

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 18

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,
Facebook and Radio

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Clista Adkins

Sermon: A Broken Hallelujah

Guest Soloist: Glen Adkins

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

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89.3-HD4, 89.7 FM, 91.9 FM

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— Will D.

AYMC Hours

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



Rustlings

BY KYLE
MATTHEWS

The traffic going to the beach was awful. The traffic coming home was just as bad. The license plates around us on I-26 were from Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Florida, California, New York... Not every person caught COVID-19, but Cabin Fever seems to have gotten to everyone during the pandemic, and now that we have been given the green light to freely move around the country, America has rediscovered its passion for road trips, sight-seeing and exploring.

Spiritual exploration is good for the soul, too, but rarely do we pursue it with the same energy we spend on vacationing. Spiritual stagnation is a true malady that produces a host of other maladies, including health problems. We all need to take time to move out to the property lines we've drawn around our assumptions, mindsets and opinions and take an exploratory step for our own good and for the sake of others. The good news is: We can do this anywhere we happen to be!

Recently, I preached a sermon about our need to see and minister to the whole person. I suggested that the

most exciting uncharted territory we can explore might be those *aspects* of other people that are obscured to us when we think of them as one-dimensional types, but the same goes for ourselves.

In the little picture book, *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse*, by Charlie Mackasey, the mole says to the boy: "Isn't it odd? We can only see our outsides, but nearly everything happens on our insides." So true. Maybe that's why Jesus talked as if there should be no distinction between our inner and outer lives and was so hard on the idea that we can be one person in public and another person inside, yet there are rooms in the architecture of every soul that can go neglected for years or decades, or even... for a lifetime.

W. B. Yeats once wrote: "It takes more courage to examine the dark corners of your own soul than it does for a soldier to fight on a battlefield." Can you summon that courage and explore those rooms in the architecture of your soul that you have neglected for too long? God cares about *all* of you and wants to enlighten and enliven every dimension of you and every relationship you have. While you're getting out, take time to prayerfully let God in!

— Kyle

Instructions for In-Person Worship Services

First Baptist Greenville has returned to in-person worship on Sundays at 10:30am. In accordance with our COVID-19 Care Statement, services take place in the Sanctuary, socially distanced and free of COVID-19 symptoms. As of July 1, those who are fully vaccinated need not wear a mask, but those who are unvaccinated, along with those who are more comfortable masked, will continue to wear masks any time they are in the building.



Voices of the Past

This Sunday, July 18, we will continue to celebrate voices from the past in our worship with guest proclaimer Clista Adkins and guest soloist (and choir director) Glen Adkins, both of whom were former First Baptist Greenville staff members. In the mid-90s, Clista served as Minister to Single Adults, and from 1992-2007, Glen served as Minister of Music and Worship.

Clista received her undergraduate education at Louisiana Tech, and Glen received his at Furman University. They both attended Southern Seminary with Clista receiving a Master of Divinity degree and Glen a Master and Doctorate of Musical Arts. They left First Baptist Greenville in 2007 to become Cooperative Baptist

Fellowship missionaries to the Roma people in Hungary where they served until 2010.

They now live in Shreveport, Louisiana, where Clista retired as Minister of Discipleship at First Baptist Church and Glen continues to serve as Minister of Music and Administration. They have two adult daughters, Mary Adkins

Richter and Katie Beth Ongena, and three grandsons.

Make plans to attend!

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Focus on Missions: School Tools

Though children (and teachers) may not be ready to admit it just yet, school will be back in session next month—meaning it's also time for the annual School Tools program through United Way of Greenville County! Each summer, United Way collects back-to-school items for children in the county whose families struggle to afford such purchases. This year, they have asked that their various community partners each donate filled backpacks for students at one specific school. Therefore, throughout the month of July we are collecting filled backpacks for students at a Greenville County elementary school. Please note that this is a little different than our typical Monthly Missions drive in that we are aiming to take in as many backpacks as possible filled with all of the school supplies necessary for a single student. To accomplish this, we encourage you and your family to buy a backpack and fill it with the specified school supplies listed in this article. Or, feel free to work with your Sunday School class, Circle group, Just Faith group, choir friends, neighbors, etc., to set a collective goal to build a certain number of backpacks. As a bonus, this creates an opportunity for a “packing party” to assemble the bags and get together with your group! If you and/or your group intend to fill one or more backpacks, please indicate that at <https://tinyurl.com/SCHOOLTOOLS21> so that we have accurate estimates for United Way.

Can't fill a backpack this year? In that case, please choose any items from the list below to donate. These will ultimately go through United Way to the school district to be distributed to children in need across various schools throughout the year.

To fill a backpack, please buy a backpack for an elementary-school-aged child (5-11 years old) and fill it with the following:

- 2+ Spiral notebooks
- 3+ Folders with pockets
- Assignment pad
- Crayons (box of 12+)
- #2 pencils and erasers
- Pencil box
- Glue sticks or glue
- Ruler
- Safety scissors
- Packs of facial tissue
- Antibacterial waterless soap
- Earbuds

If you wish to donate, please bring your completed backpack(s) and/or individual school supplies to the church Reception Area any time throughout the month on Monday–Friday (9am–5pm), or any Sunday morning through August 1. Please be sure to complete the form at the link in the article, too!

Please contact Laura Stout (laura.stout@firstbaptistgreenville.com) with any questions.

— Kate Anderson, Missions & Affiliations Committee

A Splash of Summer Youth

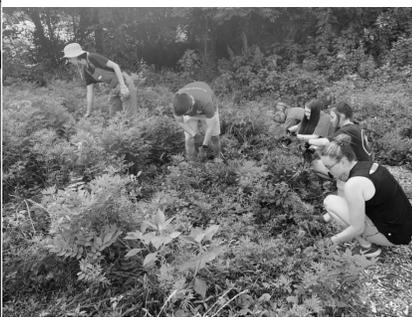
How is July already here? Our youth summer began, we blinked, and now it's past halfway through. The Youth Family had a busy June—especially compared to last summer! The same day we arrived home from our senior trip, we held Unidiversity Day. This allows all our youth who are attending camp in a few weeks an opportunity to sign up for their seminars and electives. We have engaged in several “Mission Possibles,” working with Annie’s House, United Ministries, and even serving at Project Host on a Sunday morning.

As important as service is to this family, we are not “all work and no play.” We also visited the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC. We had the chance to climb high ropes and learn how to whitewater raft! We held our first “Big Game Night” this past Friday evening from 6pm-midnight and had a great time playing awesome games and roaming the church at night while Jim Dant is away.

Summer isn’t over yet, though! We’ve got one more Mission Possible, and we’ll cap off summer

with Unidiversity Youth Camp and our end-of-the-year pool party. We are so excited that we’ll once again be traveling to Maryville, Tennessee, for a week of camp with our youth group friends from across the Southeast. We have a great group from FBG this year, and we are so thankful that we are able to go there! Enjoy all our pictures from the summer so far and prepare yourselves for more photos from our upcoming adventures.

—Will Raybon



Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 7/12-15 9:00am-Noon Children's Ministry: Bible Wizard Camp (Grades 3-5)
- 7/12 6:00-8:00pm Bridge (College and Young Adult) Bible Study (Off Campus)
- 7/14 9:00am-2:00pm Youth Mission Possible/Lunch Club/Bible Study (AYMC and Off Campus)
- 7/18 9:30am Joint Adult Sunday School: Know Your Mothers (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Proclaimer: Clista Adkins
Guest Soloist: Glen Adkins
- 7/19 6:00-8:00pm Bridge (College and Young Adult) Bible Study (Off Campus)
- 7/20-24 Unidiversity Youth Camp
- 7/25-8/1 Host IHN Guests Virtually
- 7/25 9:30am Joint Adult Sunday School: Know Your Mothers (Fellowship Hall)

- 7/25 10:30am Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Proclaimer: Don Flowers
Guest Soloist: Tyrese Byrd
5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 7/26-29 9:00am-Noon Children's Ministry: Bible Wizard Camp (Grades 3-5)



- 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, presented by Jennifer Craig
- August 8—Perpetua & Felicitas, presented by Kendra Plating
- vimeo.com/showcase/fbgjointsundayschool


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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 7/10
\$1,453,842

Receipts as of 7/9
\$1,234,199

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

July 17-25

Frank Smith
268-3890 (h)

July 26-August 1

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

Care List as of Morning, 7/

Hospitals

As of the morning of 7/12/2021, there are no hospitalized church members of whom the Pastoral Care Ministry is aware.

Rehab

Dan Williamson, Barbara Alexander, Brenda Ballard, Claudia Caldwell

Discharged

Paula King, Max Whatley Jr.

Sympathy

...to Susan Matthews and family in the death of her aunt.

...to the family of Newt Stall.

...to Jonathan Bailey and family in the death of his mother.

Congratulations

...to Leah and Richard Allen on the birth of a son, William Masters Allen, on May 26, 2021. William's older siblings are Emma and Ford.

Introducing...

Creagh Cross joined FBG on June 14, by transfer of letter from another Baptist church. His wife, Shelby Day, reactivated her membership at FBG. Creagh is a photographer, and Shelby is self-employed. They have a son, Xander.

Amanda and Ryan Maddrey, 10 Lambourn Way, Greenville 29615, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, July 11, Amanda by transfer of letter from another Baptist church and Ryan by previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination. Amanda works for Prisma—Roger C. Peace, and Ryan is employed by Fox Rehabilitation. They have a young daughter, Brielle.

Come Ring with Us!

The Bell Tower Ringers need a few more people who can read music for the 2021 Fall Season. Rehearsals: Sundays, 6-7 pm starting on August 22. Email Julie Treu (jhtreu@gmail.com) for more.