

## WORSHIP

Sunday,  
May 12, 2019

10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Proclaimer:** Jim Dant

**Scripture:** John 10:22-33

**Sermon:** Winter Is Coming

**Service Choirs:** Junior and Sanctuary  
Choirs

**Anthems:** "I See You, God"  
– BURROWS; "Set Me as a Seal"  
– CLAUSEN

**Soloist:** Kyle Matthews

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Susan Collins and Paxson MacDonald and their parents, Ed and Sara Collins, by Sally Dunn, Ellen White, Suzanne Kilborne, Lisa Hood, Ed Collins Jr., Sara Johnston and Richard Hardaway.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in loving memory of Catherine Ann Jeter by her husband in remembrance of their anniversary and her children in honor of Mother's Day.

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.



### Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

You've probably noticed. For some it's a source of displeasure, and for others I assume it's a welcome relief. I do not give much attention to familial holidays – Mothers Day and Fathers Day. These calendared celebrations rarely appear in my sermons or writings. Maybe some explanation is in order.

These are not truly 'holy days' (holidays) of the church. I can't imagine dropping Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Annunciation Sunday, Easter, Pentecost or All Saints Day from our worship schedule, but I'm always hesitant to allow civic interests to shape the worship of the church. It's not that civic holidays are not valued or meaningful, but they are not connected to the life of Christ as conveyed in the liturgical year. They are holidays, but they are not 'holy days.' That's my ecclesiastical justification.

More personal (and perhaps more influential in my practice or lack thereof), is my history and parentage. I've had a biological

mother, an adoptive mother, foster mothers and a stepmother. I've had a biological father, an adoptive father, foster fathers and several stepfathers. Perhaps parents are like chocolate candies – they are really good, but if you have too many of them...well...you get the picture. As I like to say when sharing my story, please do not pity me, worry about me or suggest that I go to therapy. I've been to therapy. I've unpacked and repacked this baggage plenty of times. I'm good.

I have come to appreciate the gifts each of my parents bestowed into my life. I'm grateful my children have known consistent and caring parents in their lives. I'm grateful my granddaughter has loving parents in her life, but when I enter the Sanctuary, it always feels better to me – seems right to me – to focus my attention and my heart on the God who has loved, mothered, fathered and parented us all. The Mother God who said to Isaiah, "Can a nursing mother forget her child? I will not forget you. I have inscribed you on the palm of my hand."

Honor your mothers in the manner that seems right to you this weekend, and this Sunday, may we gather to worship the God who has mothered us all...

— Jim

### Reminders

*Gay Chorus, Deep South*  
Peace Center | June 9, 5:00pm  
Purchase tickets from the Peace Center  
[tickets.peacecenter.org](http://tickets.peacecenter.org)

# Focus on Missions

## PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

This summer our Youth Family will partner with the faith-based, non-profit organization, *Praying Pelican*, to minister with the people of Puerto Rico in two congregations: Primera Iglesia Bautista (PIBRP) and Iglesia Metodista Emanuel (IM Emanuel).

Primera Iglesia Bautista is a large church with a large reach into the community of Rio Piedras. They have a kids ministry, a homeless outreach, and several bible studies throughout the week. Iglesia Metodista Emanuel is located in Santurce, where many children do not have positive influences in their homes. Their vision as a church is to keep the focus on the community by serving people in need and planting the seed of Christ in the children. Rio Piedras and Santurce are both *barrios* (or

neighborhoods) within the capital city of San Juan. Both PIBRP & IM Emanuel host Vacation Bible School (VBS) the entire month of June with an average reach close to 100 kids between the two sites.

First Baptist has committed to a partnership in ministry with these two congregations to lead VBS and support their ongoing ministries. In an effort to support their ongoing ministries in Puerto Rico, we will be collecting book bags to stuff with school supplies and items to use during VBS during the month of May. We have created a gift registry, if you prefer to choose items from that list, or you can drop off a new book bag or small stuffed animal in the purple collection bins.

**Amazon Gift Registry:** Purchase

gifts off our registry for Vacation Bible School supplies and/or school supplies to fill the bookbags: [https://www.amazon.com/wedding/share/puerto\\_rico](https://www.amazon.com/wedding/share/puerto_rico)

If you would prefer, you can place the following items in the purple collection bins around the church:

- **New Book Bag**
- **New Small Stuffed Animal:** no more than 14in tall

If you have questions about donations, please contact Sarah: [sarah.carter@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:sarah.carter@firstbaptistgreenville.com)

— Mary Carol

# Amy Joye

## BONCLARKEN GUEST CONDUCTOR

Amy Joye, director of our Junior Choir and Vocare, has been invited to serve as a guest conductor for the Bonclarken Music Conference this summer. She will serve as junior clinician, working with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade singers, and be part of their guest artist faculty.

Bonclarken's Music Conference is highly respected in the sacred music world and consistently invites the most gifted conductors in the country as clinicians in their summer week of sacred music. It is an honor for Amy to be in this role and for her to represent our Music Ministry. Of course, we already know that she is a fantastic musician, choral director, and singer. We wish her all the best this summer!

— Vivian





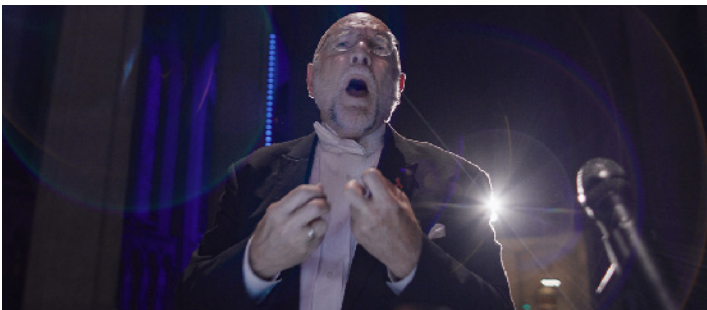
A few of the things I hear most from people that walk through the AYM Center doors is what a beautiful facility we have, how grateful they are that we let the community at large use it, and how friendly and welcoming we are. As I write this article, the AYM Center has had 80 people working out today plus about 150 children and adults participating in meetings and sports, the vast majority of whom do not attend FBG. Today was a fairly slow day, at that! It takes a warm, welcoming village to greet everyone and help them have a great experience while they are on our campus. We have a wonderful, dedicated crew of thirty-four volunteers that work a two hour shift each week from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

Believe it or not, we sure could use a few more volunteers to complete our staff. If you find that you have two hours to give each week and would like to be part of our ministry, please e-mail me at [mittie.taylor@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:mittie.taylor@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or call me at 233-2527 ext. 122. I would love to talk with you more about it.

— Mittie

## Gay Chorus, Deep South

THE PEACE CENTER | SUNDAY, JUNE 9 | 5:00PM



When the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus (SFGMC) Lavender Pen Tour brought them to First Baptist Greenville, we laughed, cried, worshiped and inadvertently became a powerful witness to the love God. The welcome our church extended the chorus has had a lasting influence in our lives, their lives and now the lives of many others in the world!

*Gay Chorus, Deep South* premiered last week at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York. This week, it is being shown in Portland, Switzerland, Australia and is scheduled for

almost 30 other film festivals.

Here's what the critics have said,

*"This film is an emotional masterpiece that must be seen – if for nothing else, it will restore your sense of hope in the world. One of the best films of 2019!"*

*"There wasn't a dry eye in the house."*

*"One of the truly great films of 2019. This film put me somewhere beyond words as tears streamed down my cheeks."*

Tickets are available at [www.peacecenter.org](http://www.peacecenter.org) for the June 9 show. Following the movie, the film's director (David Rodrigues), the SFGMC artistic director (Tim Seelig) and I will take the stage for a short Q&A followed by a reception in Genevieve's. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a film (you may be in it!) and continue our positive witness of God's love in this community.

— Jim



## For Your Calendar!

- 5/8 3:30-7:00pm Youth Kick Off to Summer Game Night (AYMC)
- 5/9 3:00-9:00pm Fundraising Event for Puerto Rico at TCBY (7 Brendan Way)
- 5/12 9:15am First Baptist 101 (Clemons Conference Room)  
9:15-11:30am Preschool VBS (A312)  
10:30am Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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11:30am-12:30pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5/14 10:00am-3:00pm Holy Rollers to Strawberry Hill for Produce Shopping and Lunch
- 5/19 9:15am First Baptist 101 (Clemons Conference Room)  
9:15-11:30am Preschool VBS (A312)  
10:30am Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Graduate Recognition  
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11:30am Luncheon for High School Graduates and Their Families (Fellowship Hall)
- 5/20 5:00-8:00pm Fundraising Event for Puerto Rico at Smokehouse 29 (2818 Wade Hampton Boulevard, Taylors)

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 5/4  
\$934,614  
Receipts of 4/26  
\$895,399

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

May 6-12

Kyle Matthews  
551-0829 (m)

May 13-19

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."

### Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

- 3:00pm Youth Hang Time and Supper  
6:00pm Youth Bible Study  
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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## Care List as of 5/6/19

### Hospitals

**Prisma Health (Greenville Memorial):**  
Dan Batson, Joan Garrett

### Rehab

**NHC Mauldin:** Neal Williams

**Patewood Rehab on Congaree:** Maude Maddox

**Cascades Rehab:** Bill Jett

### Returned Home

Suzanne Edwards

### Sympathy to...

...John Cothran and family in the death of his sister-in-law.

...Brian Behrens and family in the death of his father.

### Congratulations to...

...Caroline and Nick Reinhardt on the birth of a son, Mac William Reinhardt, on April 22, 2019. Mac's older sisters are Martha and Frances, and his grandmother in our church is Rosemary New.

## 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).