



The Voice

January 13, 2019

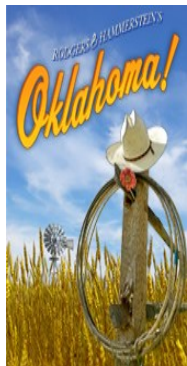


Salt Shaker News

Salt Shaker Dinner Groups will meet this evening, February 10 and March 10 at 6:00 pm in host homes. A Salt Shaker Fellowship Covered Dish Celebration is planned for April 7 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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. GFBC members are invited to a preview sale on Friday, March 8, at 7:00 pm.



NGO/Senior Adult Event

Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 2:00 pm, Greenwood Community Theatre is presenting the Broadway musical "Oklahoma." This senior adult event is \$22.00 per ticket if tickets are purchased before Sunday, January 27, 2019. Checks should be made payable to GFBC for \$22.00 per ticket and given to Linda Sheffield before Sunday, January 27, 2019. The price is only available until January 27 and if the tickets are purchased through NGO.

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.

March 31 June 23 June 30 July 21 July 28
November 17 November 24

Please contact Dolores Watson (554-7564) 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.



NGO in February!

The Third Annual GFBC Follies performance will be 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. Membership: \$5.00 for the year. Lunch: \$8.00 each meeting (contact Polly Harvin at 223-3240 by Thursday, January 31, for lunch reservations).

Opportunities for Service: Much of the work in the church is done through committees and the Diaconate. However, there are some areas that are not part of the committee structure or extensions of a committee's work. Help is needed in at least two of those areas.



Greeters: Greeters are needed at various doors each Sunday to welcome members and visitors. Greeters help visitors navigate the hallways to find Sunday School classes, Sanctuary, restrooms, etc. Greeters serve once every three months (four times per year). **There are openings for greeters for 2019.**



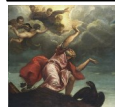
Sunday Morning Office Volunteers: Sunday morning office volunteers greet and assist anyone who stops by the office and answers the phone during the Sunday School hour. **Volunteers are needed to serve one Sunday every other month, and a volunteer is needed to serve every fifth Sunday.**

While neither of these jobs is glamorous or difficult, both are important. They are the type of jobs that no one notices unless they are not done. Anyone interested in helping with greeting or serving in the office on Sunday morning is asked to contact Mary Frances Thompson at 229-5557 or gfbcc@gmail.com.

Save the Date February 3, 2019 "Souper" Bowl Sunday



The Youth "Souper" Bowl event to raise funds for youth missions projects is February 3. Plan to remain after worship for a lunch of soup, salad, and desserts. No reservation is needed. To Go orders will be available. The cost of the meal will be whatever a person cares to donate. All proceeds will go toward this year's Passport Camp.



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.

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 (gfbcc@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:

January 9, 23	May 1, 15	September 11, 25
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



Contemplative Wednesdays

On the first Wednesday of each month, there is an opportunity to join others in a time of prayer and meditation. The group meets at 8:30 am in Room 115 for a time of group devotion, adjourns to various areas of the church for a time of silent reflection, then comes back together for a time of sharing and closing worship. The session ends at 11:30 am. These prayer experiences include people from other local churches and are open to anyone who would like to attend. There is no obligation to come every month. For more information, contact Amy Jennings or Mary Frances Thompson (229-5557). The next Contemplative Wednesday is February 6.

STUDENT MINISTRY



Youth Tour of Blyth Funeral Home:

Youth of GFBC are invited to Blyth Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 16, for a unique opportunity. Youth will leave the bus parking lot at GFBC at 5:00 pm, sharp. The group will go to Cookout for a meal provided by GFBC. After supper, the youth will travel to Blyth to meet Bryan Conyers, one of Blyth's funeral directors. Bryan will lead the youth on a walking tour of Blyth. Then Bryan will give a short presentation followed by a Question and Answer session. The group will return to GFBC by 7:15 pm (in time for Youth Choir practice). No sign up is needed. Just show up! And bring questions (and friends) along too!



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.



Children's Movie Night

The next Children's Movie Night is Friday, January 25, 5:30 pm– 8:30 pm. Please contact Anna Burch by email or phone (aeburchfbc@gamil.com or 229-5557) by Wednesday, January 23, to make a reservation.

