

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
November 19, 2017**

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Kendra Plating

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: Comfort with Discomfort

Anthem: "Thanks Be to Thee"
– HANDEL

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Hearing aid receivers and magnifying glasses available for all worship services.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the family of Robert Wilson in loving memory and thanksgiving for his life.

If you would like to donate flowers to adorn our Sanctuary for worship, please contact Kimberly Coates at 233-2527 ext. 128 or kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

Extended Session

Directors: Robert and Sarah Farrar

Twos/Threes: Buck and Janna Pennington

Fours: Chris and Heath Beard

Fives: Darin Gehrke and Cherington Shucker

Pianist: Martha Burwell

Worship Leader: Helen Lee Turner



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

It is a runner's trick: When running uphill, never look too far ahead. In fact, it is recommended you look no further than six to seven feet in front of you. From that perspective, any hill looks flat. If you keep your head down, put one foot in front of the other, and concentrate on the moment, you eventually crest the hill.

It's a coach's mantra: Play the game at hand. In any given game, it might be tempting to dream ahead about regional championships, World Series or Super Bowls, but every good coach encourages his or her athletes to play the game in which they are currently competing. Score points now. Run fast now. Hit the shot now. Dreaming of the future, without taking care of the business at hand, eliminates many future opportunities.

This past Sunday, during our church conference, we embraced and committed ourselves to the 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan (budget). We affirmed and encouraged a slate of volunteers for the education and administrative ministries of the church. There was a genuine sense of excitement around the continued

growth of the church and the expansion of our work in the world, but I had to take a deep breath and remind myself, there is still a month and a half left in this year. We still need to finish strong in our present work. We still need to put one foot in front of the other and generously give our resources and energies to the present climb.

During the months of November and December, our internal ministries expand with the opportunities afforded by the Holy Days of Advent and Christmas. Our ministry in the community and world are also heightened with multiple requests for assistance and the end-of-the-year funding of our mission efforts in the world. Your gifts have always been generous and strong in these final months as we crest the fiscal hill. Here's the good news: we are on track to fully fund all ministries and mission efforts again this year! If our gifts in November and December match our gifts from last year, we will – as folk like to say – make budget. So, give a little more than you gave last year during these two months. Let's keep our minds and hearts in the year at hand and on the work at hand. Then, we can start the expanded ministries of 2018 with a strong finish behind us. God has blessed us at First Baptist. Let us continue to give generously and be a blessing in return.

— Jim

Reminders

SEE: Praying with Mary

December 2

10:00am-12:30pm

Jim Dant, Facilitator

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/prayingwithmary>

Church Retreat

March 2-4, 2018

Unmasking God

Joy Yee, Retreat Leader

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/church-wide-retreat/>

Bringing Smiles to Our College Students During Exams

Our Youth Family will start packing exam care packages for FBG College and Grad students this Sunday, November 19, with nonperishable goodies, study supplies and encouraging notes. We do not want to leave anyone out but can only mail care packages to students whose address we have.

Please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/Lpae1Di5ppDhaRD33> to submit your College/Grad student's mailing address or email it to Sarah Carter at Sarah.Carter@firstbaptistgreenville.com by this Friday, November 17.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

We are collecting donations to fill these small boxes of love and encouragement. You can drop off nonperishable goodies and study supplies by Friday, November 17. Suggestions for donations are: microwave popcorn, fruit snacks and snack size treats.

Baked goods are still needed and are due Sunday, November 26. Please divide your treats into sealable bags with 2-4 items per bag.

— Mary Carol and Sarah



Youth Family December Events and 2018 Winter Retreat!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS OUTING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

4:00-6:15PM

Before we gather with our church family at NOMA Square for First on Main, our Youth Family will meet at Antonio Bertolo's Pizza on Main Street to eat an early dinner. Then we will walk together up to the Hyatt Regency where we will tour the beautiful Festival of Trees and support *Vocare* and FBG band.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

& WHITE ELEPHANT CANDY EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00-10:15AM

ALL youth and college students are invited to our Christmas Party to enjoy a homemade breakfast followed by a spirited White Elephant candy exchange game. All you need to bring is a bag/box of candy (i.e.: skittles, candy bars, bag of gummy bears, etc.). Feel free to be creative on style, flavor and size, but please do not gift-wrap your candy.



YOUTH FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

What could be a better Christmas gift than giving your youth a night away with their friends followed by a day filled with winter fun?? To learn more about our 2018 Youth Family Winter Retreat and to register online, visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/youth-registration-for-winter-retreat/>

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College Family December Events and 2018 Winter Retreat!

YOUTH & COLLEGE CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST & WHITE ELEPHANT CANDY EXCHANGE

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COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 6:00PM

All college students are invited to our annual Christmas party at the home of Mary Carol Anderson. This year we are going casual with our pajamas. Come in your pjs or your favorite comfy clothes. Regardless of style, we hope you will join us for a fun time of dinner and fellowship! Please RSVP by Monday, December 18, and let us know if you can attend.

To sign up, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/laS3svIHRzilZBnz1>

COLLEGE WINTER RETREAT

Join us for a one night retreat in the mountains to relax by a fire, engage in fellowship over meals and enjoy time away from college. To learn more about our 2018 College Winter Retreat and to register online, visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/2018-college-winter-retreat/>

— Mary Carol and Sarah

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 10:00AM-2:00PM

FBG College students are invited to come enjoy a free lunch and fellowship time. Join us in the AYMC for a great time with our college family. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.

To sign up, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/U0gGdmBGU8wFiMa23>



Praying with Mary

Saturday, December 2



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10:00am-12:30pm in the Parlor

\$20 (includes lunch afterwards)

Check-in and coffee 9:30-10:00am

Other than Jesus himself, no biblical character garners more attention during the Advent and Christmas season than Mary. If we read the biblical story closely, most of her words are prayers – words spoken to God. Come and live into the Advent Season – prepare for Christmas – by praying with Mary. Through the practices of *lectio divina*, *visio divina* and *colloquy*, we will spend a morning coming alongside Mary and praying her prayers with her. Register at firstbaptistgreenville.com/prayingwithmary

For Your Calendar!

- 11/14 8:45am-3:00pm** Holy Rollers to Lunch in Williamston and Bargain Foods in Pelzer
- 11/15 10:30am** Roadrunners to Lunch at Whistle Stop Cafe in Travelers Rest
- Wednesdays at First Activities*
- 11/19 10:30am** Kendra Plating, Proclaimer
- 11:30am** Lunch for Visitors (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30am** Free Lunch for College Students at Corona's
- 11:30am-3:00pm** Children's Ministry Event: Lunch and Ice Skating
- 11/21-25** AYMC Closed for Refinishing Gym Floor
- 11/22** No *Wednesdays at First Activities*
- 11/22-24** Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/26** Baked Goods Due for College Care Packages
- 10:30am** Christ the King Sunday
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 5:00pm** LGBTQ & Friends Support Group (Parlor)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 11/11
\$2,163,465

Receipts of 11/10
\$1,979,793

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

November 13-19
Jim Dant
478-737-7298 (m)

November 20-26
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (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."

Wednesday Supper

Reservations are required and must be made on the church website or by calling the Reception Desk by noon on Monday prior to the meal. Serving lines are open 4:45-6:00pm.

Menu

November 15

Adults: Fried Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Pineapple Casserole, Spinach Salad, Garlic Butter Biscuits

Kids: Fish Sticks, Buttered Corn, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit, Cookies

November 22

There are no Wednesdays at First activities on November 22.

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

3:00pm Youth Hang Time and Supper

4:45-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open

5:30-7:00pm Children's Missions and Choirs

6:00pm Youth Bible Study

6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship

7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Care List as of 11/13/17

Hospitals

As of 11/13/2017, there are no church members of whom we are aware in the hospital.

Congratulations to...

...Brian and Sarah Snyder on the birth of a daughter, Daphne Gwen, born on November 2, 2017. Daphne's older brothers are Watson and Hank.

Sympathy to...

...Michael Parrish and family in the death of his father.

...Annelle Locke and family in the death of her niece.

Lula Whilden World Missions Offering

Goal \$125,000
as of 11/10
\$57,605



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Introducing...



Carey Walter, 18
Candleston, Simpsonville
29681, joined FBG during
worship on Sunday,
November 5, by transfer
of letter from another
Baptist church. Carey is employed
with Aldi.



Myra Hendley and
Ashley Moreira,
26 Brunson St.,
Greenville 29607,
joined FBG on
Sunday, November 5,

by statement of previous profession
of faith and baptism from another
denomination. Ashley is employed
with Greenville Tech Charter High
School, and Myra works at the Eating
Recovery Center.