

WORSHIP



Pentecost Worship Service, May 28, 10:30am (Sanctuary)

During worship on Sunday, May 28, we will celebrate Pentecost. It's the birthday of the church. Wear your red! No red? Wear another color of the flame—orange or yellow. It will be a day of gifts—gifts of the Spirit in

wind and fire, gifts in colors and bells, gifts in language both spoken and sung. Tony Hopkins, Interim Senior Minister, will serve as proclaimer with sermon "The Birth of the Church" based upon Psalm 104:24-34 and Acts 2:1-4, 43-47. Service musicians of the day include Vocare,

FBG's choir of grades 6-12, joined by a guest youth choir and handbell choirs from Apex, NC. Don't miss the party!

Pews in front of the baptistry will be reserved for our Deaf and hard-of-hearing community. An American Sign Language interpreter will be at the base of the baptistry.



The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 28, are given in loving memory of Laurie Brasher by her mother, Jane Street.

If you would like to provide flowers for one of our future worship services, contact Kimberly Coates at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527 ext 128.

Guest Ringers and Singers

On Sunday, May 28, we are happy to welcome the Youth Choir and Youth Handbell Choirs from Apex UMC (Apex, NC) as our guest musicians for our 10:30am worship service. These 28 6th-12th graders and their leaders are visiting First Baptist Greenville as a part of their annual tour. This year they are traveling to Greenville, Spartanburg and Charlotte to share music with a variety of communities and to minister to others through their choral and handbell music. The music they learn and share makes a difference in their own lives and the lives of those who hear them. The Apex UMC Youth Choir is directed by Todd Arant, the Traditional Worship Arts Director at Apex UMC, and accompanied by Patrick Jessee.

Jubilate Ringers, their advanced youth handbell choir, is directed by Becky Settle, and Celebration Ringers, their intermediate youth handbell choir, is directed by Casey Purdy.

Todd is a fellow alumnus of Furman University where he was a Church Music Major (Class of 2007). He studied with Glen Adkins, former FBG Minister of Music and Worship, and Vivian Hamilton, current Minister of Music and Worship, accompanied both his junior and senior recitals. He shared, "Returning to First Baptist Greenville is a bit of a personal homecoming, and I'm so happy to introduce our youth to this wonderful church family!"

Members of Vocare will also be joining with these singers and ringers to lead us in worship on the Sunday of Pentecost. Todd and I have been planning this collaboration for almost a year now, and I can't wait!

You can learn more about Todd, the Youth and Handbell Choirs, and Apex UMC at <https://apexumc.org/connect/worship-arts/>

—Amy

Called Church Conference June 4, at the Close of Worship

The Diaconate will present a brief State of the Church report. Plan now to remain a few minutes following worship!

May 28, 10:30am
Pentecost
Vocare
Apex Youth Choir and Handbells

June 4
Close of Worship
Brief Called Church Conference
"State of the Church"

June 4, 2:00-4:00pm
Retirement Reception for Frank Smith
Fellowship Hall

Wynn Again... Again

Frank Smith is a model minister and all-around terrific person. We met for the first time in 1997 when he was being interviewed for the position of Minister to Youth. We were so favorably impressed with him that the interview pretty quickly shifted from getting to know him, asking him various questions, and learning about his philosophy of ministry to young people, etc., to doing everything we could possibly do to persuade him to accept the job. He has done masterful work in various ministry positions in our church for 26 years. Frank is a wonderful friend to us all and will be greatly missed.

I am grateful to Dr. Tony Hopkins and to our Personnel Committee for the opportunity to serve on a part-time, interim basis as our Minister to Senior Adults, beginning May 22. I've been working out at the YMCA and taking long walks in the last few weeks, in an effort to get in good enough shape to keep up with our seniors. They are an incredibly active bunch and in many ways are the backbone of our congregation. Their knowledge of and



Frank Smith



Baxter Wynn

appreciation for our church's history, along with their enduring love and deep commitment to our church is invaluable. I look forward to meeting new friends who have joined FBG in recent years, reconnecting with friends I have known for many years, and learning from our senior adults as we minister together.

—Bax (Baxter Wynn)

Children's Sabbath

On Sunday, May 7, our Children's Ministry led us in Worship. FBG children did an incredible job creating art to enhance our worship as well as leading us in worship. Many wrote their own prayers and other elements of the service helping us to focus on what it means to be bearers of light in a world that needs the light of God. Afterwards, we enjoyed Tropical Grille and a visit from the Kona Ice truck along with a wonderful time of fellowship.

We are grateful for the leadership of Amy Joye, Ellen Wilson, Anna Woodham, the entire tech team, and all the children, parents and other leaders who worked so hard to make this day special. Thank you for being a church that supports and encourages people of all ages to lead in the worship of God.

—Bridget



Pastoral Care Update

“I want my work to make a difference!” she says. Music to our ears!

Angie Knight has worn a lot of hats professionally, but a deeply-felt “tug” to minister to people through the local church brought her our way as we searched for a part-time Ministry Assistant in Pastoral Care. Her first day was last Monday, and we are so happy to have her aboard!

“Isn’t that Ryland’s job?” you ask. You get extra credit for paying attention! Ryland is following his own sense of calling to be the full-time Ministry Assistant at the Reception Desk. If you have experienced a Ryland Brown greeting or been helped, informed, or directed by this kind, gentle spirit, you already know that this is a perfect match. We are thrilled that Ryland will be where he wants to be, doing what he does best!

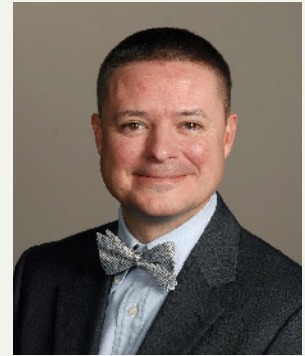
Angie is a native of Greenville, SC, a realtor with an extensive background in sales, sales support, and customer service. She has devoted her life to helping others and enjoys spending quality time volunteering for women, children and pet charities.

As you can imagine, Angie will have a lot of new people to get to know, to say nothing of the new job she is learning! Please give her your patience and support. Stop by and help her put a face with a name, tell her what you love most about the church, and give her a warm First Baptist welcome!

—Kyle



Angie Knight



Ryland Brown

Senior Moment: Missions

When we were asked to write an article for *The Branch* about missions either in our church or outside in other areas, we were all set to talk about the experiences we have had in Foreign Mission efforts. Just as we were beginning to write, we heard the news that our Frank Smith was retiring. What were we thinking? The Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale is one mission that Frank Smith has headed up for many years, and this is one we need to talk about!!!

Don and I have been able to be a part of this mission under the leadership of Frank Smith and have seen firsthand the

true mission to the community and beyond that our church has through the Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale. There is no call for help either from our church community or surrounding community that is too large for Frank to attempt to satisfy. Frank will stop everything to answer a call, help pick up furniture, listen to a problem, find a refrigerator or find an appliance for someone in need. He is greatly loved and greatly respected not only by the folks that come to the Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale but also by those who work with him. In working at the yard sale, we have developed

friendships, laughed a lot, worked hard and have felt that we made a difference. That to us is what a mission is.... making a difference.

Want to join this fun group? It's easy. Just sign up to be involved in missions!! You will be blessed!

—Jo and Don Carson

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 5/28 **WATCH** 10:30am Pentecost
Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins, Vocare and Apex Youth Choir and Handbells
5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 5/29 Church Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 6/1-6 High School Senior Trip (Seabrook Island)
- 6/2 7:00pm Greenville Gay Men's Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)
- 6/4 9:30am Summer Combined Sunday School: Summer of Psalms (Carpenter Chapel)
WATCH 10:30am Trinity Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins with Brief Called Church Conference
2:00-4:00pm Retirement Reception for Frank Smith (Fellowship Hall)
4:00pm Robert Powell Music Scholarship Festival (Christ Church Episcopal) featuring FBG Sanctuary Choir
- 6/7 10:30am Roadrunners to Lunch at Hungry Drovers

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 5/20
\$1,105,769

Receipts as of 5/16
\$876,059

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Please call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, and leave a message by pressing the number "2" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies." One of our staff ministers will return your call.

Or, email pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com

- 6/11 9:30am Summer Combined Sunday School: Summer of Psalms (Fellowship Hall)
- 6/11 **WATCH** 10:30am Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins
11:30am Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Fellowship Hall)
- 6/12-15 9:00am-Noon Children's Mission Week 1
- 6/14 9:00am-2:00pm Mission Possible, Lunch Club and Bible Study for Youth
- 6/17-23 High School Mission Trip (Belize)
- 6/18 9:30am Summer Combined Sunday School: Summer of Psalms (Fellowship Hall)
WATCH 10:30am Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnberg, including Family Dedication
- 6/19 AYMC and Church Offices Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- 6/20-23 9:00am-3:00pm Children's Mission Week 2
- 6/25 9:30am Summer Combined Sunday School: Summer of Psalms (Fellowship Hall)
WATCH 10:30am Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins, including Communion
5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 6/28 9:00am-2:00pm Mission Possible, Lunch Club and Bible Study for Youth
- 7/2 9:30am Summer Combined Sunday School: Summer of Psalms (Fellowship Hall)
WATCH 10:30am Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins
- 7/3-4 AYMC and Church Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 7/5 9:00am-2:00pm Mission Possible, Lunch Club and Bible Study for Youth

Sympathy

The Pastoral Care Ministry is unaware of any new sympathies.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesdays at First are concluded for the Spring. Plan now to join us on August 16 when *Wednesdays at First* activities resume.

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More Photos From Children's Sabbath!

