

## WORSHIP

Sunday,  
January 19, 2020

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Baptism

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: What Are You Looking For?

Sermon: John 1:35-42

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord" – arr. MOORE

Soloist: Craig Price

### Sanctuary Flowers

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. Upcoming open dates are January 19 and February 2, 16 and 23.

### From the Organist

Read more at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-organists-blog/>



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

This past summer, I was invited to speak to a gathering of denominational ministers (non-Baptist) about our church's system of fundraising. In a climate where the vast majority of churches are experiencing a decline in giving, we have become an anomaly. For the last six budget cycles—including 2019—we have carefully managed our expenditures and have over-given challenging budgets. (Let me take this parenthetical moment to say 'thank you' for your generosity and faithfulness. We fully funded our budget this year AND fully funded the Lenten Capital Campaign. Amazing!) I was asked to answer two questions: What is our fundraising methodology, and how might it be replicated in churches and institutions of different sizes? Sigh... Only time will tell if they were satisfied with my answers.

I shared three thoughts with them. First, I do not believe in 'fundraising' within the life of the church. Fundraising works well in the life of educational institutions and other non-profit agencies, but it is not the best model for the church. Our giving is a spiritual practice...a spiritual discipline...a direct reflection of

our love for God and our covenant commitment to the community of faith. Giving is a natural part of our faith. Second, because it's a natural part of faith practice, it is a natural part of my speech patterns. I do not avoid talking about giving any more than I would avoid talking about prayer or Bible Study or communion or church fellowship. Third, we are intentionally good stewards of every dollar given – we do good work, and we do it with a frugality that does not dip into stinginess or fear. We have regular donors to our church's ministries that are not even members of our church! They hear of the work we are doing, find it consistent with their graceful view of God and God's world, and they support our work. Again, amazing! My conference listeners were expecting a step-by-step program with timelines, printable forms, donor levels and marketing tools. Instead, we talked about spiritual practice.

Because of your generosity in 2019, we fully funded our ministry endeavors, and we continued our work of creating beautiful, inclusive, graceful space for God to do God's work inside and outside our church walls. Our 2020 Mission and Ministry Plan (budget) is the same amount as 2019. I encourage you to give again what you gave in 2019...or give just a little bit more. Allow your giving to be an expression of your love for God, God's church and God's world.

—Jim

## Reminders

World Within Weekend  
January 25-26  
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/world-within-weekend/>

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

Inasmuch Day  
March 7, 2020

## Focus on Missions: Greenville's Gift

During January 2020, we will be collecting baby items for Greenville's Gift. We started collecting for Greenville's Gift in 2017 and have enjoyed stocking the crib with onesies, bibs and other necessities for local babies in need over the last few years.

Greenville's Gift is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to clothing newborns in financial need in the Greenville community.

The mission of Greenville's Gift is to help the over 2,400 babies born in need in Greenville each year. Greenville's Gift provides individual gift bags based on gender and season. The recipients are identified by community agencies and local hospitals, and these organizations deliver the gift bags to moms. Each bag contains approximately 45 items, and all items are donated by the community. Greenville's Gift

hopes to make new moms and babies feel celebrated and loved by the Greenville community. To learn more, visit [greenvillesgift.org](http://greenvillesgift.org).

We will be accepting the following new or gently used (clean, no visible stains) items:

- Clothing including pjs, onesies & outfits (size 0-12 months)
- Baby Blankets
- Socks and Hats
- Bibs and Burp Cloths

Please place your donations in the crib at the Reception Desk or in the purple collection bins located around the church. Thank you for your generosity!

—Becky Bouton

## Middle School Mission Blitz

The FBG Youth Family's annual Middle School Mission Blitz is just around the corner! We will be traveling to Asheville, NC, on the weekend of March 27-29 to engage in a whirlwind weekend of missions and fun. We will be staying at Blue Ridge Assembly, and we will be serving alongside several local ministries. Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families has been a staple in Western North Carolina for over a century, and every year our middle schoolers participate in a wide variety of projects on their gorgeous campus. Bethesda Methodist Haw Creek Commons is a community garden organized by

Bethesda Methodist, and it is used to serve the community of Haw Creek. Here our students learn the basics of gardening as well as why community gardens exist.

We are excited to announce two new sites this year: Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM): Veterans Restoration Quarters and Eliada. Veterans are one of the most underserved populations in our country, and ABCCM seeks to create a principle-based environment and comprehensive residential program that addresses every area of restoration in the life of homeless veterans. Our youth

will have the opportunity to serve this group of people in their East Asheville shelter. Eliada serves the other end of the spectrum. Eliada's mission is to help children succeed in a variety of ways. By partnering with families, they meet basic needs and provide positive child and youth development programming for all ages. Our youth will be working alongside Eliada to complete numerous projects. Registration for our 2020 Middle School Mission Blitz is now open. We hope your Middle School-aged youth(s) will join us. Register on First Baptist Greenville's website today!

—Will Raybon





# World Within Weekend

January 25 and 26

“One hand for the ship, one hand for the sailor,” is a wise adage born of hard experience. Still, self-care is usually the first thing to go overboard as we race around trying to manage our lives.

Let’s right the ship! Join us for our congregation-wide World Within Weekend: an immersion in caring for ourselves (the world within us) *and* caring well for others (the world within the church). On Saturday, January 25, there will be five great two-hour seminars from which to choose followed by lunch together—all of it included in the \$10 registration fee. Childcare will be provided.

Which of these critical areas calls to you?

1) **Marriage Enrichment** with marriage therapist Andy Johnson, who will help us keep our primary relationships healthy.

2) **Mind and Body Care** with Dr. Min-Ken Liao and Dr. Susan D’Amato, who will lead us in no-stress chair yoga, mindfulness practices, and contemplative prayer. Take a deep breath, stretch out the stress, and listen for a word from God.

3) **Addiction Recovery** with specialist Hubert Yarborough from FAVOR for both addicts and those who love them. Each of us is touched by addiction.

4) **Tend to Your Grief** with Rev. Kendra Plating. It’s said that pain that is not transformed will be transferred. Give your grief the attention it deserves.

5) **End-of-life Preparation** with attorney Duke McCall and Kyle Matthews, to tend to the legal, the practical, and the spiritual aspects. Do this now for the people you love!

**Register here:** <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/world-within-weekend/>

On Saturday night of that weekend, we are hosting a Caregiver Respite Dinner for those members of the church who can’t always get to church because they are caregiving for others. It’s our way of saying: “*We see you, we love you, and we know you need care, too.*” Please use the registration page to nominate that caregiver you know who needs that kind of care.

On Sunday morning, each of our nine pastoral care ministries will have a representative in the Narthex to answer your questions about getting the care you need or being part of their efforts to care for others. Learn how to take advantage of the mutual benefits of pastoral care!

—Kyle

## Munchkin Basketball Signups

The 2020 FBG Munchkin Basketball registration has officially started! This league is for children currently in K4 and K5 who are interested in learning the game of basketball and making friends.

- This is a very laid back league teaching kids the basic fundamentals of basketball for beginners. No score is kept, and the games are played on 7-foot goals.
- The \$40 registration fee (to be paid on the first day of play, February 9) will include a basketball, jersey, trophy and pizza party at the end of season.

- Practices/Games are 3:30-4:30pm in the FBG Practice Gym on Sundays, February 9, 16 and 23, and March 1. The last game will be Sunday, March 9, with pizza party to follow.
- We are in need of coaches. Coaches have to be First Baptist members AND approved to volunteer with children (Protecting Our Children screening required).

If you are interested in registering your child to play, please contact Nikki Cline at [nikkimac@charter.net](mailto:nikkimac@charter.net)

—Matt

## For Your Calendar!

- 1/13 11:00am Roadrunners to Lunch at Hwy 55 in Taylors
- 1/15 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
- 1/19 10:30am Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Baptism  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 1/20 AYMC and Church Offices Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/22 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
- 1/23 7:00pm Foster Care/Guardian ad Litem Informational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 1/24-25 Youth Winter Retreat
- 1/25-26 Pastoral Care Ministry: World Within Weekend
- 1/26 10:30am Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Communion  
Kyle Matthews, Proclaimer
- 1/26 11:30am-2:45pm Children's Ministry Event: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at SC Children's Theater
- 1/26 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal
- 1/29 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
- 2/2 9:30am Protecting Our Children

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 12/31/2019  
\$2,700,000

Receipts as of 12/31/2019  
\$2,787,853

Lula Whilden World Missions  
Offering 2019 Goal: \$125,000

Receipts as of 12/31  
\$119,267

### Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

January 13-16  
Matt Rollins  
346-0971 (m)

January 17-26  
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."

## 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 are open 4:45-6:00pm.

### January 15

**Adult:** Veggie Lasagna, Meat Lasagna, Zucchini Noodles with Marinara, Salad, Italian Green Beans, French Bread, Dessert

**Child:** Mini Pizza, Buttered Noodles, Fruit, Cookies

### January 22

**Adult:** Chicken Divan, Rice, Steamed Vegetables, Salad, Bread

**Child:** Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, 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

### Care List as of 1/13/2020

#### Hospitals

**St. Francis—Downtown:** Rosalind Tedards

**St. Francis—Eastside:** Krista Good

**Prisma Greenville Memorial:** Newt Stall

**Spartanburg Regional:** Elaine Sarratt

**Prisma Patewood:** Verna Ballenger

#### Rehab

**Roger C Peace:** Wylina Holder

**Rolling Green Rehab:** Pat Stephens

#### Recently Discharged

Jim Childress, Krista Good, Mary Ruth Lacy, Shirley Roberts, Mrs. Jessie Godshall, Bill Rogers

#### Sympathy

...to Jim (Kathy) Stewart and family in the death of his aunt.

...to Betty Smoak and family in the death of her mother.

...to Chris Stone and family in the death of his mother.

#### Introducing...

A.Y. Brown, 124 Grey Widgean Trail, Marietta, SC 29661, joined FBG on December 21, 2019, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination.

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### Need a Ride to the Doctor's Office?

The Medical Appointment Transportation Committee, a part the Congregational Care Team, 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.



Save the Date—March 7, 2020

It is one great day of ministry by the church to its neighbors in need!

The Susie Lee Bagwell Circle will meet at 10:00am on Tuesday, January 21, at the home of Dorothea Thomasson, 430 Log Shoals Road, Greenville.

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30am in the Cypress Room of the AYMC. New members are always welcome.