

WORSHIP

Sunday,
March 8, 2020

10:30am in the Sanctuary
Second Sunday in Lent

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: John 3:1-17; Psalm 51

Sermon: The Dark Side of Doctrine

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "God So Loved the World"
—CHILCOTT

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday are given by the Seminar-Corder Class in memory of their deceased members.

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 May 24 and 31.

From the Organist

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

TIME CHANGE

Spring Forward Saturday Night
before Going to Bed



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

There is always something to do in Greenville. This is one of the reasons I—and so many others—love this city. Pressed into the parameters of this great city and county are countless opportunities to enjoy the arts, sports, intellectual pursuits, dining and the great outdoors. I have frequented every downtown theater and concert venue. I've walked, run and biked the infamous Swamp Rabbit Trail, as well as a few lesser traversed side roads. I've watched baseball, hockey, soccer, basketball—and even participated in a few games of bowling. I've eaten in more than my fair share of restaurants and attended some wonderful classes and events at our local technical institute, universities, yoga studios and libraries. There is always something to do in Greenville.

There is always a place to serve in Greenville. My first paragraph alone might label us as a self-indulgent lot. We are far from it. I know us to be as caring a community as we are active. In addition to the self-enrichment I've enjoyed in Greenville, I've also found numerous avenues of serving and enriching the lives of others. I've

enjoyed picking up trash along the Reedy River and my neighborhood street. I've volunteered at food service kitchens, Period Packing Parties, and of course, Habitat for Humanity builds. Most of my volunteer work has occurred during the season of Lent (a personal tradition) and on Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (a national tradition). Our church has a tradition as well—Inasmuch Day. It is the one day each year that we corporately move into the nooks and crannies of our community and give ourselves in service. Our tasks and places of service are varied: yard work, painting, construction, cleaning, organizing, gifting and more. There is a project provided for every ability level. This year, we will celebrate and serve on Saturday morning, March 7. Please visit the church website and register for your place of service and the luncheon to follow.

Greenville has much to offer us. We have much to offer Greenville. Let's be generous with our time, energy and love on Inasmuch Day.

—Jim

Reminders

Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale
March 13-14
Make Donations by March 11

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: YouthBASE

For our March Monthly Missions, we will be collecting after-school snacks for YouthBASE. YouthBASE is one of our 2020 Inasmuch Day partner organizations as well as a beneficiary of Foundation funds. YouthBase “equips children in K5-2nd grades and their families to build the child’s behavioral, academic, social and emotional competencies, so they may succeed at school, home, and in

the community.” Two locations serve the following schools:

- AJ Whittenburg
- Stone Academy
- Hollis Elementary
- Welcome Elementary

Some examples of donations are:

- Breakfast bars
- Crackers
- Pirate’s Booty
- Pretzels
- Applesauce (cups or pouches)

Please place items in purple containers around the church.

Your donations help kids’ nutrition and keep their energy focused through the afternoon, making the most of their experience at YouthBASE! Thank you!

—Anna Woodham,
Missions Committee

Learn more:
youthbase.org/who-we-are

Parent Sexuality Series

MARCH 8, 5:00 PM-7:30 PM: LGBTQ+ CONVERSATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

You have been asking for it, and we have exciting news to announce! We are providing a Parent Sex Series that runs simultaneously with our youth sessions. The first of two sessions was held March 1. We are offering another evening for our youth parents to learn and have important conversations about raising teenagers on Sunday, March 8.

We are a non-discriminatory congregation and Youth Family. Our challenge ahead is to guard ourselves from falling into a pattern of complacency. These conversations will push us towards having an attitude of intentionality while living in community and learning how to nurture an environment of support. The youth family is made stronger when we all seek to be there for one another. Having this support offers a space for LGBTQ+ youth to feel safe and loved by their peers as we each come to identify with who God has created us to be in this world.

These LGBTQ+ Conversations will include a panel of pastors, LGBTQ+ community members, parents and allies who will lead us through conversations about sexual orientation, gender identity, and the relationship of these issues to God’s love and justice as a healthy practice in religious environments, particularly in adolescent and teenage groups.

Kelly Premo will be our guest social media and internet safety specialist. Kelly serves at the Julie

Valentine Center in the role of Education Specialist. Julie Valentine Center’s Sexting and Cyber Safety program was created in response to the growing concerns about students’ online behavior and access to inappropriate content and people. Studies show that cyber-bullying and sexual harassment can be both a cause and effect of sexting.

This program was designed to reflect current culture, concerns, technology, laws and consequences of these actions. This program will cover topics related to online predators, information sharing, sexting, and cyber-bullying. Information will be provided so that students can make safe choices about their online activity, as well as foster a community of support.

Parents will alternate with the youth on March 8 for our LGBTQ+ Conversations and Social Media / Internet Safety sessions.

Youth Sexuality and LGBTQ+ Resource Library

There are a variety of books and resources on all of our youth sexuality topics in front of Mary Carol’s office. These are available to be checked out by anyone who would like to learn more on a particular subject.

—Mary Carol Anderson and Will Raybon



On February 14, for the eighth year, the AYMC gym had the honor of being one of three gyms (FBG, St. Matthews UMC and Caine Halter YMCA) used for the Special Olympics Greenville Basketball Invitational Competition. Our gym had more than 200 people playing, supporting and cheering on the teams. After everyone played, regardless of which gym, they came to FBG's Fellowship Hall for lunch given by Chick-fil-A. It was a fun filled day enjoyed by lots of people from around Greenville and the state.

This tournament is organized and hosted by Greenville County Recreation. In my opinion, their website sums it up best: "Sports are universal, connecting individuals regardless of their race, background, nationality, or intellectual ability. The Special Olympics embodies this

universality, demonstrating that human greatness is defined by much more than the limitations of the body. It gives families and communities a chance to come together; provides athletes with the opportunity to feel pride and courage for their accomplishments; and creates an environment where people can change their attitudes about people with intellectual disabilities."

Here's to many more years of continuing this wonderful partnership!

—Mittie

2019-20 Church Basketball Season Recap

First Baptist was represented this season in what I call the "Downtown Church League" by twelve youth and children's basketball teams. The actual name of the league is Greenville's Church League Basketball for Youth, or CLBYY, and they organized recreational basketball for 262 teams from 21 churches, ranging in age from K5 to adults.

Church basketball is traditionally a proving ground for patience and the spiritual discipline of self-control. I'm speaking about the parents and coaches, of course! The kids are out there having a great time learning the game and developing teamwork and sportsmanship. It is also an excellent opportunity for the players to apply the Christian principles they are learning in

Sunday School and worship to the more intense context of sports.

We had a wonderful season, and although winning is not the primary way to measure the success of a Christian recreation season, I do want to recognize the FBG teams who did win their division championship:

- High School boys, coached by Mike Fuller
- Middle School girls, coached by Carter Hollis and Bill Martin
- 5th Grade boys, coached by Brooks Israel and Justin Blum (regular season champions)

A big thank you to all of the players and coaches who represented First Baptist well this season!

- 2nd/3rd grade girls, coached by Jason Richards and Beau Harling

- 4th/5th grade girls, coached by Chris Powell and Ben Snyder
- 4th/5th grade boys, coached by Carter Hollis
- Middle School boys, coached by Jason Richards and J Austin
- Middle School boys, coached by Terry Krantz
- Middle school girls, coached by Matt Rollins and Ryan Laforge
- High School girls, coached by Molly and Jeff Achille
- High School girls, coached by Jack Dennis
- High School boys, coached by J Austin

Thank you, as well, to the Basketball Committee: chair Nikki Cline, Carter Hollis, Beau Harling, J Austin and Mike Fuller.

—Matt

For Your Calendar!

- 3/4 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
MidWeek Fellowship: Jim Dant presents the Gospel of John
- 3/5 **Noon** Roadrunners to Lunch at Bill & Fran's Restaurant and The Lettermen Concert at Newberry Opera House
- 3/6 **10:30am** First Friday Lunch and More: Mary Beth Culbertson (Fellowship Hall)
4:00-6:00pm Children's Ministry Event: Bowling and Pizza at Spare Time
- 3/7 Inasmuch Day
- 3/8 **10:30am** Second Sunday in Lent
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11:30am Lunch for Visitors (Fellowship Hall)
4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth: Sex Series 5—Social Media and LGBTQ+ Panel—Youth and Parents Alternate (AYMC)
- 3/10 **10:00am-3:00pm** Holy Rollers to Dillard House in Helen, GA
- 3/11 *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 are open 4:45-6:00pm.

March 4

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

Child: Mini Pizza, Buttered Noodles, Fruit, Cookies

March 11

Adult: Chicken Divan, Rice, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Pineapple Casserole, Layered Salad, Yeast Rolls, Dessert

Child: Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Fruit, Cookies

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

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| 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 2/29

\$363,461

Receipts as of 2/24

\$365,217

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

March 2-8

Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

March 9-15
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."

Care List

as of 3/2/2020

Hospitals

As of 10:00am on 3/2/2020, the Pastoral Care Ministry is unaware of any hospitalized church members.

Rehab

Brookdale Greenville: Rosalind Tedards

Recently Discharged

Gayle Aiesi, Wyline Holder, Terrie Long

Sympathy

...to Beth Holder and family in the death of her uncle.

...to Rebecca Feldman and family in the death of her brother.

Congratulations

...to Bonnie Gerlaugh on the birth of a son, Arlo Emerson Gerlaugh, born February 18, 2020.

Introducing



Elizabeth Jemison and Andrew Malwitz, 24 Ben Street, Greenville, 29601, joined FBG by previous profession of faith and baptism. Andrew is employed with Volpe Systems Center—Federal DOT, and Elizabeth works at Clemson University. They are members of the LINK Class and have a two-year-old son, Walter.



Register Now—March 7, 2020

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

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/inasmuchday2020/>

Need a Ride to the Doctor's Office?

The Medical Appointment Transportation Committee, a part of Ministry to Families, 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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