

## WORSHIP

Sunday,  
July 28, 2019

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Proclaimer:** Jim Dant

**Scripture:** John 19:31-42

**Sermon:** Who Do I Want to Be?

**Service Choir:** Sanctuary Choir

**Anthem:** "City Called Heaven" – arr.  
*POELINITZ*; Sara Kathryn Coates,  
soloist

**Soloist:** Bergsvein Toverud

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Blanche and Bill Carpenter by their family.

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

I was ordained in November of 1982. It has been almost thirty-seven years. Dr. Russ Barker was my ordination speaker. Parkwood Hills Baptist Church was my context for ministry. A host of people laid hands on my head and spoke blessings. Among them were: Jim Mathis, Ralph Parrish, Maricel Perez, Stanley Peeples, Mary Lunsford, Ed Lambert, Farris Goodrum, Dave McGill, Sandy Parrish, Larry Bowers, Carol Lightsey, Tammy Williams, Tim Lunsford, Andy Peters, Mary Peters, Norma Manahan, Laura Garrett, Carlton Fisher, and a whole host of other people I easily remember but do not have the space to name. It was a memorable day for me. I had endured the questions of the ordination council (I still remember the best and worst questions.), I had helped in planning the service, I had listened attentively to the 'charge to church and candidate,' I tried to absorb every blessing offered in word and touch, and I ended the day knowing I was trusted and blessed by a congregation that recognized the gifts and calling I had sensed in myself. I think, however, it meant as much to the congregation as it did to me. As late as last week,

I heard from two of the persons listed above. One was 'traveling through Greenville' and wanted to check on me. After all these years, there is still care and concern. The other lost a family member to death and wanted to talk. After all these years, there is still a deep trust and desire for ministry.

This Sunday afternoon, July 28 at 5:30pm, our congregation will ordain Dylan Rigg to the ministry of the gospel. In Baptist tradition and polity, this means we have witnessed a sense of calling and giftedness in Dylan's life and have verified these observations through a council's questions and examinations. The ordination service will give the congregation an opportunity to encourage, charge and bless him. He will take much from this service: memories, names, feelings and nuggets of truth. I know. I've been there. As a congregation, we will take much from these moments as well. Hopefully, in the years to come—five, ten, maybe even thirty-seven—we'll be passing through a town and 'checking in' on an aged and experienced Dylan. Years from now, we may call him because we've endured a particular chapter of life and we just need to talk. Regardless of what the future holds, I hope you'll be part of his ordination service this Sunday. It will be a meaningful moment in his life...and has the potential to be a meaningful moment in yours as well.

—Jim

### Reminders

Summer Music Sunday  
August 11, 10:30am  
Worship  
Pat Terry, Guest Artist

Pat Terry Lunch Concert  
August 11, 11:30am  
Reservations Required  
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/summer-music-sunday/>

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

# Abraham Build Scheduled



Hopefully, you have heard about the Habitat for Humanity “Abraham Build” of which our church is a partner, along with Temple of Israel, Christ Church Episcopal, and the Greenville Muslim Community. We are honored to partner alongside these other Abrahamic faith communities in Greenville’s first interfaith build. The build will begin August 8 with an 8:00am Wall Raising at 502 Jenkins Street, 29601, and you are all invited to this special occasion to meet the future homeowners, the Patterson family! Geri and her four daughters, Jasmine, Brendasia, Genesis and Aviana (ages 11-18), have already contributed more than 200 hours of sweat equity through

volunteering and taking classes to prepare for homeownership. Now they are excited to begin building their own home! You can read their story here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/geri/>

How can you help? Sign up for one or more build shifts, especially shifts during the month of August! There are a total of 21 volunteer days from August 8 to early November, as well as six days our church is providing lunch. You may choose a morning or afternoon shift or both. There are a variety of tasks from building walls, shingling the roof, landscaping and providing lunch. Do you need construction experience? No!

As long as you are willing to learn a new skill, there will be trained leaders on site to guide you. The minimum age to volunteer on the build is 16, and any age is welcome to bring lunch. Each shift there will be volunteers from the various faith communities. Follow this link to volunteer and learn more: [vhub.at/abrahambuildfirstbaptist](http://vhub.at/abrahambuildfirstbaptist)

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jack Dennis at [jackdennis424@gmail.com](mailto:jackdennis424@gmail.com) or Laura Stout at [laura.stout@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:laura.stout@firstbaptistgreenville.com).

Happy Building!

— Jack Dennis, FBG Habitat Build Volunteer Coordinator (Missions and Affiliations Committee)

# Deacon Nominating Committee Election

FBG members are requested to submit nominations for the 2019 Deacon Nominating Committee:

- Jamie Womack will serve as the 2019 Deacon Nominating Committee Chair.
- In the fall, Deacon Nominating Committee members will contact deacon nominees equal to the number of vacancies on the Diaconate as to their willingness to serve.
- Once the slate of new deacons is complete, it will be submitted to the church for a vote.
- Installation and ordination of new deacons will be in early January.

Use the following ballot to submit recommendations for the eight positions on the Deacon Nominating Committee. Ballots will also be available on Sunday morning, July 28. Ballot must be signed by member and may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office by Sunday, August 4, 2019.

Because the persons on the committee are ineligible to serve again for two years, do not nominate the following: Becky Bouton, Charlie Bryan, Eleanor Dunlap, Charmaine Fuller, Ana Gibbs, Ed Good, John Harris, Roy Janse, Pam Jones, John Long, Neil Rabon, Todd Ramsey, Mary Rankin, Susan S. Shelley, Nancy Strange, Stephanie Wright nor Jamie Womack.

This is NOT a ballot to nominate Deacons, but to nominate members of the Deacon Nominating Committee. Ballot must be signed.

Ballot for Members of the Deacon Nominating Committee

1. _____	5. _____
2. _____	6. _____
3. _____	7. _____
4. _____	8. _____

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

# Sanctuary Choir Sing & Sips: Come Mingle!



Summer is here! It's time to have a little fun... and we want you to join members of the Sanctuary Choir for our summer socials! Each summer, the Sanctuary Choir hosts three "Sing and Sip" Soirées. Because the choir is off from regular rehearsals over the summer, these informal gatherings are a great way for us to stay in touch with our choir family and get to know new and prospective members.

All are welcome! If you've been considering joining the choir or would like to spend some time

learning about what it's like to be a music ministry leader, we'd love for you to join us. We typically have a brief rehearsal of the music we're singing for the summer, and then we enjoy social time with food and fellowship. Feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert or your favorite summertime beverage—but you are not required to bring anything—just yourself!

We're grateful to our hosts: Oz Rogers, Danette & John Patterson and Vivian & David Hamilton. For our final Sing & Sip of the summer, we'll have a different style format. We will meet in the AYMC, enjoy our same fellowship time, but we'll have the opportunity to rehearse and run through our music for the August 25 service that will be held in the AYMC.

**Wednesday, July 24, 7:00pm**  
Sing and Sip Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Homes of Vivian Hamilton—104 Newkirk Way, TR, and Danette Patterson—108 Wild Geese Way, TR)

**Wednesday, August 21, 7:00pm**  
Sing and Sip Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (AYMC)

Let us know if you'll be joining us! Feel free to reach out to Kimberly Coates ([kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com)) or me ([johnpaulsewell@gmail.com](mailto:johnpaulsewell@gmail.com)) if you have any questions. We hope you'll be a part of our summer fun and enjoy food and fellowship with our church choir.

—Paul Sewell, Sanctuary Choir  
New Member Chair

## Reflections on the Mission Trip of a Lifetime

our fundraisers, gifts, donations, and prayers all carried us to Puerto Rico. Through the church's generosity, we are able to tell stories like these. —Will

*I have been on numerous mission trips with the First Baptist Greenville Youth Group, but our most recent one to Puerto Rico has by far been my favorite. I was put out of my comfort zone the most with this mission trip, but I enjoyed that. Before going on this trip, I never really spent much time thinking about how the language barrier would affect us. I took French all through middle and high school so I knew little to no Spanish. However, I figured there would always be a translator nearby to help. I struggled in the beginning trying to get to know some of the children in the VBS because I had no idea what to say, and I did not have someone next to me to translate. As the week progressed, I learned you did not even need to speak to the kids in order to interact with them. During craft time the third day, we were creating houses out of spaghetti and Play-doh®, and I sat down next to*

As you can see from the following, our mission to Puerto Rico was the trip of a lifetime. One of the most beautiful aspects of this trip is that none of it would have been possible without the help of our First Baptist Greenville family. Your faithful attendance at

*a boy around the age of 6. Although we could not communicate, we were able to build a little house out of the materials given. Another time I noticed the language barrier was in the church services. There were certain parts of the service that were not translated because it would have disrupted the moment. Even though I had no idea what they were saying in certain parts of the service, the passion in the voices of those speaking was enough for me to understand the message. Visiting Puerto Rico was a very eye opening experience for myself, and I am very grateful for the life-changing opportunity.*

—Grace Martin

Read more reflections on our website: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/pr-youth/>

Pictures from the week: <https://tinyurl.com/fbg-pr-19>

## For Your Calendar!

- 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
- 7/31 4:00-8:00pm Youth End of Summer  
Pool Party
- 8/4 9:15am Heroes of the Faith Joint  
Sunday School: Sojourner Truth  
presented by Kristan Pitts  
(Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30am Protecting Our Children  
(A302)
- 10:30am Eighth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer  
Furman Singers Alumni Choir
- 8/5 10:30am Roadrunners to  
Strawberry Hill for Produce  
Shopping and Lunch

## 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



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### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 7/20  
\$1,505,767  
Receipts as of 7/19  
\$1,404,820

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

July 22-28  
Jim Dant  
478-737-7298 (m)

July 29-August 4  
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.”

## Care List as of 7/22/19

### Hospitals

**Prisma Health/ Greenville Memorial:**  
Beth Crigler

**Prisma Health/North Greenville:** Jim  
LaCoste

**St. Francis Downtown:** Jan Smetana

### Rehab

**Rolling Green Rehab:** Henry Barton,  
Nina Martin

### Returned Home

Dan Batson, Kate Cramer and newborn

### Sympathy to

...the family of Joylyn Lynch.

## 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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864-233-2527 ext.112

## 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](mailto:rankinma@yahoo.com) or 630-2894.