



# The Voice

## February 3, 2019



### Today Is "Souper" Bowl Sunday

The Youth "Souper" Bowl event to raise funds for youth missions projects is today. Plan to remain after worship for a lunch of soup, salad, and desserts. The cost of the meal will be whatever a person cares to donate. No reservation is needed. *To Go* orders will be available for \$10.00 per quart of soup.

### Congregational Informational Session



There will be a congregational information session and discussion in the fellowship hall on Sunday, February 3, at 1:30 pm (immediately following the Souper Bowl luncheon). The topic will be the church and mausoleum roofs, particularly as they relate to our insurance company, Southern Mutual Church Insurance Company, and the legal implications of our ongoing conversation with them.



### Contemplative Wednesday

The next Contemplative Wednesday is February 6, 8:30 am in Room 115.

### Learn about Mardi Gras



The Jo Ann Gray Circle invites all who are interested in learning more about Mardi Gras to attend the circle meeting tomorrow at 3:00 pm in the Carpenter Sunday School classroom.

### Reminder to Alma Johnson Circle

The Alma Johnson Circle will not meet as a group in February. Supplies collected by members for the men's shelter at Pathway House have already been delivered by Barbara and Tom Chandler. A meal will be prepared for the men's shelter the first week of February by Barbara Chandler and Carol Richard. Many thanks to all of these!



### NGO on February 5!

The Third Annual GFBC Follies performance is Tuesday, February 5, 11:15 am, with both new and familiar performers. Music, recitations, presentations, and humor fill the stage for a grand time of entertainment and fellowship. Join us in our own Follies program.

### Winter Bible Study February 10



Winter Bible Study this year will be on Revelation 1-3, John's initial vision and the letters to the seven churches. A teaching session for all adults will be held during the Sunday School hour. During worship, Tony will preach on the letter to the church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7). Following worship, everyone is invited to meet in the fellowship hall for a light lunch--thank you, Congregational Life Committee-- and a second teaching session. Childcare will be provided.

### Salt Shakers

The next Salt Shakers Dinner meetings are Sunday, February 10, 6:00 pm, in host families' homes.



### Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group will meet at noon, Tuesday, February 12, at Montague's Restaurant.

### Yard Sale Items Needed

The Rosemary Benjamin Relay team wants your "trash" that may be someone else's "treasure." Donations for the yard sale may be stored behind the stage in Fellowship Hall. Please hold large items until the week of March 4. The Yard Sale will be held Saturday, March 9, 7:00 am--noon.



### Flower Calendar Openings

The flowers on the Communion Table each Sunday add to the beauty of the Chancel. The following dates are available for someone to provide flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one.

June 23 June 30 July 28 November 17

Please contact Dolores Watson (223-7049) to reserve one of these dates. Please remember, the persons who contribute flowers are responsible for making arrangements with the florist of their choice to prepare and deliver the arrangements to the church.



### Opportunities for Service



Thank you to the persons who have volunteered to greet or to be in the church office on Sunday mornings. There are still a few slots open for each of these jobs. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Frances Thompson at 229-5557 or [gfbcs@gmail.com](mailto:gfbcs@gmail.com). Also, GFBC provides transportation back to Wesley Commons for residents who attend services. Bus drivers are needed to drive the church bus to Wesley Commons after worship. Drivers must be between ages 25 and 70, but no special driver's license is needed. Please contact David Jennings at 229-5557 or [jenningsdaj@gmail.com](mailto:jenningsdaj@gmail.com) to volunteer.



The Global and Local Missions Committee is considering projects for this year's Operation Inasmuch, which will be held on April 27. Those who have suggestions about projects are asked to contact the church office by phone at 229-5557 or by email at [gfbcs@gmail.com](mailto:gfbcs@gmail.com) by February 15.



### Cheerful Cherub Registration



Registration is now open for children ages 1-4 for the 2019-2020 school year. Forms are available in the church office or from Claudia Burch. If you have any questions, please call Claudia at 229-2787.

## 2019 Newsletter Schedule



First Baptist Church publishes twenty-three newsletters each year as a way to inform the church family of important events in the life of the church. Anyone interested in submitting material related to church events or activities is asked to submit the information to Mary Frances Thompson (gfbfbc@gmail.com) by the Wednesday prior to the publication of the newsletter. The following are a list of publication dates for the newsletter in 2019:

February 6, 20	June 5, 19	October 9, 23
March 6, 20	July 10, 24	November 6, 20
April 3, 17	August 7, 21	December 11
May 1, 15	September 11, 25	

## IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW LOOKING FOR . . . ?

**Community  
Spiritual Development  
Service Opportunities  
Caring Relationships  
Bible Application**



GFBC offers all of these things through the small groups that meet during the Sunday School hour, each Sunday at 10:00 am. Every class welcomes people who are single, single again, or married. Though the groups tend to organize around age, you will be warmly welcomed in any class!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

CLASS (typical ages)	ROOM NUMBER
College and Alums (college, 20s)	109
Upper Room (20s and 30s)	104
Faith Builders (40s and 50s)	107
Sojourners (50s and 60s)	108
Bowers (adults over 60)	103
Timms (men over 75)	106
Mauldin (adults over 75)	208
Carpenter (adults over 75)	210



## Children's Ministry Spring Semester Dates

- March 16: Arts Center STEAM Day**  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm;  
Picnic and playground at Noon
- March 22: Movie Night**  
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- April 14: Egg Hunt**
- April 27: Operation Inasmuch**
- May 4: Strawberry Picking**  
10:00 am;  
Picnic and playground after
- May 22: Music & Missions Night**  
6:30 pm
- May 29: CIA Fun Night**  
Pizza supper - 6:00 pm  
Games - 6:30 pm
- May 31: Playground Night**  
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

## Children's Ministry Summer Dates

- June 10-14:** Vacation Bible School
- July 16-19:** Camp P.R.I.S.M. (3rd—5th graders)

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### Wednesday Night Youth Snacks

When youth arrive at church on Wednesday evenings, they are hungry! Youth parents can help with this need by periodically providing snacks. Contact Blake to sign up to bring snacks.

