

WORSHIP

Sunday,
February 2, 2020

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Foundation Sunday

Souper Bowl of Caring

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8;
Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: Contrarian Thinking

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "Offertory" – BECK

Soloist: Priscilla Harris

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 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

I'm glad our exterior church signs are monumental and not electronic—or worse—marquis-styled letter signs. Monumental signs do not have to be changed each week. The Senior Minister—nor anyone else on the church staff—has to conjure a quippy quote to publicly post each week. It has been my observation that church signs typically push creativity to the limits. Creativity usually, over time, gives way to cheesiness. The worst end up as a Facebook meme...or embedded in the hippocampus of my brain. A couple of months ago—just weeks before Christmas—I was traveling north and passed a small, white-frame church with a marquis-styled sign. The pre-Christmas message? *Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving: A Female Cat*. It wasn't what I expected to see on a church sign. I'm still searching for the theological significance, but I must say, it was memorable. Of the many church signs I've passed, read and forgotten, I remembered this one.

Give the gift that keeps on giving. If we had a message sign, I might complete the phrase differently. *Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving: The*

Foundation of First Baptist Greenville. Years ago, some generous and visionary individuals established what we now know as The Foundation. The Foundation is managed by trustees elected from the membership of our church. Earnings from the corpus of The Foundation accounts have funded multiple mission endeavors, property improvements/repairs, and leadership training opportunities. Recently, a new fund was established through the Foundation—the Tithe Fund. Individuals were requesting the ability to make a donation to The Foundation that would perpetually pay their tithe to the church's budget after their death. While no prior funds held by the Foundation supplement the church's budget, monies specifically designated to the Tithe Fund will aid in the day-to-day mission and ministry of the church.

If you want to give a gift that keeps on giving, I'd get some information about The Foundation of First Baptist Greenville during Foundation Sunday, February 2... and in the words of a retired gameshow host, remember to have your pets spayed or neutered.

—Jim

Reminders

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

Inasmuch Day
March 7, 2020

Foundation Sunday

FEBRUARY 2

As we look toward Foundation Sunday on February 2, we joyfully anticipate a day of celebration of lives touched by the generosity of Foundation donors. During worship, we will share gratitude for the blessing of partnership with ministry organizations near and far, seminary students, choral scholars and other beneficiaries of Foundation funds this year.

Among the ministry areas and committees benefiting from Foundation funds is the Missions and Affiliations Committee. The Missions and Affiliations Committee receives funding requests from mission partners by October 1 each year, makes funding decisions by December 1, and distributes funds by December 31 to be used for ministry in the following calendar year. Below is a list of the fifteen mission partners receiving funding in 2019 for use in 2020. Funds given were provided from the

Foundation for a total of \$75,000. To request an application for this year's distribution or receive more information, contact me at laura.stout@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

- Baptist Church of the Way (Guanajay, Cuba)
- Jasmine Road
- Loaves & Fishes
- Mere Christianity Forum
- Momentum Bike Clubs
- Pendleton Place
- Sustaining Way/Annie's House
- United Ministries
- Mental Health America of Greenville
- West Greenville School
- YouthBASE
- 19th Avenue Baptist Church (San Francisco)
- Pride Link
- Crossing Over (South Africa)
- Amani Sasa (Uganda)

—Laura

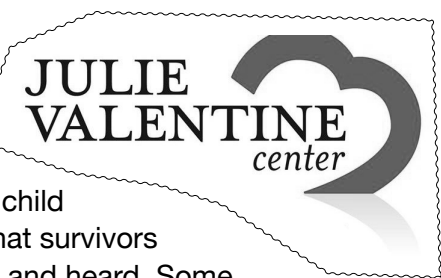


Youth on Mission

The Youth Family's series of mission emphases began in the fall with a partnership between the Youth Ministry and Safe Harbor. Our youth were educated by a Safe Harbor representative before helping to collect requested supplies. Finally, we joined several Safe Harbor clients for a Christmas party. Now that a new year is here, we are beginning a new partnership with the Julie Valentine Center (JVC). The Julie Valentine Center is a private, non-profit organization that provides free, confidential services to victims of sexual assault and child abuse. They are one of 14 rape crisis centers in South Carolina. They also educate the community on how to identify, respond to, and prevent sexual violence and child abuse. Their mission statement and philosophy provide the

framework for all of our services. JVC advocates for and supports survivors of sexual assault and child abuse. They ensure that survivors are respected, valued and heard. Some of their core values include trust, compassion, empowerment, accountability and inclusion. Over the next month, we will partner with the Julie Valentine Center to learn about the work they are doing as well as help meet the needs of their organization by organizing another collection. Stay tuned for more details as we begin this partnership.

—Will Raybon



Souper Bowl of Caring

FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2



For more than 25 years, young groups have made a united effort to use the energy of the Super Bowl® to collect dollars to help care for people and communities.

Immediately following

worship on Sunday, February 2, members of our Youth Family will be at Sanctuary exits collecting monetary donations in soup pots. This year, 100% of

the money collected will go towards youth missions. This March, our middle school youth will travel to Asheville, NC, to serve alongside local nonprofits. Our high school youth will travel to Wilmington, NC, in June to serve alongside a local service organization called Port City Project. While on mission, they will both learn and serve in a variety of ways. Every gift received is used to help our youth be able to go and serve on these missions. Thank you for your continued support.

—Will Raybon

YOUTH

Happy Birthday!

Please remember these members of our congregation celebrating birthdays in February who are not always able to be with us in worship:

February 5
Nancy Sanders
Waterstone on Augusta
Room #3210
1004 Augusta Street
Greenville, SC 29605

February 19
Anne Lindsey (97)
Shepherd's Care
Room #107
2100 N. Pleasantburg Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

February 25
Shirley Roberts
Foothills Presbyterian Community
Room #205
205 Bud Nalley Drive
Easley, SC 29642

February 10
Annie Mae Clark
731 Parkins Mill Road
Greenville, SC 29607

February 22
Martha Johns
Woodlands at Furman
1343 Trailhead Court
Greenville, SC 29617

First Friday Lunch and More

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 10:30AM

The morning includes a time of fellowship with games, a book review, and an entertaining program of music presented by soloist Tony Viskus. The program will be followed by a delicious lunch. Reservations are required for lunch.

Contact Shanda LaForge at shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 111 for more information or to make reservations for any First Friday Lunch and More or Holy Rollers or Roadrunners trips.

Holy Rollers

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Stone Mountain Park
Depart Enoree Baptist: 7:30am
Return: 5:00pm

Roadrunners

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

John Denver Tribute Concert
Greenville Theatre
Depart FBG: 2:15pm
Show: 3:00pm
Cost: \$41 for bus and show

SENIOR ADULTS

For Your Calendar!

- 1/29 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
 2/2 9:30am Protecting Our Children (A-311)
 2/2 10:30am Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 Foundation Sunday
 Souper Bowl of Caring
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer
 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 6:00pm-end of halftime Youth Big Game Party (AYMC)
- 2/5 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
 2/7-9 College Winter Retreat
 2/7 10:30am First Friday Lunch and More: Tony Vinskus, Soloist (Fellowship Hall)
 5:30-8:00pm Children's Ministry Event: Fifth Grade Night
- 2/8 2:00 and 7:00pm Greenville Symphony Orchestra Spotlight Series: Past & Present – ticketed event (Fellowship Hall)
- 2/9 10:30am Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer
 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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 29

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

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

February 5

Adult: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Spinach Salad, Butter Biscuits, Dessert

Child: Chicken Fingers, Tater Tots, 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


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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 27-February 2

Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

February 3-9
Frank Smith
268-3890 (h)

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 1/27/2020

Hospitals

St. Francis – Downtown: Rosalind Tedards, Newt Stall, Rock Stone

Rehab

Roger C Peace: Wylene Holder

Recently Discharged

Sharon Lewis, Pat Stephens

Introducing...



Nancy and Pete Schlepfforst, 233 Sassafras Drive, Easley 29642, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, January 19, by previous profession of faith and

baptism from another denomination. Pete is employed with Apex Consulting, and Nancy has retired.

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.



Save the Date—March 7, 2020

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