

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 24

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,
Facebook and Radio

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: The Value of Seeking

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

Guest Soloist: Bergsvein Toverud

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Blanche and Bill Carpenter by their family. The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 17, were given by Annelle and Dick Locke in honor of Heyward's 54th birthday. If you would like to place flowers in our Sanctuary for worship, please contact Kimberly Coates at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 128.

WATCH

Access FBG Website here:

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/>

Access Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/fbcgreenvillesc/>

Access Radio here:

89.3-HD4, 89.7 FM, 91.9 FM

AYMC Walking Track and Fitness Room Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday,
8:00am-8:00pm

Wednesday and Friday,
8:00am-2:00pm

Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

It's almost like Christmas. The anticipation has been building for weeks. Bethlehem is on the agenda. Jesus is the reason for the season. We've spent a fair amount of money in preparation for the day. Our journey will take us over the river, through the woods, over the ocean, and into the desert. Next week, a new group of pilgrims will leave for the Holy Land. After two years of COVID interruption, we will finally be walking where Jesus walked again.

This year's pilgrimage is titled The Motherland Pilgrimage. Our travelers will be experiencing the dominant sites of Jesus' life through the eyes of the women who surrounded him. We will begin in Nazareth—the hometown of his mother, Mary. We will journey to Magdala and visit the village streets where Mary Magdalene met our Lord. In Capernaum, we will see the ruins of Peter's mother-in-law's home. From the Mount

of Olives, we will walk the Via Dolorosa where crowds of women cried and beat their breasts as the beleaguered and beaten Jesus walked by struggling beneath his cross. In Jerusalem, we will visit the Mount Calvary and imagine Mary at the foot of the cross. From there, we will make the brief walk to the empty tomb where women were the first to witness the residuals of resurrection.

Each morning, Camille Loomis Rehnberg—our pastoral resident—will lead us in devotion and prayer. Each evening, I will share lessons and insights regarding the next day's holy sites. During the day, we will simply walk and look and wonder and pray. Tucked between these holy moments will be plenty of time for laughter, excellent Mediterranean cuisine, floating in the Dead Sea, and periods of relaxation. If you couldn't travel this year, I hope you'll begin making plans to enjoy a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the future. For now, I'm asking you to commit to praying for these pilgrims as they journey. Your prayers can only add to the life-changing adventure they are about to enjoy.

—Jim

Sunday, July 31

10:30am Worship Service

Furman Singers Alumni Choir

Musicians in Summer Services

I am especially thankful for the musicians sharing their gifts with us in our worship services this summer. As I write this, I'm thinking of some of our recent soloists: Tyrese Byrd singing, "I am seeking for a city into the Kingdom, Hallelujah;" Sara Kathryn Coates singing, "I am a Poor, Wayfarin' Stranger;" Bronwen Forbay singing, "Be not Afraid, the Lord will give you strength;" and Pam Kenney-McIntyre's beautiful sound on the flute. The level of talent in our congregation and community and the many musicians sharing their musical offerings are tremendous blessings. We are fortunate to be able to gather as a congregation and sing together and to have a dedicated choir and organist who

share their talents with us week after week.



Bergsvein Toverud, tenor, will be our guest soloist on Sunday morning,

July 24. During his undergraduate studies at Furman University, Bergsvein was a Herring Choral Scholar and Herring Church Music Intern here assisting with our Youth and Sanctuary Choirs. He has recently received his Masters degree in Music from the Eastman School of Music and been a Young Artist for Palm Beach Opera. He has also been a national first prize winner in the Classical Singer Competition.

On Sunday morning, July 31, the Furman Singers Alumni Choir will sing in our worship service under the direction of Hugh Floyd and Bing Vick, each a conductor emeritus. Furman Singers Alumni from multiple states gather to sing together because of their love for choral music and the strong friendships they have made from singing in this choir. We are honored to host this group of approximately 150 singers here on the last Sunday in July.

Singing in a choir is uplifting to one's spirit, a way to connect with other people, and good for the brain and soul. I encourage you to try singing in one of our choirs this year!

—Vivian

Members Needed!

I am working on a life planning guide that will be geared toward seniors. The guide will provide practical advice and be a resource guide for financial, medical, legal and spiritual concerns. Its purpose is to help seniors plan ahead and minimize the stress of unexpected events. If you have expertise or interest in any of these areas and would like to be on the Life Planning Guide Committee, please contact me at cromerbriane@ctsnet.edu or at (619) 455-8122. The first meeting of this committee is scheduled for July 19, 2:00-3:30pm in the Parlor.

—Brian Cromer, Ministry Intern to Senior Adults and Neighborhood Partnership

A Note of Thanks

Dear Church Family!

Thank you so much for all the ways you have celebrated and affirmed me not just in my retirement but in countless ways over the 39 years I was blessed to work at the church.

The drop-in was lovely, and it was great to see so many of you. I appreciate the many cards you have sent. Thank you for the generous love offering that was amazing.

I already miss the day-to-day contact with you, but I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and other times.

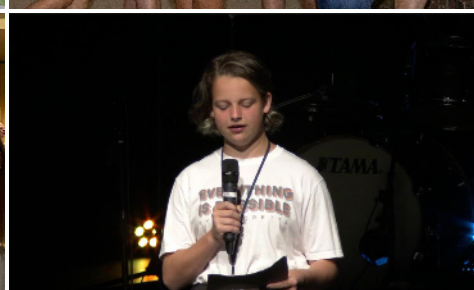
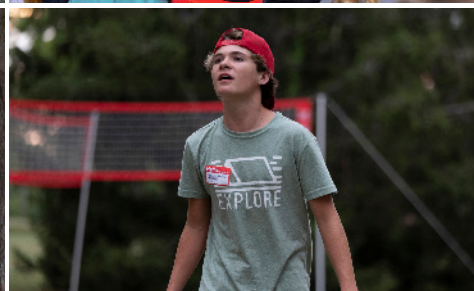
Thank you again!

Love,
Peggy

University Time

University is a time for faith, friends and fun! These pictures share a little of our week.

—Mary Carol



Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 7/20 10:30am Roadrunners to Double Dogs for Lunch
- 7/24 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday
School: *Discerning the Story: The Path to Non-discrimination at First Baptist* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant, including Communion
- 5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 7/25 6:00pm College Night the Home of the Rollinses
- 7/27 4:00-7:00pm Youth Summer Event: Pool Party
- 7/31 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday
School: *Deciding the Story: A History of Big Decisions at First Baptist* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Guest Choir Furman Singers Alumni
- 8/5 5:00pm College Pool Party at the Home of the Bryants

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 7/16
\$1,561,532

Receipts as of 7/11
\$1,179,638

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

July 18-24

Jim Dant

478-737-7298 (m)

July 25-31

Matt Rollins

864-346-0971 (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."

- 8/7 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday
School: *Connecting Stories: New Members at First Baptist* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant, including Communion
- 8/7-8 Youth Merge Retreat for rising sixth graders
- 8/10 10:00am Roadrunners to Strawberry Hill
- 6:00pm College Night at the Home of the McDonalds
- 8/14 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday
School: *Wading into the Waters: Continuing Education at First Baptist* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Kyle Matthews in Concert
- 8/21 Promotion Sunday
Forum at First Begins
- WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant
- 5:00-8:00pm Youth Family Block Party
- 8/28 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant, including First Grade Recognition
- 5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 9/2-9 AYMC Closed for Floor Refinishing

Care List

Care List as of Morning, 7/11

Hospital

Norm Dam

Rehab

Cathy Ballard, Hoke Black, Claudia Caldwell, Freddie Jameson, Tom Maddox, Nina Martin

Discharged

None

Sympathy

...to the family of Paula Cargill.

...to Gayle Brown and family in the death of her mother.

...John Jones and family in the death of his grandmother.


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Telling the Story



Joint Summer Sunday School
9:15am in the Fellowship Hall

Four Sessions Remaining!

July 24—“Discerning the Story: The Path to Non-discrimination at First Baptist”

July 31—“Deciding the Story: A History of Big Decisions at First Baptist”

August 7—“Connecting Stories: New Members of First Baptist”

August 14—“Wading into the Waters: Continuing Education at First Baptist”