

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
July 21, 2019**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Jeremiah 3:1-14

Sermon: All My Favorite People Are Broken

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "I Will Sing with the Spirit" —
RUTTER

Soloist: Kyle Matthews

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in honor of Tony Arrington on the occasion of his 80th birthday by his children: Caleb Arrington, Kate Arrington, and Elaine Gay.

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

For those who have asked (and the many others who have accurately guessed), yes...I am a 7 in the world of enneagram. We 7s are typically described as restless, quick thinkers who insist our lives be an exciting adventure. At our worst, we are compulsively self-destructive, and at our best, we live life to the fullest. I'm a 7. This 7 is leading a youth camp near Santa Cruz, California, from July 15-19. In the mornings, we are studying the life of Jesus. We will begin with his birth on Monday and journey to his resurrection in Friday's session. In the afternoons, we are engaging 'adventures' that connect (although somewhat loosely at times) to the texts studied in the morning. On Tuesday afternoon, we will follow our study of the 'Sermon on the Mount' with a hike in Ben Lomond, California. (Get it? Hiking on a 'mountain.')

On Wednesday afternoon, we will follow our study of Jesus' ministry on the shore of the Seas of Galilee with surfing lessons in Santa Cruz. You get the picture. It's the perfect place for a 7 to be teaching...and I'm about to check surfing off my bucket list!

Ironically, I'm a 7 that yearns for stability and quiet. As much as I'll love trekking through the mountains and cutting a line on the wave off a west coast beach (Yeah, that last image is probably more of a daydream.), I'm looking forward to being back with you this Sunday. I'll be sharing one of my favorite texts in the Old Testament prophets (Jeremiah 3), and we will share communion. As much as I love new adventures, nothing consistently moves me as much as the sharing of the bread and cup in worship. I love the movements of the eucharist – taking bread, lifting bread to bless it, breaking bread, extending bread, pouring from chalice to cup and holding the elements high before the people of faith. I love the verbiage of the meal, "On the night Jesus was betrayed...behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the whole world...has everyone been fed?" I love the sharing and serving between faith family members.

No doubt, I am about to enjoy the laughter of youth, the site of redwoods and the feel of saltwater against my skin, but it is a truth...none of these adventures surpass the intense joy of a table, story and hope set before God's people in communion. I'll see you at the table this Sunday morning.

—Jim

Reminders

Summer Music Sunday and Lunch
August 11
Pat Terry, Guest Artist

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

Culture of Caring at FBG

Back in 2017, one of our members had a stroke which limited his mobility and temporarily left him confused about where he was and who was visiting him. As we made daily visits to his hospital room and engaged him in a little conversation, we realized that even though he was in a hospital bed with all the attendant equipment, nursing staff, hospital food and doctor's visits, he felt sure he was at First Baptist Greenville.

Why would his mind place him there? I like to think it's because while he did not recognize the nurses or doctors, he did recognize the familiar faces from his church—the friends, Sunday School class members, and ministers who visited him daily, sometimes several times a day. He received such wonderful care from his church family that he was convinced that he was at church!

The goal of church ministry is not to “professionalize caregiving” by ordaining and paying someone else to do the work. That would constitute a failure of the church to be the church! The goal is to create a culture of caring in which everyone participates. Partly that's because the job is too big for any ministry staff! More deeply, it's because ministering to one another forms Christ-likeness in us, both in wisdom and compassion, so we become all God wants us to be.

The problem, of course, is that you have busy lives to lead! Our task as ministers is to coordinate our efforts so that when you have a moment to reach out, make a visit, or send a card, we can help you do that as efficiently as possible and in coordination with our other efforts. I invite you to engage with us in Pastoral Care soon, so we can “be the church” for one another... wherever we happen to be!

—Kyle

Summer Youth Mission Camps Working in Greenville This Summer

PASSPORT YOUTH CAMPS are returning to Greenville for the third year. This year they are in Greenville the first three weeks in July. The students and leaders will stay at Furman University. One third of the fourteen hundred will arrive at Furman each Monday and depart on Saturday. The youth groups come from churches all around this area and North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, and Georgia. Passport Youth Camp is a CBF camp and operates like most youth camps with one difference. In addition to music, fun games, activities, Bible study, recreation and worship, Passport provides time each day for every student to be involved in mission work somewhere in Greenville. Every day missions or community service is offered in a variety of settings. Students will serve in groups of thirty, including a trained Passport staff leader and two adult chaperones. The mission groups arrive on site each day, Tuesday through Friday at 11:30am, eat lunch that is provided by Passport, and work 12:00noon-3:00pm. After work each day, they return to Furman and resume normal camp activities.

Projects for this July include: house on Rebecca Street that needs painting as well as a full dumpster

of trash removed; 5 additional houses in need of exterior painting; the fellowship hall and Sunday rooms of a church; Goodwill; Maggie's School Thrift Store; Phillis Wheatley Community Center summer camp; Nicholatown Community Center Camp; Friends of the Reedy River clean up; Harvest Hope Food Bank; A Child's Haven; Annie's House; and Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. The task each day will be to provide each student with an opportunity to help someone.

—Frank



Missions Was a Blast!

What do you get when you combine Vacation Bible School Blast with Missions Week? Two weeks of games, Bible stories, mission work, crafts and lots of fun! Enjoy these photos from our time together!

—Becky



AYMC Pulse

Can you believe it? They say time flies, and I surely believe it. Ten short years ago, on August 23, 2009, we opened the doors to our new Activities and Youth Ministry Center (AYMC). We need to celebrate all that this ministry has been to so many individuals and groups—within the church and the community, at large. We're going to do just that on Sunday morning, August 25, and I hope you will plan on being

here. You'll want to come to the AYMC that morning, though, because we will gather in the gym for worship. It is going to be a meaningful time of being together as we worship God. Afterwards, there will be an open house and reception for everyone to see the facility. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

Also, please don't forget to register for the 8th annual C. Dan Joyner Mission Backpack 5k race/walk, 1 mile walk and children's fun run to be held

on August 24 at 8:00am on the recreation fields. This is a fun time to get together to honor the legacy of Dan Joyner and raise money for our own Mission Backpack Ministry with Sterling School and Duncan Chapel Elementary. There will be bounce houses, an inflatable slide and sprinklers for the children to enjoy. There is a link for registration on the church website —<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/mission-backpack-5k/>

Please don't miss this fun morning!

—Mittie

For Your Calendar!

- 7/16 College Night
 7/16-19 Camp Prism for Grades 3-5
 7/17 9:00am-2:00pm Youth Mission Possible, Lunch Club and Bible Study
 10:30am Roadrunners to Greenville Drive Game
 7/18 Youth to Big Air Trampoline Park
 7/21 9:15am Heroes of the Faith
 Joint Sunday School: Dietrich Bonhoeffer presented by Dylan Rigg (Fellowship Hall)
 10:30am Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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 7/22-27 Unidiversity Youth Camp (Maryville College)
 7/28 9:15am Joint Sunday School: Matt Rollins presenting his Doctoral Project Final Results and Conclusions (Fellowship Hall)
 10:30am Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer
 5:00pm LGBTQ and Friends Support Group (Parlor)
 7/30 College Night

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 7/13
 \$1,453,844
 Receipts as of 7/12
 \$1,310,394

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

July 15-21
 Kyle Matthews
 551-0829 (m)
 July 22-28
 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."

Follow us on Livestream!

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

Care List as of 7/15/19

Hospitals

Prisma Health/ Greenville Memorial:
 Kate Cramer

Prisma Health/North Greenville: Jim LaCoste

St. Francis Downtown: Jan Smetana

Rehab

Rolling Green Rehab: Henry Barton, Nina Martin

Returned Home

Rusty Criminger, Ray Ballew to Cascades, Lara Mayers, Boyce Tollison, Freddie Foster

Sympathy to

...Terri Smith and family in the death of her mother.

Important Changes to Our Radio Broadcast

Effective August 11:

- 1) We will add WHRT 91.9FM.
- 2) We will add WLFJ 89.3-HD4 (HD radio only, not to be confused with 89.3 FM).
- 3) We will continue broadcasting on 92.9FM.
- 4) We will no longer be carried on AM660.

Please contact me if you have any questions!

—Bootie

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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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