

WORSHIP

Sunday,
June 21, 2020

10:30am via Livestream, Facebook
Live and Radio

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Music Sunday:
Hymn Festival

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17;
Matthew 7:24-27

Access Livestream here:
<https://livestream.com/fbcgreenvillesc>

Access Facebook Live here:
<https://www.facebook.com/fbcgreenvillesc/>

Access Radio (Sunday morning only)
here:
89.3-HD4, 91.9 FM, 92.9 FM

MidWeek Fellowship Live
Wednesday, June 17

6:15pm via Livestream and
Facebook Live

Teacher: Kyle Matthews
—Second Sight



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

In the meantime... In the meantime... It's a phrase that indicates things are not what they were nor are they what they will be. Between our past and our future, we dwell...in the meantime.

It was just months ago that First Baptist Greenville was filling her pews each Sunday, planning meaningful Holy Week/Easter Services, putting the final touches on Summer programs, and... well...you get the picture. At some undetermined point in the future, we will again gather, to worship, celebrate Holy Days, and engage the enjoyed array of ministries offered by our church. Right now, however, we are in the meantime.

In the meantime can be a productive time. It has for the staff of First Baptist Greenville. In the meantime, our Children and Preschool ministers have generated a proposal to staff and fund enhanced ministries to our special needs children. Our Spiritual Formation and Outreach Office has helped establish Zoom connections for many small groups in our church, as well as begun planning for how this technology can be used to reach our members who live at a distance. Our Facilities Staff have deep cleaned

the expansive square footage of our campus, removed and cleaned vents in our Sanctuary, and completed many needed repairs. Our Missions, Affiliations and Neighborhood Partnership ministries have increased the expenditure of energy and money to meet immediate needs in our community. Our Pastoral Care staff have written more cards, made more phone calls, and answered more emails than we could count. Our Youth Ministry team has paraded past homes, met with teenagers in their yards, stayed in constant communication with the Youth Family, celebrated our graduates, and reshaped summer programming to fit an online context. Our Finance Office has helped many of you find new and safe ways to ensure your tithes make their way to the church's ministries. Our worship leadership has worked to provide creative online services for our membership and have undauntingly forged ahead with plans for the future – gathered or not. Our AYMC staff have thoughtfully kept us moving and have also constructed a schedule for expanding building usage within the safest of parameters.

In the last few months, we have learned a lot, expanded our reach, tapped the depths of creativity, felt the frustration of limits, missed sharing space with all of you, and have committed ourselves to doing our best...while we live in the meantime.

—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://tinyurl.com/uminfruit>. We will continue collecting on Wednesdays

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.

Hymn Festival Music Service

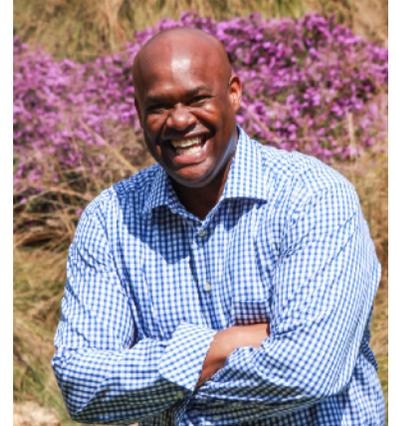
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MUSIC

Faith is meant to be sung, and hymns are for the singing of it. Some say that hymns are a greater influence on one's personal theology even than scripture or teaching or preaching or family or friends. With psalms and chants, chorales and canons, spirituals and choruses, hymns and Appalachian folk songs, we have sung our faith. Words that are sung, especially if they are sung repeatedly and enthusiastically, work their way into our subconscious and shape us in subtle ways, as well as giving us words and phrases that come quickly to mind when we ponder or articulate our faith. (from Jane Parker Huber's *A Singing Faith*)

On Sunday, June 21, we will share worship in a festival of hymns music service. We are fortunate to have so many talented musicians in our congregation who will lead us in worship: Catherine Crowe,

Raleigh Cothran, Amy Joye, Craig Price, Ellen Wilson and Shelton Ridge Love. We will also have the opportunity to hear from Nyroba Leamon, Artistic Director of the Phyllis Wheatley-Dwight Woods Repertory Theater for Youth. I hope you will make plans to share in this worship service, singing the familiar hymns that teach us and inspire us—lifting us out of ourselves to hope, joy and peace.



—Vivian

Second Sight

GROWING IN NEW DIRECTIONS

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

Have you ever struggled to keep a dying potted plant alive only to finally realize that it had simply outgrown its container?

Many people are in real psycho-spiritual pain because they became adults while still operating with concepts, beliefs and expectations that they have held since childhood. They have outgrown the pot they are planted in, but they are afraid to give up that old flower pot.

In our MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study on Wednesday nights this month (*Livestream*, 6:15pm), we'll be focusing on the "Second Sight" that is promised to followers of Jesus: the new eyes, new birth,

and "bread that you know not of," that are the stuff of "second-half of life spirituality." Truth is, there is plenty of room and rich soil out there if we will be willing to grow in some new directions!

I recommend further exploration in three areas, and because I won't have hand-outs or slides to show you, I'm putting them in writing for you here for future reference:

- **Education:** There is so much life-giving insight to be gained from study of the Bible and of biblical theology. If you're worried it will be boring, start with *How the Bible Actually Works*, or any of the other intro-to-Christianity books by the brilliant and funny Peter Enns.

- **Spiritual practices** help us move beyond the "tyranny of the quantifiable," where action and experience are our teachers. The book *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson is the seminal text, and a great read.

- **Wholeness:** As the fields of medicine, psychology and spirituality advance, they converge and agree, so if our faith doesn't "bear fruit" in our physical, mental, emotional and social lives, we aren't doing it right. I love how these worlds come together in Rachel Naomi Remen's book *Kitchen Table Wisdom*.

See you Wednesday!

—Kyle

Zoom into Church Conference

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES TO OUR FOUNDATION

For the first time ever, FBG will be called into conference via Zoom on Sunday, June 28, following worship! The agenda item during this Called Church Conference is to elect three Trustees to our Foundation. For security reasons, the Zoom link will be emailed to the church on the Sunday morning of the conference. As a reminder, only church members are allowed to vote.

First Baptist Church, Greenville, SC Foundation has nine Trustees

from the church, elected by the congregation. These individuals are recommended by the Foundation and approved by the Diaconate. The following individuals are willing to serve a three-year term beginning July 2020: Paul Goldsmith, Beverly Lambert and Oz Rogers. Paul and Oz are completing their previous term and are willing to continue to serve the Foundation with a new three-year term.

Foundation Trustees with existing terms of service include:

Term Ends July 2021

Bob Howard

Roy Janse

Brenda League, chair

Term Ends July 2022

Pat Booker-Christy

Don Caldwell

Eleanor Dunlap

Moving Together—Let's Do Our Part

#54ORMORE

Let's do our part. There has been so much racial tension and divide in our country of late, and many of you have asked what you can do. While we are still apart physically, we can still move together as one to take a stand.

Let's do our part. In March of 1965, in an effort to register black voters in the south, protestors did their part by marching 54 miles from Selma, Alabama, to the state capital in Montgomery. They were met with deadly violence from local authorities and white vigilante groups. Despite the violence, they achieved their goal after three days of walking around the clock under the protection of National Guard groups.

Let's do our part. During the week of June 20-27, take some time each day to log some miles with the goal of 54 or more miles over the course of the week. This is a virtual event, so it does not matter where you are located. Get your family or friends together and form a team of up to six people. Register, with no fee, at Doing Our Part-Moving Together (<https://tinyurl.com/fbgmoving>). On June 20, start walking, running, biking, swimming or whatever it is that you like to do and log your miles at Log My Miles

(<https://tinyurl.com/fbgmiles>). We'll have daily contests and prizes for things such as best team name, most scenic picture, and most inspirational chalk message along with watch, listen and read resources and civil rights history facts. Be sure to like First Baptist Church, Greenville, SC and AYMC, First Baptist Greenville, SC on Facebook and follow [fbcgreenvillesc](#) and [aymc_fbc](#) on Instagram to see the challenges and resources. Take lots of pictures and share them on your social media accounts with #54ormore and tag FBG and AYMC so everyone can see us moving together. The team that logs the most miles at the end of the week will win a gift card to Fleet Feet.

Let's do our part. I look forward to it.

—Mittie

DOING OUR PART
MOVING
TOGETHER

Upcoming Internet Events

(links on church website)

- 6/17 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study: Kyle Matthews—Second Sight
- 6/21 9:00am Church Chat (emailed link)
10:30am Third Sunday after Pentecost
- 6/24 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study: Kyle Matthews—Second Sight
- 6/28 9:00am Church Chat (emailed link)
10:30am Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
11:30am Called Church Conference (emailed link)
- 7/1 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study
Kendra Plating—Book of Job
- 7/5 10:30am Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
- 7/8 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study
Kendra Plating—Book of Job

Wednesday Supper

Our caterer, Uptown Catering, will continue to provide Wednesday Night Supper for us. Visit their website (<https://theuptowncompany.square.site/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 noon Wednesday.

June 17

Chicken Divan, Rice, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Dessert

June 24

Meat Lasagna, Italian Green Beans, French Bread, Salad, Dessert



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LIVING GENEROUSLY Financial Needs as of 6/13

\$1,194,229

Receipts as of 6/9

\$1,038,365

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

June 15-21
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

June 22-28
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 Morning of 6/15/20

Hospitals

Prisma/Greenville Memorial: Brenda Ballard

St. Francis-Eastside: Kathy Stewart

Rehab

Rolling Green: Patsy Burrell

Recently Discharged

Jim Childress

Sympathy

...to Brown Miller and family in the death of his father.

...to Hugh Hughes and family in the death of his brother.

...to Mary Ruth Lacy and family in the death of her sister-in-law.

Congratulations

...to Hanes and Kim Wynn on the birth of a son, Forest Tully Wynn, June 7, 2020. Forest’s older brother is Landon, and his grandparents in our church are Baxter and Paula Wynn.

Beautiful Messes

Stories written by our Youth Family of the beautiful messes in their lives.

Ever since I first heard the phrase “Beautiful Mess” it has stuck with me. I don’t think there is anything that could better define our youth group. There are way too many beautiful mess stories that I could tell, but I think a few stand out a lot more than others.

Two or three years ago at the Unidiversity youth trip at the University of Tennessee, a few of my friends and I were walking back from lunch ready to head to our rooms before electives. We noticed that there was a crowd of people outside of Hess Hall, which was the building with the dorms we were staying in. We didn’t know what was going on, so we tried asking around. Eventually we found out that a small fire or something had been started in one of the rooms. We waited outside for a pretty decent amount of time before we were able to get ready for electives. Luckily, the fire hadn’t started because of our youth group but because of some other church with six guys staying in a room that was supposed to hold up to three! The adults on the trip certainly weren’t happy with the messy situation that was going on, but now we love this beautiful story.

—Jack Rollins, 11th Grade, J.L. Mann High School, *to be continued...*