

## WORSHIP

Sunday,  
February 9, 2020

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Isaiah 58:9-12;  
Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon: Building a Holy Fire

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir and  
Bell Tower Ringers

Anthem: "Let There Be Light" –  
*MARTIN*

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given by Margaret Ulmer in memory of her parents, Helen and Frank Ulmer, to honor them on their birthdays.

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 February 23 and March 1.

### From the Organist

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



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

I'd like to introduce you to John. You will never meet someone who loves Jesus more or the church more. He is a gifted writer who has allowed his pen to explore multiple genres: biography, didactic letters and even fantasy literature. He's a little more verbose than some of his counterparts, but he's also a bit more creative. His lengthy expositions are often filled with unique images, insightful chronologies and touching tones. To be honest, it took me a while to like John. He was never my favorite writer, but in recent years, I have come to appreciate his creative bend. I think you will like John. You are probably already familiar with the succinct and action-packed work of Mark. We spend a lot of time with the typically Jewish stylings of Matthew, and who doesn't love the all-inclusive, graceful prose of Luke. Matthew, Mark and Luke all proclaim good news to different segments of a searching world, but John...John speaks directly to the church and to the church's heart.

I enjoy MidWeek Fellowship on Wednesday evenings. I enjoy sharing a meal with a table of friends each week. After and before dining, I delight

in walking from table to table and greeting those who have gathered. I enjoy watching the children clump together at tables, run across the room and exit to be educated in music and missions. I am always appreciative of the familiar songs we sing. I hold sacred the time we spend praying for each other and struggling friends we hold dear. I have enjoyed listening to and learning from Kyle Matthews in recent weeks as he explored the need for 'wisdom' in our world. I just love Wednesday MidWeek Fellowship. I love teaching on Wednesday evenings.

On Wednesday evening, February 12, we will begin an exploration of some of the beautiful movements and moments in the Gospel of John. We will specifically look at this gospel's particular significance to the established church – ours and that of the second century. It is a book that will surprise us, challenge us, reassure us and summon us. I'd like to introduce you to John. I hope you will join me and your church family as we gather for this MidWeek Fellowship series.

—Jim

## Reminders

*Gay Chorus Deep South*  
February 15, 10:00am  
Fellowship Hall  
Doors Open at 9:30am

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

*Inasmuch Day*  
March 7, 2020  
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/inasmuchday2020/>

## Focus on Missions: Hospice

We recently had to “put down” a pet, a very loving and loyal dog who was almost 15 years old that had been a part of our family for 13 years. This dog, Beau, had been with Chris and me from almost the beginning of our relationship. Before we were even engaged, we adopted and cared for Beau together. There was so much gray in deciding how to care for him in the last year of his life and much angst in deciding when the end needed to be since he couldn’t tell us how he was feeling. However, once we made the decision to say goodbye, the care he received was beautiful. They brought us a blanket to spread on the floor of the exam room in the vet’s office—one big enough for not only Beau but for Chris and me to cuddle up beside him. They brought Beau chocolate to have as his last treats (because why not!), and he enjoyed every bite. They explained each step before it happened so that we could be as prepared as possible, having the time we needed to say goodbye, so with tears flowing, words of comfort, cuddles and pets, we saw him over into dog heaven with the utmost dignity. This is also the care that every human deserves at their time of death and in the days, weeks, or months leading up to it—a time to say, “Enough is enough; I am ready to meet the God who made me,” and to have quality time with loved ones. This is the goal of hospice: that every person would have a team of support to make their last days on earth focused on the things that truly matter—the comfort of family and friends, the comfort of their own personal space, the comfort of body, and the comfort of soul. Please take a look at the following list of items you can donate and consider volunteering your time and gifts to the hospice of your choice. The perspective you gain will be well worth the investment.

—Kendra

As we look forward to our annual Inasmuch Day on March 7, we are excited to again partner with Open Arms Hospice and the McCall Hospice House for one of our projects. A team of volunteers will gather at the Hospice House on Inasmuch Day to assemble care bags for in-home and hospice house patients. To help prepare, we are collecting the following items (new or unused) through the month of February. Please place these items in the purple collection bins located throughout the church building. Thank you for your support!

—Laura

- Body Wash (travel size)
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Skid-Proof Socks
- Deodorant
- Lotion (travel size)
- Mouthwash (travel size)
- Brushes/Combs
- Crossword Puzzles/Word Search Games
- Pens
- Small Notepads for Journaling
- Individually-Wrapped Hard Candy
- Individually-Wrapped Snacks: Crackers, • Cookies, Chips, Snack Cakes
- Fleece or Crocheted Blankets

## Inasmuch Day—Register Now!

Join us Saturday, March 7, 2020, for First Baptist’s 15th(!) Inasmuch Day. #fbginasmuch2020

**Registration is now open at <https://tinyurl.com/fbgiamreg>. The first 50 people to register get a free FBG t-shirt!**

Inasmuch Day is an “all hands on deck” day of giving back to our community. It is also a great way to learn about organizations in our community and build relationships within the church family. You don’t have to be a member to participate, and all are welcome!

There are opportunities for everyone regardless of skill level or ability: working on home repair projects, landscaping, pampering members of our community who don’t always feel special, assembling care packages, and helping with the huge yard sale among others!

After your morning of service, come celebrate at the church with lunch catered by Project Host, TCBY frozen yogurt, and live music from our very own Cappuccino Funk! (Lunch is

free thanks to a generous gift! Donations going directly to Project Host will be accepted.)

The Blood Connection mobile blood drive bus will be at the church taking donations during the lunch celebration.

Let’s show the community how much First Baptist cares!

Contact [fbginasmuch@gmail.com](mailto:fbginasmuch@gmail.com) with any questions.

—Ben and Nina Hallissy,  
Inasmuch Day Co-Chairs

## YOUTH & PARENT SEXUALITY SERIES



6TH-12TH GRADES &  
PARENTS OF RISING 5TH-12TH GRADES

FBG's Youth Ministry has a special "sexuality series" that occurs every three years. In today's youth culture, sex is a topic that is crucially important to teens as they are at the ages when it can become an issue—both positive and negative. In addition to the bodily changes and conflicting emotions that come with puberty, there are ever-evolving challenges that continue to grow with every generation: the internet, social media, body shaming, verbal and physical bullying, and increasing awareness of and being advocates for the LGBTQ+ community. While these topics come up throughout the year, the three-year rotation, in theory, allows youth to have intentional, safe and open discussions at least twice during their time in our Youth Family.

Our sessions this year will include: healthy relationships, self-defense, LGBTQ+ education, drugs & alcohol safety, and social media & cell phone safety. We are excited to have Dr. Melisa Holmes, co-founder of Girlology and mom of three, back with us for another round of her fabulous development, body image and sex talk. Our Sexuality Series will take place during our regular Sunday Night Live on six Sunday nights in February and March. On these nights, our schedule will be extended by 30 minutes (5:00-7:30pm) to allow time for topics to be fully discussed and to not rush questions being answered at the close of each session.

In addition, we will provide a Parent Sex Series that will run simultaneously with our youth

sessions. We will offer at least three evenings for youth parents to learn and have important conversations about raising teenagers. Topics will include: Parenting best practices potluck dinner party, preventing sexual abuse/violence, social media & cell phone safety and LGBTQ+ education. Please mark February 23, March 1, and March 8 on your calendars.

Contact Will or me with any questions or concerns you have about our upcoming sexuality series. Sessions will often be divided by age group to allow age appropriate questions and conversations. This also helps our teenagers feel more comfortable speaking up in a group.

—Mary Carol

## AYMC Pulse

New year, new you! The AYMC has everything you need for all of your get fit, get healthy resolutions and all at an unbelievably low price.

We have a walking track that overlooks our state of the art basketball courts and the Swamp Rabbit Trail, and it also has plenty of weights, exercise balls, TRX bands, resistance bands and other equipment for your use. Our fitness room has treadmills, ellipticals, recumbent bikes and a full circuit of resistant weight machines. Classes include three senior exercise, six yoga, one pilates, three evening group fitness and two morning group fitness for ladies over fifty, plus five personal trainers (extra fee). After working out, enjoy locker rooms, fully furnished with showers and fresh towels.

Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:00am until 8:00pm, Wednesday 6:00am until 6:00pm, Friday 6:00am until 2:00pm, Saturday 8:00am until 12:00noon and Sunday 1:00pm until 5:00pm.

Congregation rates (Day School and Einstein teachers included):

General—walking track and basketball courts: free  
Unlimited Individual—general plus fitness room and classes: \$10 per month

Unlimited Senior/Student—general plus fitness room and classes: \$6 per month

Unlimited Household—general plus fitness room and classes: \$15 per month

We also have the best deal of all. If you are a church member and volunteer at the welcome desk for a two hour shift each week, you receive an unlimited membership free as our thank you.

I would love to talk to you about any or all of the above and give you a tour of the facilities. Please contact me if you'd like to learn more.

—Mittie

## For Your Calendar!

- 2/5 *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
MidWeek Fellowship: Carson and Laura Foushee, CBF missionaries
- 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 (Sky Zone and Pizza)
- 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)  
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth: Sex Series 1 (AYMC)
- 2/11 7:30am-5:00pm Holy Rollers to Stone Mountain Park
- 2/12 *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
MidWeek Fellowship: Jim Dant presents the Gospel of John
- 2/15 10:00am FBG Presents *Gay Chorus Deep South* (Fellowship Hall) Doors Open at 9:30am

### LIVING GENEROUSLY Financial Needs as of 2/1

\$207,692

### Receipts as of 1/27

\$202,429

### Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

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

February 10-16  
Matt Rollins  
346-0971 (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.

### 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

### February 12

**Adult:** Sliced Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes & Zucchini Bake, Butter Basil Carrots, Spinach Salad, Dessert

**Child:** Fish Sticks, Buttered Corn, Sweet Potato Fries, 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  
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Care List as of 2/3/2020

### Hospitals

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

**Emory University Hospital of Atlanta:** Lara Mayers

### Rehab

**Roger C Peace:** Wylene Holder

**St. Francis – Downtown:** Newt Stall

**Cottages at Brushy Creek in Greer:** Sharon Lewis

### Recently Discharged

Sandra Corder

### Sympathy

...to the family of Rock Stone.

...to Trevor Barton and family in the death of his mother.



### Save the Date – March 7, 2020

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

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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.



Date: Saturday, Feb 29, 2020

Time: 10:00 - 11:30am

Location: First Baptist Church of Greenville

During a time in which violence and hatred dictate the media, the Atlantic Institute would like to invite you to witness the importance of sharing love and dialogue with people who have different and contrasting beliefs and traditions. As a non-profit organization that works to bridge different and contrasting cultures around the world and develop understanding and dialogue in order to facilitate global peace, the Atlantic Institute is currently promoting a screening of the revered film **Love is a Verb**. This documentary was directed and produced by American artist Ms. Terry Spencer Hesser and the message in this film is clear - love is shared through action.

The man who inspired this film:  
**Mr. Fethullah Gulen**