

WORSHIP

Sunday,
April 19, 2020

10:30am via Livestream, Facebook
Live and Radio

Second Sunday of Easter

Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews

Scripture: The New Normal

Sermon: John 20:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Access Livestream here:

<https://livestream.com/fbcgreenvillesc>

Access Facebook Live here:

[/www.facebook.com/pg/
fbcgreenvillesc/videos/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/fbcgreenvillesc/videos/)

Access Radio (Sunday morning only)
here:

89.3-HD4, 91.9 FM, 92.9 FM

Viral Vespers

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
at 7pm

[https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/viral-
vespers/](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/viral-
vespers/)

MidWeek Fellowship Live

Wednesday, April 15

6:15pm via Livestream and
Facebook Live

Teacher: Jim Dant

John 17: Prayers for the Church

Flower Gifts

The flowers on the Gates to the
Remembrance Garden were given
...in loving memory of Don Bolt by the
Bolt family.

...in loving memory of Dr. William
Mitchell by the Mitchell family.

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Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

What about Saturday nights?

It has been gratifying to see so many people take advantage of the online programming our church has offered over the last several weeks. More than 3,000 people have taken advantage of our Livestream worship each week—obviously members and the community at large. More than 500 people have listened to the music, prayers and Bible study offered during our MidWeek Livestream service. (That's more than double our typical inhouse attendance!) I receive the most emails with regard to our Viral Vespers on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. These have been a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to gain a breath of inspiration and get to know their staff a little better. The most surprising feedback I've received, however, has been 'What about Saturday? Why is there no online church event on Saturday?' Well, ask and you shall receive...sometimes.

Saturday is the traditional Sabbath Day, so to provide you with a relaxed time of inspiration and entertainment

from April 18 to May 31, we will be providing *Saturday Night Facebook Live Concerts*. Go to the church's Facebook page at 7:00pm on these Saturday nights and join the Watch Party. The following musicians—friends of our church—have agreed to provide a short concert (30-45 minutes) from their location for our congregation!

April 18—Ryan Madora and Craig Haller

April 25—Bobby Jo Valentine

May 2—Adam Nitti

May 9—Arkansauce (tentatively scheduled)

May 16—Kyra Zhang

May 23—Pat Terry

May 31—Phil Snyder

Now...you have something to do on Saturday nights!

—Jim

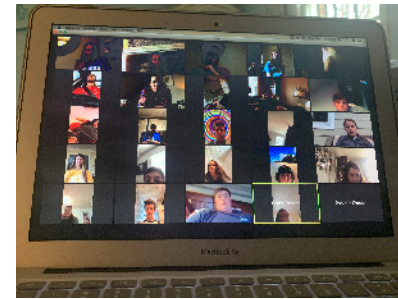
United Ministries Needs Fruit

Thank you for your continued generosity in providing canned fruit for our neighbors through the United Ministries food pantry! You may now order and ship from home by shopping from the United Ministries Amazon wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1MNF6VPVU487F/ref=cm_go_nav_hz. We will continue collecting on Wednesdays from 10am- 6pm until further notice in the covered drive-through between the Rotunda and the Fellowship Hall. You may also deliver directly to United Ministries from 8am-noon Monday-Friday at 606 Pendleton Street.

Staying Connected

Unfortunately, youth ministry is often viewed by seminarians as a gateway to bigger and better things. The belief is that by starting small, a minister can gain enough traction and experience to quickly find their way to a pastorate. Nothing bothers me more than when someone tells me they are going to do youth ministry for a while before becoming a pastor. Clearly they have misunderstood something fundamental about youth ministry. There is nothing small about youth ministry. It does not matter whether a group is made up of 100 or ten youth. Each is invaluable to the Church, and each deserves to be treated with love and respect. I absolutely love ministering to First Baptist Greenville's youth, but with this malicious virus forcing us to change the way we interact with the world, ministry looks very different.

There is no doubt about it, we are in a crisis. Our youth are having to figure out new ways to be students and friends, all while remaining inside their homes. The ways Mary Carol, myself, and the youth staff are ministering to our extraordinary youth have changed to fit the times. The entire youth family is



meeting biweekly via Zoom to talk about the highs and lows of our lives as well as to share brief devotionals and community with one another. The joy many of us are feeling from these meetings cannot be put into words. We are finding creative ways to play games

and are laughing at the antics of our youth who have "taken over" our social media accounts. A lot of this new season of ministry is focused on how we can help our youth "reclaim" the aspects of their school year that they lost. By the time this crisis is over, there will be many elements to reclaim. Thankfully, we worship a God who is in the business of breathing new life into this world. We are all looking forward to the day that we are all together again and experiencing that holy breath.

—Will Raybon

FBDS Update

How do you continue to have school when your school building is closed? Working from home in the digital world for now (which is not our preferred way of working with children and families), First Baptist Day School (FBDS) educators are being creative – offering suggestions of age appropriate experiences for families and children, having morning meetings and visits through Zoom, sending familiar songs and having digital singalongs, reading books by video, asking for pictures and videos to be shared with the class, offering a challenge or project to do at home, just to name a few. Parents have been very receptive to this new way of working and are

sharing images of their children and families engaged in these provocations. We are meeting digitally with the whole staff, as well as with age level teaching teams to support each other in our effort to continue to offer our children and families an engaged learning experience.

Sixteen FBDS educators participated from our homes in the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA) winter conference, which was originally to be held at FBDS in March. We participated in 12 hours (over 2 days) of presentations with 2 Italian educators through a translator. It was amazing and like we were there in person with them. We have had two Zoom meetings since then to collaborate on how to share this experience with the



rest of our educators.

The creative and positive efforts of our teachers and the supportive communications from our FBDS families keep us going during this unexpected time of figuring out this new normal. Our hope is that we will soon return to our usual normal!

—Kathy, Dewanda and Rosemary



A Guide for Worshiping from the Couch

Staying home has forced us to learn to worship in new ways and in new spaces. This has been new and exciting to some of us, but I imagine there are also those of us who are struggling to adapt. I want to offer this guide that might help you get your hearts and minds ready to worship. This guide can be used to prepare you for any service to which you have access to the order of worship ahead of time as you familiarize yourself to the rhythm and themes of the service and open your heart and mind for an encounter with God.

I recommend you find a space and time before the service that is quiet and without distraction, if possible. Even if you can only quickly skim through the guide before the service, I bet it will help.

At least 15 minutes prior to the service

CALL

- Imagine being called or summoned by God into worship.
- Look over the order of worship.

- Note any mention of the calendar year and any special worship elements for this service.
- Acknowledge the care that went into planning this service.
- Read any printed opening sentence or prayers, reflecting on the themes or words that stand out.

WORD

- Carefully read the scripture passage(s) that will be read aloud in the service; what themes or words stand out?
- Based on the passage, and using current events and congregational concerns as the context, quietly voice the pastoral prayer you might offer during the service.

RESPONSE

- If able, look up and read any hymn or special music lyrics.
- Pray for anyone considering joining the church or struggling with loss or illness.

SENDING FORTH

- What benediction or blessing do you think God would want the congregation to hear before being sent back out into the world?

Just before the service begins

- Choose a sacred word or phrase from the order of worship that represents your intention to consent to God's presence this morning.
- Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly, and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your intention to yield to the Holy Spirit.
- When you become aware of thoughts, which are a normal part of centering prayer, return gently to your sacred word.
- At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

—Matt

Foundation Seeks New Trustees

Nominations are being accepted for new trustees to serve on the nine-member First Baptist Church Foundation Board. The terms of three trustees expire at the end of June. To maintain the regular rotation, three trustees should be appointed to serve for three years. The criteria for serving are as follows:

1. Must be a member of First Baptist Church

2. Enthusiastic dedication to the concept of permanent endowment to support missions and church causes
3. Experience in and dedication to mission and ministry work
4. Business experience including the making of financial decisions

All church members are invited to submit their nominations for these positions. Please send your nominations to Jason Richards, chair of the Diaconate, at jason@naiearlefurman.com or Brenda League, chair of the Foundation, at brenleague@aol.com no later than the deadline listed below.

The chair of the Diaconate, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Diaconate, will recommend a slate of trustees to the Diaconate and congregation for approval.

The trustees currently serving on the Foundation Board are: Pat Booker-Christy (2022), Don Caldwell (2022), Bo Campbell (2020), Eleanor Dunlap (2022), Paul Goldsmith (2020), Bob Howard (2021), Roy Janse (2021), Brenda League (2021), and Oz Rogers (2020).

Trustee nominations are due no later than Friday, April 24.

Upcoming Internet Events

(links on church website)

- 4/13 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/14 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/15 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study
- 4/16 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/17 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/18 7:00pm Saturday Night Facebook Live Concert: Ryan Madora and Craig Haller
- 4/19 10:30am Second Sunday of Easter
- 4/20 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/21 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/22 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study
- 4/23 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/24 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/25 7:00pm Saturday Night Facebook Live Concert: Bobby Jo Valentine
- 4/26 10:30am Third Sunday of Easter
- 4/27 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/28 7:00pm Viral Vespers
- 4/29 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship

Wednesday Supper

Our caterer, Uptown Catering, will continue to provide Wednesday Night Supper for us. Visit their website (<https://theuptowncompany.square.site/s/shop>) to view their “to go” menu options. There are individual meals as well as family meals from which to choose and look for the Wednesday Night Special choice. This option is available at our regular FBG Wednesday night pricing! The special pricing only applies to Wednesday night meals, but their services are available all the time. All meals will be available for drive-thru pick up at the kitchen door—you don’t even have to get out of your vehicle! Make your reservation by 6pm on the Monday prior.

April 15

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Roll, Dessert

April 22

Pulled Roast Beef au Jus, Corn Casserole, Seasoned Green Beans, Heirloom Tomato Salad, Rolls, Dessert



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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 4/11

\$726,922

Receipts as of 4/9

\$628,220

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

April 13-20

Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

April 21-26

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.”

Care List as of 4/13/2020

Hospitals

St. Francis Downtown: Rosalind Tedards, JR Christy

Rehab

Brookdale-Greenville: Betty King
Brushy Creek Post Acute: Nancy Sanders

Recently Discharged

Sharon Taylor, Freddie Foster, Sarah Ramsey-Smith and newborn

Sympathy

...to the family of Mickey Long.

Flower Gifts, *cont. from page 1*

An Easter lily was given

...in memory of Mac Christopher by his family.

...in honor of Edythe Ritchie by Gayle and Kent Brown.

...in memory of Elaine and Crandall Brown by Kent and Gayle Brown.

...in memory of Dan Batson by Gerry Batson and their daughters.

...by Henry Barton in memory of his loving wife, Sarah G. Barton, and in love and devotion for their two children, Henry E. Barton Jr. and Sarah B. Hipps.

...in memory of John and Ann Crabtree by Willis and Cynthia Tisdale.

Two Easter lilies were given by Becky and Ralph Bouton in memory of their parents—Frances and Bill Bouton and Blanche and Bill Carpenter.

Three Easter lilies were given by Cathy and Duke McCall in honor of their children: Elizabeth, Duke III and Jonathan and their grandchildren.

Four Easter lilies were given in memory of Catherine Anne Jeter by Jimmy, Scott, Greg and Brad Jeter.