

WORSHIP

Sunday,
June 23, 2019

10:30am in the Sanctuary
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Communion

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon: My Place in the Church

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "Untitled Hymn" – RICE

Guest Musicians: Ryan Madora, bass guitarist, and Craig Haller, singer-songwriter

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given in loving memory of Betsy Bob and Earl Miles by their children – Mary Beth Miles Stoudenmire, Candace Miles Adeimy and David M. Miles.

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

I picked up an electric bass guitar two years ago. It was the first time I'd ever plugged or plucked the instrument. I was quite familiar with its sound and look but had never touched one. My father played the bass guitar professionally. Nothing in me wanted to sit under the scrutiny of his eye and ear. I avoided the bass guitar at all costs, but two years ago – at Kyle Matthew's request (It's all his fault!) – I picked up a bass guitar. Kyle felt we needed a bass guitar on a particular song being sung during a MidWeek Fellowship. He assumed I could learn it quickly. I picked it up.

My first public performance was in the church parlor on a Wednesday evening with Bootie Cothran on guitar and Rolyn Rollins singing "In the Palm of Your Hand" by Alison Kraus. I went on to play at the 'First on Main' Christmas show, the annual church retreat, several events with my own band buddies – Cappuccino Funk – and later in master classes with artists like Shannon Hoover, Victor Wooten, Adam Nitti and Riley Hagan. Of course, if I do anything, I typically jump

in the deep end... so this past March I took a few vacation days and attended a 'bass camp' in Philadelphia, PA. At the camp, I was privileged to sit under the guidance of some bass greats like: Scott Ambush and Oscar Cartaya of Spyro Gyra, jazz legends Marcus Miller and Gerald Veasley, two-time Grammy winner Derrick Hodge, and our friend – Nashville's Adam Nitti. Tucked in the schedule with all these guys was a five-foot, brunette, female blues bassist named Ryan Madora.

Ryan Madora and her husband, Craig Haller, will be with us in worship on Sunday, June 23. Ryan has backed artists like: Darius Rucker, Lady Antebellum, Garth Brooks, Luke Bryan and Carrie Underwood. She plays with her own band – The Interludes – and she serves the larger bass community as a writer and instructor. In the words of bassist Anthony Wellington, "It's a beautiful world when a little white girl has that much funk." Join us in worship on Sunday, June 23, as Ryan and Craig participate in the service. Then, make your way to Fernwood Baptist Church in Spartanburg at 6:00pm the same day for a full 'coffee house concert' in their fellowship hall. It's going to be a wonderful day of worship and music. (I wonder if I can talk her into a free bass lesson while she's here...) I'll see you there!

— Jim

Reminders

Stated Church Conference
June 30, Following Worship
Fellowship Hall

C. Dan Joyner 5K Run and Walk
August 24, 8:00am
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/mission-backpack-5k/>

Summer Reading

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

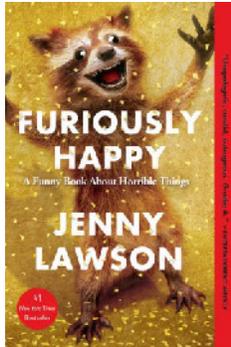
Many bookstores have a 'staff recommendation' shelf. I've always enjoyed reading notes from employees with regard to which books they suggest I read and buy. If I know the employee, it's fun to wonder why they picked a particular book. If

I don't know the employee, I ponder what sort of person they might be based upon their particular selection.

With summertime upon us, the church staff thought it would be fun to suggest some titles for your summer reading. I'm wondering what

connections you'll make between staff members and the title suggested. I'm hoping in the pages and in your wonderings, you will experience some relaxation, thought, entertainment, inspiration and more...

— Jim



JIM DANT RECOMMENDS....

FURIOUSLY HAPPY: A FUNNY BOOK ABOUT HORRIBLE THINGS BY JENNY LAWSON

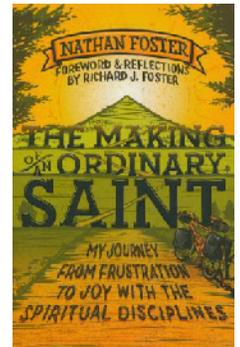
If mental illness is in any way part of your life (you struggle with mental illness or you love someone with a mental illness), *Furiously Happy* may be just the gallows humor you need. Jenny Lawson writes honestly and hilariously about her struggle with severe depression (and a host of other conditions), as well as her husband's struggle with her. The language and content can get a little edgy, but the humanity and transparency are refreshing and healing.

WILL RAYBON RECOMMENDS...

THE MAKING OF AN ORDINARY SAINT: MY JOURNEY FROM FRUSTRATION TO JOY WITH THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES BY NATHAN FOSTER

As mundane as it might sound – Nathan Foster is Richard Foster's son. He grows up watching his dad practice and preach the disciplines, and he finds all of it ridiculous. As he grows older he finds something missing

from his life and so chooses to explore the disciplines in new and refreshing ways. What he discovers is a new joy as he begins a journey that changes both his life and deepens his spirituality.



FRANK SMITH RECOMMENDS...

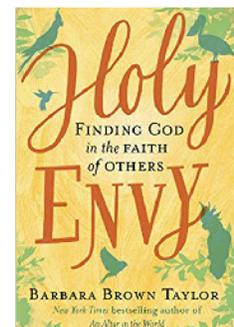
FORGIVE AND FORGET: HEALING THE HURTS WE DON'T DESERVE BY LEWIS B. SMEDES

For most of my life, I tried to practice forgiving and forgetting, but for me it didn't work because when someone hurt me, I could remember what they did or said to me. Smedes' book taught me that it is when I remember the hurt and it doesn't affect my relationship with the person that hurt me, then I know I have forgiven them. This book changed my life.

KENDRA PLATING RECOMMENDS...

HOLY ENVY BY BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR

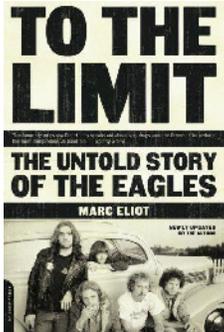
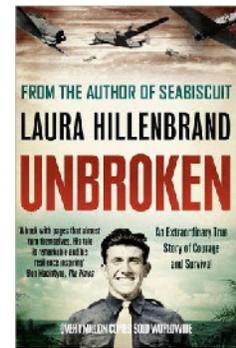
This latest work by Barbara Brown Taylor has been life-giving to me over the last few weeks.



MITTI TAYLOR RECOMMENDS...

UNBROKEN BY LAURA HILLENBRAND

A true story of running Olympian Louis Zamperini and what takes him from a defiant child to survivor of a WWII Japanese prisoner of war camp. It is a masterful blend of sports, history and overcoming terrific odds that you will not want to put down.



JULI MORROW RECOMMENDS...

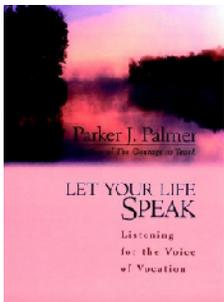
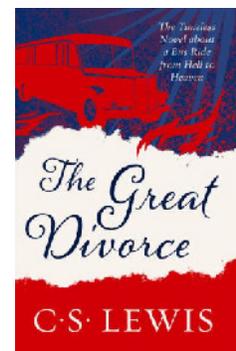
TO THE LIMIT: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE EAGLES BY MARC ELIOT

I have recently discovered this book about one of my favorite bands from the 70's. The Eagles didn't grant many interviews during their prime. This is a fun read to learn about what was happening behind the scenes.

GAIL HOUSE RECOMMENDS...

THE GREAT DIVORCE BY C. S. LEWIS

A great read about a bus ride from hell to heaven – a meditation about grace and judgement, good and evil, choices, taking chances, letting go, moving forward or returning to the familiar.



BOOTIE COTHRAN RECOMMENDS...

LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK BY PARKER PALMER

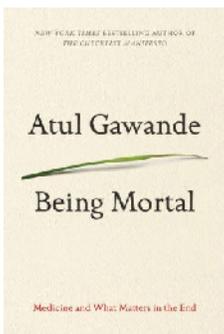
This book hit me at the right time in my life. It encourages finding and listening to the voice inside of you that is your true self,

typically very easy to find and listen to as a child, but our “adulting” lives often try to find happiness elsewhere.

LAURA STOUT RECOMMENDS...

NEXT YEAR IN HAVANA BY CHANEL CLEETON

It's a Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick :,) AND it's an engaging historical fiction novel that weaves love stories among insightful perspective on Cuba's complex history and culture.



KYLE MATTHEWS RECOMMENDS...

BEING MORTAL BY ATUL GAWANDE

Far from a “maudlin slog” on a topic we'd rather avoid, Gawande's storytelling and insights about the best current thinking on end-of-life care make this a highly readable and worthwhile book. It may alter your own plans and will certainly equip you to offer real help to friends and family.

For Your Calendar!

- 6/9-23 Host IHN Guests
6/17-20 9:00am-12:00noon Art Experience for Preschoolers (A312)
6/17 2:00-5:00pm Puerto Rico Participant VBS Planning
6/18 College Kickoff Night
6/19 9:00am-2:00pm Youth Mission Possible, Lunch Club and Bible Study
10:45am Roadrunners to Chautauqua featuring Alexander Hamilton at Kroc Center; lunch at Liberty Tap Room
6/21-28 Puerto Rico Mission Trip for Youth
6/23 9:15am Heroes of the Faith Joint Sunday School: C.S. Lewis presented by Kevin Treu (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Second Sunday after Pentecost
Communion
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
5:00pm LGBTQ and Friends Support Group (Parlor)
6/23-26 Missions Blast for First and Second Graders

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 6/15
\$1,246,152
Receipts of 6/11
\$1,157,036

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

June 17-23
Frank Smith
268-3890 (h)

June 24-30
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."

Need a Ride to the Doctor's Office?

The Medical Appointment Transportation Committee, a part of Ministry to Families, offers rides for members to and from medical appointments. Requests made a week in advance will be appreciated. Those in need of this service may contact Committee Chair Mary Rankin rankinma@yahoo.com or 630-2894.



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Hospitals

Prisma Health/Greenville Memorial:
Jim LaCoste

St. Francis Downtown: Nancy Sanders,
Tom Tuten

Rehab

Cascades Rehab: Bill and Judy Jett

Woodlands Rehab: John Crabtree

Rolling Green Rehab: Nina Martin

Brushy Creek Health & Rehab: Louise
Pfrangle

Sympathy to...

...the family of Trinity Lawter.

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If you are not already aware, all of our worship services are broadcast live, online, and may be viewed from anywhere on the planet using this link:

<https://livestream.com/fbcgreenvillesc>

Also, by going to that page and clicking the "follow" button, you will be notified with a link whenever we create a new event, and you will be notified when that event goes live. It's an easy way to participate in worship if you cannot be here in person and to share our services with others. The links to services are easily copied and shared with friends via email, text or social media. The video remains available online up to 90 days after the service.

— Bootie