

Youth Call for Prayer Partners

In less than two months, the Youth Family will have begun its High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Over the last several months, the Youth Family has learned how to practice healthy missions. Guest speakers have included Ellen Sechrest and Missy Ward Angalla, who used their experience and expertise to describe what good missions should look like. We engaged in conversation with one another about what good and bad missions look like, as well as mapped out all the gifts and abilities we are taking with us. We have learned, and learned, and learned. Now we are nearly ready to put what we have learned into practice. First Baptist Greenville, we cannot do it without you!

Several weeks ago, you read an article in *The Branch* explaining our need for Prayer Partners and a request that you prayerfully consider being one. This commitment includes agreeing to pray for your partner every day, as

well as writing one note per day that your partner can read while on mission. We also ask that you provide a small travel-size care package for your partner. You can commit by following this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VXdFTYKVN_NEqQbN82CxN-4OcCQN0rje3OnA_VRcNn4/edit?ts=5cbe10fe

Once completed, you will receive an email in May with detailed information about your commitment, who your prayer partner is, and the specifics about the items that will be going into your prayer partner package. The Youth Staff are incredibly excited about this opportunity, and we thank you for your willingness to walk alongside our amazing youth.

— Will

Happy Birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE FBG MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY WHO ARE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO BE WITH US IN WORSHIP:

May 1
Joan Garrett
 Westminster Place
 11 E. Augusta Place
 Greenville, SC 29605

May 19
Marie Clay
 Shepherd's Care
 Room #205/6
 2100 N. Pleasantburg Dr.
 Greenville, SC 29609

May 24
Maude Maddox (102)
 Sarah Gossett
 27 Conestee Ave
 Greenville, SC 29605

May 31
Mareon Stall
 Rolling Green
 3 Hoke Smith Blvd
 Apt. B210
 Greenville, SC 29615

First Friday Lunch and More

FRIDAY, MAY 3

10:30am Activities: Book Review by Linda Green; Games
11:00am Program: Ryland Brown, Pianist
12:00 Noon: Lunch (reservations required)

Roadrunners to Lunch

MONDAY, MAY 6

Kanpai of Tokyo
Depart FBG: 11:00am
Cost: \$1 + Lunch

Holy Rollers to Lunch

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Strawberry Hill Café
 Visit Produce Shed
 Depart Enoree: 10:00am
 Return: 3:00pm

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

First Baptist 101

A MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES FOR NEWCOMERS

This Sunday School series is for guests, visitors and brand new members who want a deeper look into the life of the church here at First Baptist Greenville. We will meet in the Clemons Conference Room, which is located on the Heritage Hallway, across the Rotunda stairwell on the same level as the Sanctuary. Coffee will be available in the room at 9:15am, and we will begin at 9:25am. For more information about this class, contact me at matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

— Matt

May 5
“The ‘B Word’ -
Being Baptist at First Baptist
Greenville”
Matt Rollins

May 12
“Small Groups and
Participation at First Baptist
Greenville”
Matt Rollins

May 19
“Serving, Volunteering and
Joining at First Baptist
Greenville”
Matt Rollins

May 26
“God at Work at First Baptist
Greenville”
Kendra Plating

Iglesia Bautista del Camino

GUANAJAY, CUBA

We are in covenant with Iglesia Bautista del Camino (Baptist Church of the Way) in Guanajay, Cuba. By agreeing to and blessing this covenant fifteen years ago, we became partners with their congregation, sister churches to each other. If you were not aware of this relationship, or if you have never actually seen its terms, here it is:



Covenant of Partnership Between Iglesia Bautista del Camino Guanajay, Havana and First Baptist Greenville, South Carolina

- Both congregations will bless the partnership.
- Our congregations will foster communication among our members to diminish the stereotypes about Cuba/USA.
- Our congregations will exchange history, culture, traditions, and language through the nurture of individual relationships.
- As able, members of our congregation will have a presence with one another.
- Our congregations will maintain communication as a sign of solidarity and will share information including prayer requests, updates on mission projects, etc.
- Our congregations will collaborate to support the Patio Project for families in Guanajay.
- Our congregations will have public prayer for one another on a regular basis.
- Our congregations will review our covenant annually and revise as needed.
- Our congregations will exchange liturgical symbols.

When a team of ten from our church visited them in February of this year, we were eager to uphold the “have a presence” item from the covenant. We prayed for each other, talked about movies, asked and answered tough questions, worshiped together, drank coffee and shopped and toured, and got updates on all of the projects they are working on in addition to the Patio Projects. We also exchanged symbols. They created for us some beautifully made crafts of their church’s logo, and we presented to them two pieces of stained glass (one of our logo and one of theirs) for them to display in their worship space. On May 5th, we will worship through the lens of this covenant as the members of the most recent team lead us through a service highlighted with the culture, music, and Christian love that we experienced while we were there. We hope you will join us.



— Peace and grace,
Matt and the Cuba Team

For Your Calendar!

- 5/1 Final *Wednesdays at First* Activities of the Season
MidWeek Fellowship: Children's Choirs and Missions Showcase
- 5/3 10:30am First Friday Lunch and More (Fellowship Hall)
- 5/5 9:15am First Baptist 101 (Clemons Conference Room)
9:15-11:30am Preschool VBS (A312)
10:30am Third Sunday of Easter Communion
Matt Rollins, Proclaimer
Cuba Mission Team
11:30am-12:30pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
11:30am-1:00pm Celebration Lunch for Fifth Graders and Their Families (Fellowship Hall)
1:00-3:00pm Children's Ministry Event: Hike the Swamp Rabbit Trail to an Ice Cream Party
3:30-5:00pm Puerto Rico Participant Meeting (AYMC)
5:00pm Joint Music Event with Springfield Baptist Church (Sanctuary)
Reception to Follow (Fellowship Hall)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 4/27
\$882,691
Receipts of 4/26
\$895,399

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

April 29-May 5
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)

May 6-12
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 May 1

Final of the Season

Adults: Veggie Lasagna, Meat Lasagna, Gluten Free Pasta with Marinara, Salad, Italian Green Beans, French Bread, Dessert
Kids: Mini Pizza, Buttered Noodles, 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 4/29/19

Hospitals

Greer Memorial: Bill Jett

Rehab

NHC-Greenville: Joan Garrett

Patewood Rehab on Congaree:
Maude Maddox

Returned Home

Michael A. Smith, Nancy McKittrick, John Cothran, Hannah Rigg and newborn daughter, Dan Batson, Dan Williamson

Sympathy to...

...the family of Buck Chiles.

Congratulations to...

...Dylan and Hannah Rigg on the birth of a daughter, Ida Zan Rigg, on April 23, 2019.

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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).

Introducing...

Bernie and Cindy Showman, 127 Farm Mill Circle, Simpsonville 29681, joined FBG during worship on Easter Sunday,



April 21, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism. They have joined the Carson Sunday School Class.

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