

# GREENWOOD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Seeking His Heart...Being His Hands  
Living, Loving, and Serving in the Name of Christ*

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*Sunday, February 26*

*Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching*

*Christina Whitehouse-Suggs  
Will Preach at 11:00 am Service*

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*Wednesday, February 22*

*Service of Ashes*

*6:30 pm*

*Sanctuary*



(See Pastor's Column for Details)

## A Note from the Pastor

### GFBC Records Highest Total of Gifts to State Missions

Did you know that in 2011, Greenwood FBC gave more to state missions than any other church in South Carolina? (Every church's gifts were listed in the most recent edition of the CBF of SC newsletter.) Total gifts to the state missions offering in 2011 were \$55,988, and GFBC gave \$11,931 of that—that's 21% of the total! I'm so pleased with this information, for several reasons. For one thing, it is an appropriate response to God's blessings. God has blessed our church so much—and in so many ways—and generous giving to missions is the best way to show our gratitude. I might also note that this is the second time in the three years that our church has been at the top of this list. Normally I don't encourage church folks to think in competitive terms, but when it comes to giving to missions, it's good for us to "spur one another on to love and good works" (Heb 10:24).

### 2012 Lenten Schedule

It's hard to believe, but Ash Wednesday is only two weeks away. Again this year, GFBC will participate in the midday services which are held on the Wednesdays during the Lenten season. Worship begins at 12:35 pm. A light lunch is offered before and after the service, at noon and 1:00; simply go to the lunch which is the better fit for your schedule. Here is the calendar for this year:

February 22 – Main Street Methodist  
February 29 – Resurrection Episcopal  
March 7 – Westminster Presbyterian  
March 14 – St. Mark United Methodist  
March 21 – First Baptist Church  
March 28 – First Presbyterian  
April 4 – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic

### Staff Anniversaries

I want to recognize three staff members who are celebrating anniversaries in January and February. **Claudia Burch** has served as our Director of Children's Ministries for four years—and has worked in our preschool for many years before that. Claudia does so much for our children and their families. **Jesse Bolden** has now been on our staff for thirty-two years. He takes care of our facilities and makes possible all the activities which take place at our church. **Ron Davis** has served as our organist for seven years. He adds to our worship in so many ways, from playing piano to playing organ to singing. Our heartfelt thanks to these folks for all they do for our church!

## Notes of Interest

The Furman Singers will be with us for a concert on **Wednesday evening, March 7**. This is the only activity that night. All other activities are cancelled. This will be a tremendous concert, so plan to come and invite your friends. **Housing is still needed for 20 students.** Please call me- 229-5557, email me- jklist@embarqmail.com or see me on Sunday (Be sure I write it down). Thank you for your help in housing these **70** students.

On **Palm Sunday**, April 1, the Music Ministry will present "**Focus on the Cross**" in the morning worship. Please plan to be here for this meaningful worship experience.

### WORSHIP: Sunday, February 12, 2012

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-20a  
Sermon: "Church"- Tony Hopkins  
(Third of three sermons to prepare for Lent and Operation Inasmuch)  
Worship Music: "Praise the Lord, Be Joyful," "They'll Know We Are Christians"- Chancel Choir

### WORSHIP: Sunday, February 19, 2012

Scripture: Micah 6: 6-8  
Sermon: "Justice and Mercy"- Tony Hopkins  
Worship Music: "Go Up to the Mountain of God," "Offertory"- Chancel Choir



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE February 22 Sanctuary, 6:30 pm

(Special Ash Wednesday Service is planned for children ages 3-grade 5.)

### POSITION AVAILABLE: Part-Time Minister of Music

First Baptist Church of Greenwood, South Carolina is seeking a part-time Minister of Music to begin on or after April 22. Primary responsibilities will be to plan the music of worship (a traditional/liturgical service), direct the Chancel Choir (weekly rehearsal) and instrumental ensemble (monthly rehearsal), and oversee Youth and Children's Choirs (which have their own directors). A copy of the job description may be found at [www.fbcgwd.com/staff](http://www.fbcgwd.com/staff). Resumes will be received through February 29, 2012. Please send resumes to Minister of Music Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 722 Grace St., Greenwood, SC, 29649; or to [fbcgwd@embarqmail.com](mailto:fbcgwd@embarqmail.com).

## Children's Ministry



### February FAMILY Theme Night Sunday, February 12 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Theme: Valentines

Bring the family and join us in the children's area for games, crafts, snack supper, fun, and fellowship. (If your child wants to come and your family can't, we will have an adopted family for him/her.)

**Sign up by Friday, February 10.**

### Movie Night Friday, February 24 5:30 pm-8:30 pm

Supper included.  
Please sign up by  
Wednesday, February 22.



### CIAs Book Project



The CIAs (children in action) are collecting new and gently used children's books for the Greenwood Children's Center and for Allendale. The older children are also painting bookshelves as part of the CBF of SC Operation We Care Allendale. If you would like to clean out your shelves or purchase new books, there is a collection box by the bulletin board downstairs under the Fellowship Hall, or you can give them to Claudia.

### Inside Workday

The Property Committee has scheduled an "INSIDE WORKDAY" for **Saturday, March 17**. Work will begin at 9:00 am and focus on cleaning in the children's area, stairways, and Sanctuary. Everyone is asked to bring cleaning gloves and a few basic cleaning supplies. Lunch will be provided at noon!



### Additional Senior and Handicapped Parking

The Property Committee recently obtained an encroachment permit from the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the City of Greenwood to place four additional "Senior and Handicapped Parking" spaces on Grace Street. The four spaces are located on either side of the entrance on Grace Street. These spaces as well as the other senior and handicapped spaces are reserved only during worship hours.

# Student Ministry News

## Youth Sunday School Schedule

**2/12:** Barry Edwards teaches middle and high schoolers in the HS Lounge

**2/19:** Kyle Scates & Lou Hilley

**2/26:** Christina Whitehouse-Suggs teaches middle and high schoolers in the HS lounge

**3/4:** Anne Hancock & Hob Chandler

**3/11:** Blake Kendrick teaches middle and high schoolers in the HS Lounge

**3/18:** Carol Hopkins teaches middle and high schoolers in the HS Lounge

**3/25:** Sandra Jones & Nancy Poston

## Youth Events Calendar

**Feb. 10-12:** Youth Ski Retreat at Beech Mountain, NC

**March 4: YouthServ** - All Youth meet at Greenwood FBC at 3:00 pm. We will do some yard-work at the home of one of our church members (bring gloves, rakes, etc.)

**Mar. 9-11:** Youth Choir attends Festival by the Sea in Myrtle Beach, SC

**Mar. 31:** Youth Rummage Sale Fundraiser at Greenwood FBC

**April 14: Golf Tournament Fundraiser** at Star Fort Golf Course in Ninety-Six, SC

**June 3: YouthServ** - All Youth meet at Greenwood FBC at 3:00 pm. We will do some yard-work at the home of one of our church members (bring gloves, rakes, etc.)

**June 10-15:** Youth Mission Trip to Birmingham, Alabama

**Youth 8-13:** Passport Summer Camp at Wingate University in Wingate, NC

## Souper Bowl Sunday a Huge Success!



The 2012 Souper Bowl Sunday Youth Fundraiser was a huge success! The youth of Greenwood FBC would like to thank everyone who supported the fundraiser. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all, and the youth raised **\$1,000.00** towards this summer's youth trips!



## Youth Ski Retreat - This Weekend-

Keep our youth in your prayers this weekend as they travel to Beech Mountain for their winter Ski Retreat. They will join with youth from churches all over SC at this ski retreat, which is sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of SC.



## Youth Missions Rummage Sale Saturday, March 31

The youth of Greenwood FBC will be hosting a rummage sale on **March 31**, and we need Greenwood FBC's help! If you're doing some "spring cleaning" and find some items that you'd like to get rid of, please consider donating to the youth missions rummage sale. If you have larger items to donate, the youth can pick those up on either of our two pick-up dates: **Saturday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, March 17, from 9:00 am until noon.** Please call Marti Scates if you'd like to schedule a pick-up (223-1467). Donated items can be brought to the church anytime during business hours and placed in the former location of the Baraca Men's Sunday School classroom (room #109 on the ground floor under the sanctuary). Rummage sale items can also be brought to FBC on Wednesday evenings between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm; youth will be available during this time slot to transport rummage sale items into the church from cars/trucks in the parking lot. Hot dogs with all the trimmings will be sold on the day of the rummage sale. Spread the word and help support our youth missions fundraiser! Invite your neighbors!

### Greenwood FBC Presale - March 30!

A presale will be offered to Greenwood FBC members on **Friday, March 30**, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

## Adult Spiritual Formation News



### ~ Saturday, April 7 ~

Adults from Greenwood FBC are invited to attend the annual "Living Gallery" exhibit at Bob Jones Museum of Art in Greenville, SC. This exhibit is featured each year on the weekend of Easter Sunday. Come and see famous pieces of religious art brought to life in this inspiring performance. Greenwood FBC attendees will be offered the discounted ticket rate of \$8/person. Sign-ups for this event will begin on Sunday, February 12, in the church office. On April 7, we will meet in the rear parking lot at 11:45 am. We will then travel to Greenville for a light lunch and arrive at Bob Jones Museum of Art in time for the 2:00 pm performance. Afterwards, we will view the remaining exhibits in the art gallery. Sign up today, and invite a friend or neighbor from our community!

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

- 9:00 am Library Open
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship

### Monday

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- Helpinghands

### Tuesday

- 10:00 am Library Open

### Wednesday

- 5:00 pm HS Lounge Open
- 5:15 pm Children's Choirs
- 5:30 pm Family supper\*
- 6:00 pm Library open
- 6:15 pm Youth Pathways
- 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- Chancel Choir
- Children's Missions
- Preschool Childcare
- 7:15 pm Youth Choir

\*Wednesday Meal reservations can be made online at [www.fbcgwd.com](http://www.fbcgwd.com).

## Wednesday Night Meal Reservations

It is very important to make and keep Wednesday meal reservations! The church has to pay for all unused reservations. In the past several weeks, unused reservations have cost the church over \$100.00! Thank you for your help with this matter.

### Friday, February 10-12

Youth Ski Trip

### Sunday, February 12

- 9:00 am Executive Committee
- 5:30 pm Children's Theme Night
- 6:00 pm Senior Adults Valentine Banquet

### Tuesday, February 14

- 12:00 pm Book Club

### Wednesday, February 15

- 5:30 pm Supper Grp. #9
- Menu: Beef Stew, Rice, Cole Slaw, Bread, Dessert, Tea

### Thursday, February 16

- 4:00 pm Book Club

### Sunday, February 19

- 5:00 pm Book Study: Chapel Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

### Wednesday, February 22

- 12:00 pm Lenten Lunch: Main St. UMC
- 12:35 pm Lenten Lunch: Main St. UMC
- 1:00 pm Lenten Lunch: Main St. UMC
- 5:30 pm Supper Grp. #1
- Menu: Taco Salad Bar, Black Beans, Chips, Dessert, Tea
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

### Friday, February 24

- 5:30 pm Children's Movie Night

**Next Newsletter – February 22**

## February 12 Volunteers

**Ushers:** Jeff Burkes, Captain

**Greeters:**

**Door A:** John/Linda Sheffield

**Door B:** Don/Cille Bishop

**Door C:** Pat Penn

**Door D:** Wayne/Liz White

**Acolyte:** Thomas Rude

**Babies:** Judi Neufeld, Lou Hilley

**Toddlers:** Lloyd/Windy Willis

**Children's Church:** Thomas Mauldin

**Office Volunteer:** Ellen Watson

**Helpinghands:** (2/13) Bob/Jo Stevenson

**Minister on Call:** On Call 2/11-2/12

Blake Kendrick 229-2869

**Deacon of the Week:** 2/13-2/20

Nancy Roquemore 229-3982

**The Sanctuary flowers:**

Memorial for Jimmy Self-given by Linda Self

## February 19 Volunteers

**Ushers:** George Coleman, Captain

**Greeters:**

**Door A:** Devore/Margaret Compton

**Door B:** Nan Smith

**Door C:** Pat Penn

**Door D:** Ann Bishop

**Acolyte:** John Turner

**Babies:** Sandra Ridgeway, Diane Perkins

**Toddlers:** Brad/Michelle Abernathy

**Children's Church:** Alecia/Chloe/Darcy Compton

**Office Volunteer:** Vaughan Free

**Helpinghands:** (2/20) Bill/Barbara Heard

**Minister on Call:** On Call 2/18-2/19

Tony Hopkins 223-8922

**Deacon of the Week:** 2/20-2/27

Tommy Stoddard 223-8140

**The Sanctuary flowers:**

Memorial for Mr. and Mrs. Claude Burnett-given by their children and grandchildren

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### Hospital

**Returned Home:** Ruth Martin, Margaret Poston, Argyle Leary Hudson

**Hospice House:** Bob Schopp

**NHC:** Wiley Price, Mickey Henderson

## A Note of Thanks

Thanks so much to those who donated money towards the purchase of the beautiful poinsettias for our sanctuary.

The following dates are open on the 2012 flower calendar. Please let Dolores Watson (223-7049) or Kathy Claphan (229-5557) know if you would like to reserve one of these dates: March 18, August 5, August 12, September 2, December 30.

Easter flowers will be sold again this year. The flowers will be predominantly white and will be \$15.00 each. They may be picked up following the Easter service. Come by the church office to order a flower. More information will be in the next newsletter.

## Ministry Plan 2011

(January 29, 2012)

Weekly Gifts	\$ 13,234.02
Weekly Need	17,635.51
Ministry Plan Req'd YTD	88,177.55
Ministry Plan Rcv YTD	69,517.26
Deficit (Short)	(18,660.29)
Capital Gifts	1,520.00
2012 Capital Gifts YTD	30,403.13
Capital Received TD	2,905,909.01
State Missions TD	152.12
Global Missions TD	160.00
Sunday School Attendance	234
Worship Attendance	284

## Ministry Plan 2011

(February 5, 2012)

Weekly Gifts	\$ 23,880.03
Weekly Need	17,635.51
Ministry Plan Req'd YTD	105,813.06
Ministry Plan Rcv YTD	93,397.29
Deficit (Short)	(12,415.77)
Capital	2,906,632.41
Capital Received This Week	723.40
Capital Received YTD	31,126.53
State Missions TD	152.12
Global Missions TD	260.00
Sunday School Attendance	246
Worship Attendance	436

## Church Loan Refinanced!

In an effort to become debt free by 2015, Greenwood First Baptist has refinanced the Capital Campaign Loan at a more favorable rate! The amount of the capital campaign loan is \$333,464.86. (This does not include the additional \$59,513.36 needed to pay off the additional line of credit used to fix the bell tower.) The new debt retirement campaign known as the **2015 Plan** incorporates both the Capital Campaign loan and the Line of Credit. The goal of the **2015 Plan** is to pay off \$392,972.22 plus interest by **2015** and become **debt free!** In an effort to assist in becoming debt free, the GFBC Foundation voted last year to pay \$60,000 toward the debt if funds are available! Special **2015 Plan** envelopes are available in the church office or in the Sanctuary Pew racks. Contributions to the **2015 Plan** can be placed in any envelope and marked in the "For" portion on checks. Prayerfully consider making a weekly or monthly contribution to the **2015 Plan** so GFBC can become DEBT FREE!



## Cheerful Cherubs



Registration is now open for children ages 1-4 for the 2012-2013 school year. Forms are available in the church office or from Claudia. If you have any questions, please call Claudia at 229-2787.

## Greenwood First Baptist Book Club

February 14 (Noon)  
February 16 (4:00 pm)