

WORSHIP

Sunday,
October 13, 2019

Children's Sabbath

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: The Magic Words

Service Choirs: Children's Choirs for
Age 4-Grade 5

Anthems: "Come with a Grateful Heart" – BAILEY/MAYO; "The Prayer of St. Patrick" – SCHOENFELD; "Who Made the Mountains" – WALZ; "I Will Thank God" – PURDY; "I Will Give Thanks to God" – BRUCE

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in honor of the children of First Baptist Greenville from whom we learn much about the kingdom of God.

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.

From the Organist

Yesterday, we celebrated World Communion Sunday, which is such a wonderful picture of inclusivity of God. All people from every race and creed are welcome at God's table. This week, we continue that theme by honoring the children and those who seek to help them recognize their place in the work of the church. Read more at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-organists-blog/>



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

There are some holidays and seasons that are easily recognizable on the calendar. They occur on the same day each year and are comfortably anticipated. Christmas is always on December 25. Independence Day is always on July 4. Valentine's Day is always on February 14. Other holidays are a little more difficult to nail down. Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday, but the date changes every year. Easter is always on a Sunday but finds its way onto the Roman solar calendar via the lunar calendar; the date can vary by weeks from year to year. Some seasons are so particular to our church, that their lack of acknowledgment on the national calendar means we have to keep up with them ourselves. Each October, we allot time in our worship, prayers and generosity to give attention to the Lula Whilden World Missions Offering. While mission funding permeates our annual Mission and Ministry Plan (budget), the Lula Whilden Offering is a primary source of funding for our three primary mission affiliates: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Alliance of Baptists and South Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. It's not a season on the

national calendar or the liturgical calendar of churches worldwide, but it's an important season for us. I trust we will be generous as we give toward our \$125,000 goal.

Speaking of special days and generosity... This particular day is even more obscure. It's harder to anticipate or identify than Easter or the Lula Whilden Season. Why? Well, because I just kind of 'make it up' every year... pastoral privilege, I guess. This Sunday, October 13, is our annual *Catch Up Sunday*. (See, I didn't think it was on your calendar.) As Summer ends, and the routine of Autumn begins, we always find ourselves a few dollars behind our expected gifts for the year. Summer vacations—their cost and our absence—along with the cost of back-to-school and a host of other expenses often cause us to delay our gifts to the church, so this Sunday is *Catch Up Sunday*. If you've skipped a few opportunities to give in the last few months, catch up this Sunday. If you haven't given what you had planned to give in the first three quarters of the year, catch up this Sunday. If you have regularly given, but have found yourself blessed in the course of the year, give an extra gift this Sunday and help us catch up. I believe we are on track to fully fund all our missions and ministries this year, but we all breathe a little easier when we 'get caught up.' Catch up on your giving this Sunday... and I'll be doing the same... —Jim

Reminders

Picture Directory Update
October 7-9, 1:00-8:00pm
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b0mbned8/>

Wednesdays at First Activities
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/>
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/registration-pre-child-2019-2020/>

Caring in Time of Grief

When the church receives word of the death of one of our members, the volunteers on our Bereavement Committee take action. The volunteers on call pick up a small pre-selected, pre-paid meal from Strossner's Bakery and take it to

the family of the recently deceased church member. Each volunteer takes approximately two or three weeks on call each year. Returning members and members-to-be have an annual meeting—one and only meeting—which will last one hour at 1:00pm on October 10 in C403, the Apphia Classroom. Please register with Ryland Brown at 233-2527

ext. 137 if you can attend. If you would like to participate but are unable to attend the meeting and would like more information, be in touch with me at papmak999@aol.com. This caring ministry is meaningful to both the receiver and the giver. Let me know if you would like to be involved!

—Barbara McMaster, chair
Bereavement Sub-Committee



What could be more fun than joining with our entire church family for a time of fun, food, and fellowship? Absolutely nothing! Join us on October 20 at the home of Pat and Mary Lou Hartness for our annual church picnic. There are some new additions to our tradition this year. We will be joined by Randomonium, a local band voted “2019’s Best of the Upstate.” Randomonium is known for performing a variety of songs from all decades and genres and presents with “love, humour and a touch of cheek.” Not only will we be hosting a live, local band, but we will also have several inflatables provided this year. Children will have the opportunity to jump and race their way through the evening, making new and fun memories along the way. With the new, there are still old aspects that we want to hold onto. The scenic hayrides will begin at 4:30pm and last until 6:00pm, and of course, we will be enjoying Charlie’s BBQ throughout the evening. Come one and come all on October 20 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. We will look forward to seeing you there. Sign-up today! <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/annual-church-picnic/>

—Will Raybon



Staff Addition

There are elements, people and moments in worship which are highly recognizable and noticed. Who could miss the sound of the organ or piano? Everyone is familiar with the processions, prayers and orders of

service. We expect the melodic sounds of choral offerings and congregational hymns. The platform is graced by friendly faces who minister to us week to week. Sermons are expected and heard (except by the snoozing few) and hopefully find a meaningful place in heart and mind.

It has been said, the only time the media and technology ministry is noticed is when something goes wrong. When a microphone pops or dies, we notice. When lighting is too dim or bright, we notice. When Livestream or radio signals are lost, we notice. When video vanishes or loses sound, we notice. I guess it needs to be said—Sunday after Sunday, month after month, year after year, our media and tech team ensure that worship participants inside and outside our Sanctuary have access to all that is meaningful and familiar. In addition, they provide technology assistance to many other ministries throughout the church. We don’t always notice them, but they are always there providing us with near-flawless ministry. Yes, every once in awhile, a microphone goes out...and we notice.

We are delighted to announce that Will Dodson will be serving as our Interim Director of Media and Technology. Will has grown up at First Baptist—he knows us. Will has spent years working in the tech and media area—he knows our system. Will is a committed friend and person of faith—he knows our God and our hearts. Welcome Will when you see him...and say a word of thanks to all our often-unnoticed sound and tech folk.

—Jim

Lula Whilden World Missions Offering Emphasis

This month marks our 9th Annual Lula Whilden World Missions Offering emphasis. While the congregation gives to the offering throughout the year, we focus a little extra during the month of October and into the holiday season on our opportunity to support the mission work of our affiliates—Alliance of Baptists, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina. Last year's collection raised nearly \$114,000, and this year's goal is \$125,000 of which we have collected \$24,011 as of September 30. For a little background on who Lula Whilden was and why we renamed our world missions offering after her 9 years ago, you can read more here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/who-was-lula-whilden/>

This week we are focusing on the Alliance of Baptists. You can learn about the Alliance and their ministries at www.allianceofbaptists.org, and we

have included a few highlights here. The three core values of the Alliance of Baptists are theological home, pursuit of God's justice and partnership in mission. The Alliance has 36 Active Hope Partners—relationships built on friendship and understanding that offer the world hope while working for justice. Each partner receives grants annually with the aim of increasing their capacity to respond to needs in their context and chart their own course for ministry. The Alliance stands in solidarity with each Active Hope Partner recognizing mutual empowerment and need for one another.

One of these Active Hope partners is Peace Cathedral in the Republic of Georgia. For more than 150 years through the leaders and members of Peace Cathedral, Baptists in the Republic of Georgia have been a consistent and prophetic witness for the gospel of Jesus Christ in the region. That witness is lived out in many ways,

including through interreligious and intercultural dialogue and understanding, and the promotion of peace and reconciliation. Peace Cathedral also has been instrumental in assisting those who have been sidelined by society, including refugees from other parts of the world, internally displaced persons within Georgia, and those within the LGBTQ community.

<https://allianceofbaptists.org/assets/uploads/Active-Hope-2019.pdf>

As we celebrate the legacy of Lula Whilden this fall, please remember to include this important offering in your giving plans. With your help, we can reach our \$125,000 goal and make a difference in our state and across the globe!

— Ryan Dennis,
Missions and Affiliations
Committee Chair



For Your Calendar!

- 10/7-9 Lifetouch Directory Photo Update
 10/8 9:00am-3:00pm Holy Rollers to Pretty Place and Justus Orchard with Lunch at Cracker Barrel
 7:00pm Jacqueline Woodson Book Talk and Signing (Sanctuary)
 10/9 10:30am Grief Support Group Initial Meeting (Prayer Room - A302)
Wednesdays at First Activities
 10/13 10:30am Children's Sabbath
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer
 11:30am Lunch for Visitors (Fellowship Hall)
 Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 11:30am-3:45pm Children's Ministry: Denver Downs Farm
 11:30am-7:00pm All Youth at Denver Downs
 4:30-7:30pm SEE Retreat
 10/16 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
 10/20 10:30am Jim Dant, Proclaimer
 1:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 4:00pm Church Picnic (Hartness Home)
 10/23 *Wednesdays at First Activities*

Wednesday Supper

Required reservations for the meal must be made by noon on the Monday prior by visiting the church website or calling the church office. Permanent reservations for the 2019-2020 year are available. Serving lines open 4:45-6:00pm.

October 9

Adult: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Fried Apples, Salad, Dessert

Child: Mac and Cheese, Veggies and Dip, Fresh Fruit, Cookies

October 16

Adult: Pulled Roast Beef au Jus, Corn Casserole, Seasoned Green Beans, Heirloom Tomato Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Child: Meatballs, Mac and Cheese, Fruit, Cookies

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

3:00-6:00pm	Youth Hang Time and Supper
4:45-6:00pm	Supper Serving Lines Open
5:30-6:15pm	Children's Missions
6:00-7:00pm	Youth Bible Study
6:15-7:00pm	Children's Choirs MidWeek Fellowship
7:00-8:30pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 10/5
 \$ 2,076,920
 Receipts as of 9/30
 \$ 1,798,964

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

October 7-13

Jim Dant
 346-0971 (m)

October 14-20

Matt Rollins
 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."

Care List as of 10/7/2019

Hospitals

St. Francis Downtown: Marion Crooks

Prisma Health/Greenville Memorial:
 Miriam Faress

Rehab

NHC Greenville: Tony Alexander

Returned Home

Anita Kupczak, Kevin Treu, Carolyn Mathis, Bill Kutz, Pat Stephens

Sympathy to...

Logan Campbell and family in the death of his uncle.

Hallie Gilbert and family in the death of her mother-in-law.

Brandt Gilbert and family in the death of his grandmother.

Catherine James and family in the death of her father-in-law.

Happy Birthday, Jim!

Happy Fruit Day, United Ministries!

In honor of Jim Dant's birthday—and in our sharing spirit—FBG donated 2430 cans of fruit, worth an estimated \$3645!

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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>

While there, click the "follow" button to receive notifications for new events.

Need a Ride to a Medical Appointment?

The Medical Appointment Transportation Committee 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 at rankinma@yahoo.com or 630-2894.

Radio Broadcast Update

Please tune in to 91.9FM or 92.9FM. On HD radio, you may tune in to 89.3-HD4. We are no longer broadcasting on AM660. Visit our website (firstbaptistgreenville.com/worship/) for links to listen to as well as watch our worship services.