

## WORSHIP

Sunday,  
June 28, 2020

10:30am via Livestream, Facebook  
Live and Radio

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Important Moments of  
Worship

Scripture: Psalm 13;  
Matthew 10:40-42

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 24

6:15pm via Livestream and  
Facebook Live

Teacher: Kyle Matthews  
— Second Sight



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

On a recent pilgrimage to Greece, I meandered among the ancient ruins with a less-than-ancient 'Whisper Headset' on my ears. Through this miracle of radio technology, a guide provided detail and narrative to the statuesque rubble that surrounded us. I was reminded of the differences between Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns. I learned cultural details from systems of plumbing to subtleties of art. I gained a better understanding of how our classical forebears lived.

As a child, my family often visited Delta Village in Tallulah, Louisiana. Tallulah is a small town just across the state line from southern Arkansas. Delta Village was a small amusement park that lasted less than a decade. No trace of it exists today. It was an easy and inexpensive trip for our family. A day at Delta Village got you a log flume ride, a train ride around the park, a petting zoo, a few carnival games, and a wild west gunfight show that, at the time, featured a young upstart artist named Ray Stevens. Tucked between the rides and games were exhibits of delta pioneer life. You could wander from booth to booth and watch blacksmiths pound metal, weavers work looms,

quilters stitch their patches, and woodworkers carve their wares. I gained a better understanding of how the people of the land lived.

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a division of United Ministries that assists families who find themselves in a homeless situation. This work is done in conjunction with faith communities in the upstate area. In typical non-COVID-19 days, our church is in a rotation to host and care for these families. We set up living quarters on the church campus where families can sleep, relax, eat and enjoy the simple benefits of shelter. United Ministries has provided a short video to help inform us about the reach of this ministry and the flexibility of its provision during the Covid-19 crisis. No headset is needed. No trip across the Louisiana state line is necessary. Just click on this provided link ([https://youtu.be/S91xzv\\_z\\_zU](https://youtu.be/S91xzv_z_zU)), watch, learn, enjoy, pray, and plan to volunteer when families are back in our immediate care.

—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.

# 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 church members 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

## Hello—More than a Greeting

“Hello to my dear friend, Epenetus. He was the very first follower of Jesus in the province of Asia. Hello to Mary. What a worker she has turned out to be! Hello to my cousins, Andronicus and Junias. We once shared a jail cell. They were believers in Christ before I was. Both of them are outstanding leaders. Hello to Ampliatus, my good friend in the family of God. Hello to Urbanus, our companion in Christ’s work, and my good friend Stachys. Hello to Apelles, a tried-and-true veteran in following Christ. Hello to the family of Aristobulus. Hello to my cousin Herodion. Hello to those who belong to the Lord from the family of Narcissus. Hello to Tryphena and Tryphosa – such diligent women in serving the Master. Hello to Persis, a dear friend and hard worker in Christ. Hello to Rufus – a good choice by the Master! – and his mother. She

has also been a dear mother to me. Hello to Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and also to all of their families. Hello to Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas – and all the followers of Jesus who live with them. Holy embraces all around! All the churches of Christ send their warmest greetings!” (Romans 16: 5-16, *The Message*)

Hello! I suspect I know what you are thinking, “What in the world does this passage have to do with anything?” I am certainly not trying to be funny – okay, maybe a little funny. This passage feels very much like what socially distanced ministry feels like to youth ministers everywhere. Instead of meeting in person, we get to visit with the First Baptist Youth Family via Zoom. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, then I salute and envy you. Zoom has become the video conferencing platform of choice

by millions of people as we trudge through this pandemic. Every day, the youth staff meets with different groups of our youth for “virtual lunch” and are able to spend a brief amount of time catching up and hearing about one another’s lives. Sometimes our ministry simply looks like saying “Hello!” to everyone on the call before they have to leave for another call or activity. Sometimes hello is simply a greeting, but very often it can convey an extraordinary amount of emotion and care. For me, “Hello,” has become, “Hey! I see you, I love you, and I am glad you are well!” This current pandemic has changed the face of many norms. I hope that my “Hellos” continue to contain a lot more than a greeting, and I hope that yours do so as well.

Grace and Peace,

Will Raybon



# Graduate Blessings

2020 will be a graduation year not easily forgotten. High school graduates throughout the world were robbed of the concluding traditions and celebrations associated with the end of twelve long years of education. These moments are incredibly important in the lives of our seniors, and it hurts the youth staff to watch them hurt. Every year, the Youth Family's seniors step up and become leaders of the group. Throughout the year we are able to watch them grow from incredible

youth into amazing young adults. This year was no exception, and the youth staff wanted to be sure they felt celebrated as their senior year concluded.

Approximately a month ago, the youth staff gathered on a Sunday evening to surprise our seniors with a special gift. While adhering to social distancing guidelines, we secretly visited every First Baptist

high school, college, and graduate school graduate. They received a note from the staff, a Frederick Buechner book, balloons, and high school graduates received a yard sign. When they awoke, they were able to experience just how much their church cared for them. Although they were unable to be present for graduate Sunday several weeks later, they were recognized in worship by

name. 2020 is seeing a class of graduates go off into the world who have undergone a great deal of stress over the past several months. As they go, we hope they will remember this quote from the theologian, preacher, and author Fred Craddock, "Live simply, love generously, speak truthfully, serve faithfully, leave everything else to God. Go in peace."

—Will Raybon



# We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

First Baptist Greenville's Youth Family thrives for a variety of reasons, none of which can be discounted; however, our volunteers are what really help make the ministry great. They take part in many activities throughout the year. If you visit the Terrace Level of the AYMC on a regular Sunday morning, you will find approximately 15 Sunday School teachers ready and willing to guide the youth through Sunday School. These adults are able to build personal relationships with many of the youth and serve as trusted adults on whom the youth know they can depend.

Food is of foremost importance in the lives of teenagers, and we are thankful that youth parents rotate in and out of our Sunday evening gatherings providing a variety of feasts. Not only do they prepare and serve the food, they stick around and clean up while the youth enjoy Bible study and games.

These faces are ones that the youth see repeatedly throughout the year since these same parents and volunteers often join the Youth Family on trips and retreats. Approximately a dozen adults traveled with the youth to Puerto Rico last June, and different volunteers rotate in and out of trips throughout the year providing much needed support and guidance.

Although we are currently unable to travel and see one another, we wanted to be sure to take the time to recognize our volunteers and let them know just how much we appreciate them. The list is too long to name in a short newsletter. Please know that we are thinking of each of you and are looking forward to the day that we can minister to our youth alongside one another once again. You all are incredibly important to this ministry.

—Will Raybon

## Upcoming Internet Events

(links on church website)

- 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  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 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  
Jonathan and Tina Bailey, CBF Field Personnel in Bali
- 7/8 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study  
Kendra Plating—Book of Job
- 7/12 10:30am Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 7/15 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study



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## Meals to Go

Uptown Catering continues to provide meals to go as well as Wednesday Night Specials at FBG pricing! Visit their website (<https://theuptowncompany.square.site/s/shop>) to view their menu options. 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!

June 24

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

  
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**LIVING GENEROUSLY**  
Financial Needs as of 6/20

\$1,246,152

Receipts as of 6/17

\$1,088,269

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

June 22-July 3  
Matt Rollins  
346-0971 (m)

July 4-5  
Kyle Matthews  
551-0829 (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

Care List as of Morning,  
6/22/2020

### Hospitals

Prisma/Greenville Memorial:  
Brenda Ballard

### Recently Discharged

Kathy Stewart, Patsy Burrell

### Sympathy

...to Coco Williams in the death of her aunt.

...to Kathy Eckart and family in the death of her mother.

...to Tedd Garner and family in the death of his brother.

### Congratulations

...to Elizabeth and Wes Paul on the birth of a son, McCauley Leland Paul, on June 16, 2020. Mac's older sister is Mills, and his grandparents in our church are Jimmy and Peggy Paul.

## Beautiful Messes

*Stories written by our Youth Family.*

Puerto Rico last year was definitely my favorite mission trip I have ever been on, and we didn't leave without some memorable moments. When we first arrived we were excited to get into our rooms as soon as possible. We were staying in school classrooms so we had to rearrange a few things before we blew up our air mattresses. The first thing that we noticed was that it was way too hot in our room, so we got an adult to help us turn the AC on. Before we went to bed, we wanted it to be even colder in the room so we turned the AC up even more. Everyone ended up waking up at around 5:00 in the morning freezing and sleeping on the hard ground. The AC was up way too high and all of our air mattresses had deflated. People did things like put socks on their hands to warm up, and were sleeping on just their blankets. I almost went outside and slept in the grass, but stopped myself. We never really solved the air mattress problem because they deflated every night, but we changed the AC as soon as we could. Also on this trip we showered outside in the grass in our bathing suits. We were able to have conversations while we showered so we didn't really mind it the first few nights. Near the end of the trip me and a few of the other guys were showering, and someone started to feel something crawling up their leg. Apparently somebody had left a tent under the showers one day and a whole bunch of ants got into it. It seemed like the ants were everywhere on us and we couldn't get them off. We eventually got everything situated and got all the ants off us. Those were both very messy situations, but if they hadn't happened, we wouldn't have these beautiful memories.

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