

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 25

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,
Facebook and Radio

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Don Flowers

Sermon: Living with Leftovers

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21;
John 6:1-15

Guest Soloist: Tyrese Byrd

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

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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.

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 KENDRA
PLATING

Although I feel a little crazy for doing it, I thought this day might come—the day I become a student again! In August, I'll begin my Doctor of Ministry at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA, part of Emory University. The program is built for those who work in ministry across the country; therefore, most of our classes happen via Zoom. It's designed to do alongside your ministry job and to bring that experience to inform classroom discussions and research, so you're not getting rid of me that easily! I'll still be working my normal 25 hours per week at the church and taking my classes on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for the next three years. Pray for me. Bear with me. It will be fun, they say! :)

I'm a lifelong learner and a huge Bible nerd, so it's no surprise that I wanted to continue my education in this way. This whole experience of deciding to go back to school has me thinking a lot about "calling," though. I mean really, what the heck is a calling? How do we know when we're called? How much do we endure to follow a calling?

I am incredibly lucky that I was able, very early in life, to hear God calling me toward ministry. I responded in my own way and time, but eventually, I got there. I feel so incredibly happy to be doing the work I do, but I'm going to let y'all in on a

little secret: It's not easy being a woman in ministry—period, full stop. There is a special level of scrutiny reserved especially for people like me—a Baptist female minister in the South. Simply because of my gender, I am second-guessed, not given the benefit of the doubt, and expected to be less qualified and less experienced in the work that I do. For some folks, no amount of education, skill and giftedness will offset the fact that I'm a woman, but hey, haters gonna hate, right? What's more important is to keep listening for that voice of God in everything we do, inside our job and outside our job, because calling can happen in any area of life. Ask these questions of yourself: Where am I feeling pulled/drawn? What changes do I need to make? How can I become more contented and less discontented? What's the goodness God is revealing to me today? Calling changes over time, so be sure to stay plugged in and tuned in to the whims and winds of our loving and surprising God.

Sometimes it helps us reflect on our own calling to celebrate the calling of others. Our congregation will have a few opportunities over the coming months to celebrate the ordination of some of our own into ministry. Kristan Pitts has been recommended for ordination, and a date will be set in the future. Will Raybon will be ordained by his home church of First Baptist Asheville on September 26 at 3pm, and on August 1 at 3pm, Anne Garner will be ordained by this congregation in our Sanctuary. Watch for the whims and winds of God!

—Kendra

Senior Moments: Careful Steps

A few weeks ago, Tom Oswald commented on those of us who were so agile now having to take careful steps with our canes...

I remember those early days aboard a destroyer in bad weather when a grizzled old Chief Petty Officer said to me as I was out on the weather deck in the salt spray and wind, "Hey, Lieutenant, it is one hand for the ship and one

for the Lieutenant." I still caution my dear wife and others, blithely descending the rotunda stairs, to hold onto the handrail. Many of you remember Ethel Merrit, our librarian on the second floor in olden days. She pushed for a handrail in that corridor for many months, and that legacy still prevails when I traverse the church halls. It is not too late to think

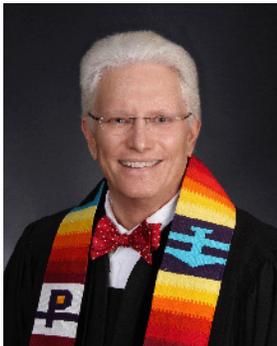
about your house, the front steps, the stairs to the basement and any place having more than two steps. Your older friends—and even your younger visitors—will be forever grateful. It is easier to make the installation now before an accident occurs.

Just remember, "One hand for the ship and one for ME."

—Gene Morin

Voices of the Past

This Sunday, July 25, we will conclude our celebration of voices from the past in our worship with guest proclaimer Don Flowers and guest soloist Tyrese Byrd. Both are familiar to First Baptist Greenville.



Although he grew up in the American South, Dr. Don Flowers is now learning life in a new country as he serves as pastor of Port Williams United Baptist Church in Port Williams, Nova Scotia. Prior to arriving at Port Williams United Baptist Church, he served as the pastor of

Providence Baptist Church in Charleston, SC, for 21 years. He served as Minister of Youth at First Baptist Greenville, SC, from 1987-1998.

Don has degrees from Wake Forest University (BA in Religion), the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M. Div) and Emory University (Doctor of Ministry.) His doctoral dissertation is titled *Sexual Ethics for Parents*.

Don served on the board of the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, serving as the chair on two different occasions. He was the 2009 recipient of the Murray L Vincent Award by the Campaign, given to the Outstanding Prevention Professional. After the shootings at Emanuel AME Church, he helped

organize the first Stand Up Sunday, an effort of churches to bring about reform in gun laws in SC.

Don and his wife, Anita, have two daughters: Alison, married to James Hollis, and mother to Beau; and Savannah who is married to Jonathan Hnatow. Don and Anita are the author of *I Corinthians: Growing through Diversity*, the annual Bible Study published by Smyth and Helwys. In addition, Don blogs about his experience of ministering in a new land at www.preachingontheborder.com.



Tyrese Byrd, a native of Greenville, was a soloist at First Baptist Greenville while a student at Furman University. He is a South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities alum and a 2020 graduate of Furman (Vocal Performance Degree).

While at Furman, Tyrese sang with Furman Singers, Furman Chamber Choir and Furman Lyric Theatre. He is now pursuing a Masters of Music degree at the University of Michigan. In addition to roles in opera and musical theater and solos in concerts, Tyrese was a Colburn Foundation Fellow, attending SongFest at the Colburn School in Los Angeles, CA. This summer, he is teaching at the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.

The Bridge Needs a Home

The Bridge (College and Young Adult small group) has had a great summer! After a year of meeting masked and socially distanced on the AYMC Terrace Level, we were grateful to begin meeting in a variety of locations weekly throughout June and July. We enjoyed a pool party to kick off the summer and spent time at several homes and restaurants every Monday evening. We focused on growing our community,



indulging in great food, and engaging one another in Bible study. It has been tons of fun, and we want that fun to continue into the fall, now that we are able.

The Bridge consists of approximately 15 college students and young adults. Some have grown up here at First Baptist, and some are new arrivals. Together, we have begun to create a community. Now this community needs a home! We love our many First Baptist Greenville families who have agreed to host this group. We would love for other interested church members willing to host The Bridge to reach out to us and let us know! We will meet at

6pm once a month for dinner, fellowship and Bible study. Volunteering does not mean we will ask you to host every month—unless that is something in which you are interested in doing! If you are willing to provide dinner, that would be wonderful, but we are also willing to help with the cost or provide dinner ourselves. If you think hosting The Bridge might be a way you could help serve this important ministry of First Baptist Greenville, please contact me at will.raybon@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

—Will Raybon

Spice of Life: Senior Partners in Clinical Education

Again this year, Anderson University's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is offering Senior Adults from First Baptist Greenville the opportunity to partner with first-year students in their SPICE of Life (Senior Partners in Clinical Education of Life) program. This program is designed to involve older adults and students throughout their first year of physical therapy curriculum to provide feedback as students learn clinical skills and lend spiritual and psychological support as the students complete the rigors of graduate school training. Last year, students reported that practicing with SPICE partners in class helped them with communication and confidence while working with patients in real-life situations in the clinic. Program Chair Dr. Martha Hinman said, "Preliminary results

of the SPICE program suggest that students' interactions with senior partners help develop more positive attitudes toward providing health care to the older adult population."

As a result of First Baptist Senior Adults' involvement in the SPICE program from Anderson University, over 40 students and professors spent Martin Luther King Jr. Day at First Baptist Greenville working to help get things ready for the 2021 Yard Sale. They priced items, placed them in boxes and stacked them in the yard sale storage room. In all, they packed over 100 boxes, moved furniture and displayed it for the upcoming sale. Most of the students worked from nine in the morning to five in the afternoon at First Baptist.

Do you qualify to volunteer?

- Be 55 years of age or older
- Live in the Greater Greenville area
- Have access to transportation to the University Center of Greenville and other sites
- Be a Christian
- Be in relatively good health
- Have no recent falls or injuries
- Enjoy interacting with young adults

How do you apply?

For more information on the application process, please contact me (frank.smith@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 125) or Amy Joye (amy.joye@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 111). Brochures can be picked up from the counter of the work room behind the reception desk.

—Frank

Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 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)
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)
- 7/28 4:00-7:00pm Youth End-of-Summer Pool Party (Forrester Woods Estates)
- 8/1 9:30am Joint Adult Sunday School: Know Your Mothers (Fellowship Hall)
- 8/1 10:30am Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proclaimer: Jim Dant

- 3:00pm Ordination of Anne Garner
- 8/2 10:30am Roadrunners to Strawberry Hill

Come Ring with Us!

The Bell Tower Ringers are seeking a few more musically inclined people to join them for the 2021 Fall Season. If you can read music, you are qualified, and we'd love to have you join us. It's really fun and offers a great way to enrich the musical life of the church. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 6:00-7:00pm starting on August 22.

If interested, please email the conductor, Julie Treu (jhtreu@gmail.com).

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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 7/17
\$1,507,688

Receipts as of 7/14
\$1,282,476

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, 7/19

Hospitals

As of the morning of July 19, there are no hospitalized church members of whom the Pastoral Care Ministry is aware.

Rehab

Dan Williamson, Barbara Alexander, Brenda Ballard, Claudia Caldwell

Discharged

Nancy Goldsmith



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

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