

WORSHIP

Sunday, June 20

10:30am

Sanctuary by Reservation and
via FBG Website, Facebook and Radio

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey

Sermon: Upside Down Way

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28

Guest Musical Artist: Livingston Taylor

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir
Ensemble

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89.3-HD4, 89.7 FM, 91.9 FM

There will be a Stated Church Conference on Sunday, June 27, 2021, to approve the newest First Baptist Church Foundation Trustees. This meeting will take place in the Sanctuary as a part of worship. The following are recommended by the Diaconate for the Foundation Board to begin serving a three-year term on July 1, 2021: Taylor Davis, Bob Howard and Leah Wynn. The following trustees were approved in prior years and will continue their terms in 2021-2022: Pat Booker-Christy, Don Caldwell, Eleanor Dunlap, Paul Goldsmith, Beverly Lambert and Oz Rogers.

AYMC Hours

AYMC Walking Track and Fitness Room
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday,
8:00am-8:00pm
Wednesday and Friday, 8:00am-2:00pm

Sign Up and Instructions for 10:30 Worship Services in the Sanctuary

Per COVID-19 protocols, services are masked and socially distanced. Enter free of COVID-19 symptoms. Register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4daaad2da2f58-worship>



Rustlings

BY KENDRA
PLATING

Families are like fudge—mostly sweet, with a few nuts.—Les Dawson

If minutes were kept of a family gathering, they would show that members not present and subjects discussed were one and the same.—Robert Brault

Family is a blessing. Just keep saying that when you are irritated by something a family member says.—Marcelina Hardy

These funny sayings about family hopefully help to remind us that no family is “normal.” Every family has its eccentricities, struggles and disagreements. If you are part of a family who can support and respect each other through the disagreements, you should count yourself lucky (and I celebrate that with you)! Instead, what I’m hearing more and more these days is that the incredibly charged political moment we’ve experienced these last few years has created disagreement and alienation within families. What I hear people saying is that they are spending less time with their families or are making some topics (like politics or religion) off limits when they are together. What I’m hearing is that families are less able to accept one another because of difference, and in some manner, that’s okay—or at least expected. Jesus struggled with this, too. The scriptures of Jesus dealing with his family have spoken to me loudly and clearly through these past years. I need to be reminded of them, and perhaps you do, too—like in Mark 6:4, when Jesus says that a prophet has honor everywhere *except* in his

own hometown and in his own family. I’m not calling any of us a prophet, but I am saying that sometimes living the gospel means your family won’t accept you. (Hopefully, this is just for a time). Another example is Mark 3:31-35 when Jesus’s family comes to take him away from his preaching (They think he’s crazy!), and Jesus points to those around him and says, “These are my mother, brothers and sisters—whoever does the will of God!”

This is what I need to hear today—family is what you make it, and what God makes it. Family can be something very different from the “nuclear family” we’ve been taught to uphold and protect. Family can be a marriage between a woman and a man, or a man and a man, or a woman and a woman. Family can have no kids or 10 kids. Family can be united by blood or adoption or foster care. Family can have one parent or a grandparent at the helm. Family can be a group of friends that know you better than anyone else. Family can change over time, and indeed, it must change with time. Family can be your church. I don’t take it lightly when I speak of our “church family.” I know that for many of us, this church holds most of the people in this world who see us the way God sees us, when our family of origin refuses or is unable to see us this way. Sometimes the will of God is that we make a new family through the kinship of Jesus Christ. Family is what you make it.

Speaking of family, I want to mention an opportunity for you to care for this family that is much bigger than blood or obligation: Vaccination! In two weeks, our church will move to a “masks optional” policy, where masks will no longer be required for those who are vaccinated. This will be on the honor policy. If you decide

Guests in Worship on June 20, 2021



Rev. Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey will serve as our proclaimer this Sunday. Rev. Hix Tommey is Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) field personnel serving in New York City. Partnering closely with Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries in Hell's Kitchen, Lesley-Ann coordinates safe support communities for women who have

experienced the dual-traumas of domestic violence and homelessness. She is a native of North Carolina and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and McAfee School of Theology. Before being commissioned by CBF in 2017, Lesley-Ann worked as a minister to families, graphic designer, wedding photographer and intentional community minister. She loves taking photos, exploring NYC neighborhoods, practicing yoga and doing life with her husband, Blake.



Livingston Taylor is the guest musician for our service. Born in Boston and raised in North Carolina, Livingston is part of a very musical family. He picked up his first guitar at the age of 13 and has been making music ever since. Livingston Taylor's career has been in songwriting, performing and teaching. He is a gifted folk singer/

composer who has performed with Linda Ronstadt, Jimmy Buffet and Jethro Tull. Prior to COVID-19, he maintained a busy concert schedule in addition to his work as a faculty member at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts.

Roadrunners Trip to Washington, DC

SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2022!



Finally...the Roadrunners will be traveling again!

We are headed to our nation's capitol for 5 days and 4 nights.

The trip will include:

- deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 4 nights lodging in the Washington, DC area
- 8 meals (4 breakfasts, 4 dinners)
- 2 guided tours of Washington, DC, including the WWII Memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Smithsonian, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and more!
- an evening guided Memorial and Monuments tour
- admission to the Museum of the Bible
- admission to Mt. Vernon Estate and Garden
- tram ride through Arlington National Cemetery
- and more!



The cost for this trip is \$595 per person (double occupancy) with a \$75 deposit due upon signing. The final payment is due by July 9, 2022. For reservations and more details (including how to sign up for travel insurance), contact Frank Smith (frank.smith@firstbaptistgreenville.com or ext. 125) or me (amy.joye@firstbaptistgreenville.com or ext. 111). Come travel!

—Amy

First Baptist Day School Successfully Finishes School Year

We made it! Starting the year with COVID-19 concerns and restrictions, we were charting unknown waters with many questions. Would we be able to keep the school open all year? How would the school handle quarantining classes when teachers or children were diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19? Would our teachers be able to cope with wearing masks all day long? How would the older children handle wearing masks at certain times? How would the children react to not being able to see their teachers' faces? How would our parents react to not being able to come into the building?

Following the Reggio philosophy, which sees children as very

competent, we should not have wondered about some of those questions. We were able to successfully navigate the year. The children were not afraid of the masks. Our teachers have been so flexible, understanding, patient and resilient. Our parents have been wonderfully supportive. It's been a good year, and next year is looking much brighter. We are fully enrolled with a healthy wait list. Some of our teachers, who had to make the tough decision to stay home this past year with their own children who were navigating a hybrid start to the year, are happily returning next year.

Our parents were not able to be in the building at all this year. Our school is used to having our parents involved in many

different ways, so this was a hard one to navigate. We wondered how we could end the school year in a way that could include our parents, in person. With the backing of the church leadership, we were able to invite each class to individually have an end-of-the-year celebration in the garden area above the large playground or on the infant-toddler playground. Families were invited to bring blankets and a snack or lunch for their family. Each one of the 16 classes had a very joyful celebration with high attendance from the families. Please enjoy these images of some of the celebrations.

—Kathy, Dewanda, and Rosemary



Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 6/13-20 Host IHN Guests Virtually
 6/14 6:00-8:00pm College Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
 6/16 9:00am-2:00pm Youth Mission Possible/Lunch Club/ Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level and Off Campus)
 6/20 9:30am Joint Adult Sunday School: *Know Your Mothers* (Fellowship Hall)
 10:30am Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
 Proclaimer: Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey
 Musical Guest: Livingston Taylor
 6/21-24 9:00am-1:00pm Children's Ministry and Missions: Bake with the Bible (Grades 1-5)
 6/21-24 9:00am-Noon Art Experience for 4- 5-year-old SS Class
 6/21 6:00-8:00pm College Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
 6/27 9:00am-1:00pm Youth Volunteer at Project Host Soup Kitchen

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to come unmasked, please make sure you have been vaccinated! I ask you this to care for our children (like Hattie and Wilder who are too young to be vaccinated) and for the persons in our church family who for medical reasons cannot be vaccinated. If you qualify, please get vaccinated. The info is here about where to get vaccinated (<https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine>). All COVID-19 vaccines are free to the consumer. If you are asked for insurance information, it is because some insurers are helping to offset the cost to the supplier. Also, there are some incentives out there to get you excited (<https://www.vaccines.gov/incentives.html>). You can even get the vaccine administered in your home if you are homebound by calling DHEC at 866.365.8110. Only about 40% of folks in Greenville County are fully vaccinated at this point, so let's do our part to protect our church family and the larger Greenville community.

—Kendra

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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 6/12
\$1,238,458

Receipts as of 6/10
\$1,031,412

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

June 14-19
Frank Smith
268-3890 (h)

June 20
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

June 21-27
Camille Loomis Rehnborg
703-501-6425 (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, 6/14

Hospitals

Tee Tuten

Rehab

Brenda Ballard, Claudia Caldwell

Discharged

Rob Bailey, Buddy Clay

Sympathy

...to Chris Hoover and family in the death of her father.

...to Steve Christopher and family in the death of his fiancée.

Congratulations

...to Maggie Brown and Charlie Greer on the birth of a son, Tobin Thomas Brown Greer, on February 15, 2021. Toby's older brother is William.

...to Lea and Phil Stephens on the birth of a daughter, Sophie Lane Stephens, on May 28, 2021. Sophie's great-grandparents in our church are Hugh and Pat Stephens.



- June 20—Joanna the Apostle, presented by Anna Woodham
 June 27—Phoebe, presented by Tina Bailey
 July 4—No presentation
 July 11—Lydia, presented by Vivian Hamilton
 July 18—Junia, presented by Stephanie Wright
 July 25—Tabitha and Priscilla/Prisca, presented by Laurie Berry-Dorroh
 August 1—Marcella and Paula of Rome
 August 8—Perpetua & Felicitas, presented by Kendra Plating

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