

WORSHIP

Sunday,
January 26, 2020

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Communion

Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-9a; Mark
6:30-46

Sermon: The World Within

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "You Do Not Walk Alone" –
HAGENBERG

Soloist: Soloists: Tim Varner, Abby
Magoola

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in memory of Dr. Craig M. Nielson in celebration of his birthday and in honor of Preschool Worship Leader Dr. Helen Lee Turner by Peggy Nielson.

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. Upcoming open dates are February 2 and 23.

From the Organist

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



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Over the last two years, First Baptist Greenville has intentionally heightened her presence outside our walls. People have faithfully given of their time, talents and resources to make a difference in the world...so we've gone into the world. Our presence has been felt in South Africa, on a Habitat for Humanity build, in the Middle East, in Cuba, in Northern California, in Puerto Rico, in rural Alabama, and in the many nooks and crannies of our county where mission teams and Inasmuch Day volunteers serve. Our monetary gifts have literally traveled the globe in support of mission endeavors through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the South Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Alliance of Baptists. We have attempted to be good stewards of the gifts given to us and strived to take seriously the command of Jesus to "Go into all the world..."

This weekend, we are going to stay at home. Our Pastoral Care Ministers have planned a *World Within Weekend* for us. It is a time to primarily 'receive' ministry as church members and to learn about ministries extended to the congregation. After all, if we do not take care of ourselves, we will

not have the strength to care for the world. This Saturday, January 25, from 10:00am-12:00noon, you may attend a seminar in marriage enrichment, addiction recovery, grief support, end-of-life planning or mind and body care. These seminars are followed by a luncheon, and the total cost is \$10. Saturday evening, a Caregiver Respite Dinner will be served. If you are a 'caregiver' for a family member or friend and you need a little care yourself, come be pampered by some marvelous chefs and some caring fellow church members. This dinner is free. You can register for all of these activities on the church website at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/world-within-weekend/>. Then, on Sunday, January 26, Pastoral Care Ministers and Ministries will lead us in worship, as well as provide information booths in the welcome area to help us understand how to give and receive care within the walls of this church.

As a church, we do a lot of going and doing. I hope you'll 'come home' this weekend and simply receive the care of your church.

—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



Save the Date— March 7, 2020

Happy New Year Everyone! Can you believe that we are approaching First Baptist's 15th year of Inasmuch Day? As you make your 2020 plans, we hope that you will save the date for Inasmuch Day on Saturday, March 7. We need your help to make Inasmuch Day a success! For those who are new to this traditional day of service in our community, we hope we can help with some of your questions.

Why is it called Inasmuch Day?

The name "Inasmuch" comes from Matthew 25:40 where Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me."

Why are we doing this? We are called to serve our neighbors and

our community. We are called to support those who are in need. As a church we use Inasmuch Day as one of the ways in which we worship through service. It's an all hands on deck day of giving back. It is also a great way to learn about organizations in our community and build relationships within the church family.

So what kind of jobs are we doing? Anything and Everything! There are opportunities for everyone regardless of skill level or ability. Some will be working on home repair projects, some will be pampering members of our community who don't always feel special, some will be folding clothes and assembling care packages for babies in need, and some can help with the huge yard sale! Everyone can make an impact.

Do you have to be a member? Absolutely not! It's a great opportunity to get involved and out of your comfort zone and

connect with people you might not otherwise cross paths. We welcome anyone who is willing to help out.

How do I sign up? Registration will open in February, so keep an eye out for the registration link. We will also have opportunities to sign up in-person on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Save the Date for March 7, 2020!

How do I become more involved? We have slots available for project leaders. There are other opportunities throughout the year to help planning Inasmuch Day. If you are interested in the planning of Inasmuch Day or would be willing to lead a project, contact us for more information.

Who can tell me more? If you have further questions, you can contact us (fbginasmuch@gmail.com) or any staff member for more information.

—Nina and Ben Hallissy,
Inasmuch Day Chairs

College Ministry Updates

It has been a busy season for FBG's College Ministry. By the time Christmas break arrives, most college students feel as if they have completed a marathon. Is there a better way to reward their hard work and to celebrate their arrival than with food? We met at Grill Marks near the beginning of their break for an afternoon of food and catching up. It is incredibly meaningful to watch old friends reunite after months apart and to hear all about the new adventures our younger students have begun, and that was just the beginning! A few days later, a large crowd of students gathered at the Girvin residence for our annual college Christmas party. Here, students were treated to food and fellowship and were able to spend hours recounting their semesters and trade stories about life. A lot happens over a semester, and our students can debrief and rediscover that they still have a family at First Baptist who cares about them very deeply.

During this time, The Bridge Class also began. This class is a combination of our college students and young adults here at First Baptist. The Bridge Class began with a lot of energy as college students gathered alongside young adults in their own unique space. This class will continue throughout the year and our college students are always welcome whenever they return home. Finally, our holiday events concluded with our annual Pasta & Fellowship. All our students came together to eat one last meal before saying their goodbyes and returning to their studies. While these events are happening, it feels like they span over months, but in reality, they come and go in a matter of weeks. As they depart, our church is left again reminded of how incredible each of our students is and all that they bring to First Baptist.

—Will Raybon

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

—Matt



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

For Your Calendar!

- 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
 11:30am-2:45pm Children's Ministry Event: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* at SC Children's Theater
 11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ and Friends Support Group
 1/29 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
 2/2 9:30am Protecting Our Children (A302)
 2/2 10:30am Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 Foundation Sunday
 Souper Bowl of Caring
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer
 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal

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 22

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

Child: Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Fruit, Cookies

January 29

Adult: Beef Tips & Rice, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Pineapple Casserole, Layered Salad, Yeast Rolls, Dessert

Child: Mac and Cheese, Veggies and Dip, 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 1/21/2020

Hospitals

St. Francis – Downtown: Rosalind Tedards, Newt Stall

Prisma Greenville Memorial: Sharon Lewis

Rehab

Roger C Peace: Wylene Holder

Recently Discharged

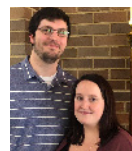
Cindy Craig, Verna Ballinger, Elaine Sarratt

Sympathy

...to Randy Childers and family in the death of his aunt.

...to Brian Tollison and family in the death of his step-father.

Introducing...



Gracie Coates, 202 Farlow Court, Anderson 29621, joined FBG privately by transfer of letter from another Baptist Church. Gracie is employed with AnMed Health.

She and her husband, Jordan, have a three-month-old daughter, Cece.

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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 1/25

\$155,769

Receipts as of 1/21

\$165,174

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

January 17-26

Jim Dant

478-737-7298 (m)

January 27-February 2

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."

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 or 630-2894.



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