

GREENWOOD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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Youth "Souper" Bowl Fundraiser Sunday, February 3, 2019

Menu:

Tomato Basil Soup, Mild Chili with Beans, Loaded Potato Soup with Bacon, Fresh Salad, Half Sandwiches of Pimento Cheese and Peanut Butter and Jelly, Dessert, and Drink

Cost: Donation to Youth Missions Fund.

To Go orders will be available.

Attention Youth and Youth Parents:

See article inside about how you can help.

Winter Bible Study Sunday, February 10

Revelation 1-3 Taught by Tony Hopkins

Childcare will be provided

- 10:00 am: Teaching Session 1 in Fellowship Hall
11:00 am: Worship (Revelation 2:1-7)
Noon: Light Lunch in Fellowship Hall
12:45 pm: Teaching Session 2 in Fellowship Hall



DELTA HANDS
FOR HOPE

CBF of SC is Going to Shaw, MS February 17-21

**Cost: \$100.00 per participant
plus the cost of some meals**

See article inside for details.

A Note from the Pastor

In honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, I offer some thoughts about the intersection of race, culture, and our Christian faith. The old aphorism says that the longest journey begins with a single step. May this be our first step.

I remember where I was when I learned of the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. I remember where I was when I learned of the 9-11 attacks. And I remember where I was when I learned about the shooting at Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. Carol and I were in Dallas, Texas, where we were attending the CBF General Assembly. Early Thursday morning, our Michelle, who lives in Charleston, texted us; and we called her.

I also remember the previous evening. We had a worship service on Wednesday evening which launched that year's General Assembly theme, which was "Building Bridges." As a visual representation of the theme, they used a silhouette of the beautiful Margaret Hunt Hill suspension bridge which spans the Trinity River in Dallas. During the Assembly it was explained that this bridge had been built to intentionally connect south Dallas, which was predominantly black and poor, to north Dallas, which was predominantly white and affluent. And while we were in Dallas talking about Building Bridges, Dylann Roof entered the Emmanuel AME Church and killed nine people because they were black.

In 2 Corinthians 5:16-18, the Apostle Paul says that God has given to Christians, to believers in Jesus Christ, "the ministry of reconciliation." What might it mean to be part of God's work of reconciliation? What might it mean for the Church (with a capital C) and for the First Baptist Church of Greenwood to build bridges to and with our sisters and brothers of color?

For one thing, it would mean genuine and persistent effort—reconciliation is hard work. But even before that, it means honesty. One of the biggest obstacles to racial reconciliation in our culture is people who say that racism is not a problem any longer. They say that equality has been established, and there is no racial divide in our culture. There are many indicators that they are wrong, but perhaps the most tragic indicator is Dylann Roof. In the first twenty-one years of his life, he was taught that white people are superior and black people are inferior; and that a white person is justified, if not morally obligated, to do something to "take back our country." Dylann Roof did not come up with this racist ideology on his own. It was taught to him by a group of people who have the same beliefs. Christians—white Christians in particular—can significantly move forward God's work of reconciliation just by being honest. Christians have long held honesty to be one of our primary virtues—can't we be honest about the racism and prejudice in our culture?

The truth is: the culture conditions things into us, including stereotypes and biases and prejudice. In fact, these things were being conditioned into us even before we knew that we were being conditioned. When I was thirteen or fourteen years old, I was watching a movie in a movie theater. There was a black actress in the movie, and I made a comment about her attractiveness, but I used a word which is a terrible racial slur, a word that I now despise. I didn't mean to give offense—I'm sure I *did* give offense—but I had heard people in my family and other white people use this word very nonchalantly. That episode is a source of shame and embarrassment to me, but it illustrates how our culture and even our families condition things into us; and we need to be honest about those things with ourselves, with God, and with each other. Only then can we begin to measure those things against the values of the gospel.

It's not the whole journey-- not by a long shot-- but it's a step.

Music Notes



Worship attendees on Sunday, January 13, may have noticed that the Chancel Choir has new choir robes! The choir is excited to have the new robes and looks forward to wearing them for many years to come. The robe style is similar to the old robes, but the stole is a different style. As the church moves through the liturgical seasons of the year, the colors of the stole are better suited to the season and to the eyes. I want to thank the robe selection committee, Beth Hardage, Nancy Roquemore, and Tom Wood for their work in selecting and recommending the robes and stoles to the choir. The funds for the new robes were given anonymously by grateful members of the congregation in quiet memory of one gone.

- David Corbitt

WORSHIP - January 27, 2019 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 14-26
Sermon: "The Body of Christ"
Tony Hopkins

Anthem: "To Know the Love of God"
Chancel Choir

WORSHIP - February 3, 2019 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Boy Scout Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 26:1-3. 11-12
Sermon: "A Life of Integrity"
Tony Hopkins

Anthem: "The Lord Is My Light"
Chancel Choir

WORSHIP - February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Winter Bible Study

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7
Sermon: "Our First Love"
Tony Hopkins

Anthem: "An Instrument of Your Peace"
Chancel Choir

Diaconate News

During the January Diaconate meeting, two items were shared that are also of importance to the entire congregation:

- 1) The church-wide text messaging system is no longer viable, so please check church email and Facebook for weather-related and other announcements.
- 2) Drivers are needed to help provide transportation to Wesley Commons following worship on Sunday.

The following items were approved by the diaconate during their January meeting.

- 1) The Diaconate approved a request from the Edgewood Cemetery and Mausoleum Board to appoint Ann Bishop, Gamble Roquemore, and Jerry Timmons to the Board.
- 2) The Diaconate approved a request from the First Baptist Church Foundation Board to appoint Jerry Timmons and Tom Gordon to the Board.

Administratively Speaking . . .

CLOSE ENOUGH TO COUNT

As Tony indicated in his January 9, 2019, newsletter article, First Baptist ended 2018 just \$3,760 (less than half of one percent) shy of the \$1,036,107.28 Ministry Plan for 2018. Although the financials for 2018 remain open for another week, they are close enough to being finalized to state that First Baptist ended the year with revenue above expenses by \$75,000. This certainly was not the case in October when First Baptist was behind in revenue to expenses by nearly \$50,000.00. Because of the generosity of the church family through the Discipleship Sunday Offering on November 11, First Baptist ended the month with revenue ahead of expenses by \$5,000.00 with \$25,000.00 for fourth quarter missions yet to be paid. However, because of continued generosity, First Baptist ended the year strong. Thank you for your continued support and generosity toward the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church!



Children's Movie Night

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.



Children's Ministry Spring Semester Dates

- January 25: **Movie Night**
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- 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

Summer Dates

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



NGO on February 5!

The Third Annual GFBC Follies only performance will be Tuesday, February 5, 11:15 am, with both new and familiar performers. Music, humor, recitations, and presentations 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).

NGO/Senior Adult February Event:



NGO is sponsoring an event to see Greenwood Community Theatre's presentation of the Broadway musical "Oklahoma." This senior adult event is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Sunday afternoon, February 17. The cost of the event is \$22.00 per ticket if tickets are purchased before Sunday, January 27. **Checks should be made payable to GFBC for \$22.00 per ticket and given to Linda Sheffield before Sunday, January 27.** The price is only available until January 27 and if the tickets are purchased through NGO.

Yard Sale Items Needed

The Rosemary Benjamin Relay Team will hold a yard sale Saturday, March 9, 7:00 am - noon. GFBC members are invited to a preview sale on Friday, March 8, at 7:00 pm.



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.

Student Ministry News



Don't Miss This! 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.

Attention Youth and Youth Parents



The annual Souper Bowl Sunday Youth fundraiser is scheduled for February 3. Youth are asked to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am to help set up.

Youth parents, please help by:

- 1) providing a box or two of saltine crackers.
- 2) providing 25 servings of dessert. Desserts should be something that is slice-able or individually portioned, such as brownies, cookies, rice-krispy treats, or pound cake.
- 3) staying after lunch to help with clean up.



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.

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.

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 (gfbcs@gmail.com) by the Wednesday prior to the publication of the newsletter. The following are a list of publication dates

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



Young at Heart

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

Help the Ministerial Staff

Anyone who goes to the hospital or who is experiencing serious health issues is asked to call the church office or to have a friend or family member call. The ministerial staff wants to pray for and visit those who are hospitalized or seriously ill. HIPPA rules restrict the information a hospital can share with ministers.

Church Family News

Self: Charlotte Barmore

NHC Rehab: Elizabeth Herndon,
Ed Carson, Jack Upton

Home: Brenda Rickborn, Bubba Fennell,
Don Johnson, Pat Dorrity



January 27

Ushers: Ann Skinner

Greeters - Door A: Scott and Barbara Wells

Door B:

Door C: Pat Penn

Door D: Travis Moore

Babies: Shawn Snead, Lynn Timmerman

Toddlers: Sherry and Casie Chandler

Children's Church: Kelly Rhodes,
Nina Moore

Acolyte: Lake Atkins

Bus Driver: Joey Bagwell

Office Volunteer:

HelpingHands: (1/28) Nancy Rooney

Minister on Call: (1/26-1/27)

Blake Kendrick 864-426-1828

Deacon of the Week:

Gamble Roquemore 229-3982

The Sanctuary flowers will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Strom and Erin Smith by the family.

February 10

Ushers: Jeff Burkes

Greeters - Door A: Linda Sheffield

Door B: Don and Cille Bishop

Door C: Pat Penn

Door D: Wayne and Liz White

Babies: Kay Culbertson, Alice Gilchrist

Toddlers: Ansley Keenan, Ellison Rowe

Children's Church: Lisa Parker, Carson Nave

Acolyte: Brandon Robertson

Bus Driver: Henderson Rowe

Office Volunteer: Anne Hancock

HelpingHands: (2/11) Graham Whidden

Minister on Call: (2/9-2/10)

Tony Hopkins 223-8922

Deacon of the Week: Lew Dorrity 227-3446

The Sanctuary flowers will be given in memory of Jimmy Self by Linda Self.



Contemplative Wednesday

February 6, 8:30 am
Room 115

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!

February 3

Ushers: Wayne White

Greeters - Door A: Scott White

Door B: Furman Mauldin

Door C: Pat Penn

Door D: Mike and Grace Burton

Babies: Ashlee Atkins, Diane Chastain

Toddlers: Hannah Gantt, Laura Rude

Children's Church: Sonja and Richie Williams
Jackson Williams

Acolyte: Blake Abernathy

Bus Driver: Hob Chandler

Office Volunteer: Paula Boone

HelpingHands: (2/4) Claudia Stokes

Minister on Call: (2/2-2/3)

Blake Kendrick 864-426-1828

Deacon of the Week: Kyle Scates 227-6741

The Sanctuary flowers will be given in honor of Boy Scout Troop #270.

Ministry Plan 2019 January 13, 2019

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| Weekly Need | 19,854.52 |
| Weekly Gifts | 17,420.00 |
| Ministry Plan Req'd YTD | 39,709.04 |
| Ministry Plan Rcv YTD | 50,125.00 |
| Surplus (Over) | 10,415.96 |
| State Missions TD | 50.00 |
| Beverly Greer Offering TD | 0.00 |
| Global Missions TD | 0.00 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 184 |
| Worship Attendance | 270 |

Ministry Plan 2019 January 20, 2019

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Weekly Need | 19,854.52 |
| Weekly Gifts | 10,927.00 |
| Ministry Plan Req'd YTD | 59,563.56 |
| Ministry Plan Rcv YTD | 61,052.00 |
| Surplus (Over) | 1,488.44 |
| State Missions TD | 50.00 |
| Beverly Greer Offering TD | 0.00 |
| Global Missions TD | 0.00 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 174 |
| Worship Attendance | 236 |

Salt Shakers

Sunday, February 10
6:00 pm
Host Families' homes





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 21
November 17 November 24

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.



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CBF of SC Trip to Delta Hands for Hope

CBF of SC (including our pastor) is planning a trip to visit Lane Riley and Delta Hands for Hope next month. Delta Hands for Hope is a CBFSC 2018-2019 mission partner. The group's visit to the Mississippi Delta and Delta Hands for Hope will bring first hand experience to how asset-based ministry brings transformation to rural areas.

The mission team will do a hands-on project to support Delta Hands for Hope. Together everyone will dream about the possibilities for ministry in South Carolina's rural communities as well as discover ways that churches in South Carolina can partner for Gospel-based relationships that will enrich us all.

The trip is scheduled for February 17-21. The cost is \$100.00 per participant plus the cost of some meals. CBFSC will provide transportation. Lodging will be at a hotel in route to Mississippi and a commercial lodge in Shaw, MS. **Email Jay Kieve (jay@cbfsc.org) by January 31 to register.**

GFBC REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday | Monday |
| 9:00 am Library Open | 9:00 am Helpinghands |
| 10:00 am Sunday School | 4:00 pm Staff Meeting |
| 11:00 am Worship | 6:00 pm Scouts |
| Tuesday | |
| 10:00 am Library Open | |
| Wednesday | |
| 4:15 pm <i>Sounds of Grace</i> Senior Adult Choir | |
| 5:00 pm Youth Lounge Opens | |
| 5:15 pm Children's Choirs | |
| 5:30 pm Family Night Supper | |
| Library Open (until 6:30 pm) | |
| 6:15 pm The Grind | |
| 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Grace Street Parents, Chancel Choir, Children's Activities, Infant and Toddler Childcare | |
| 7:15 pm <i>Voices of Grace</i> Youth Choir | |

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, January 27

9:00 am **Safety Team**
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Monday, January 28

Noon Edgewood Cemetery Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 30

5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 2
Menu: Lasagna and Salad

Sunday, February 3 - Boy Scout Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
Noon Souper Bowl Fundraising Event
1:30 pm Property Committee Meeting
3:00 pm NGO Follies Rehearsal

Monday, February 4

10:45 am Louise Bowers Circle
3:00 pm Joann Gray Circle
6:30 pm Rosemary Benjamin Circle

Tuesday, February 5

10:00 am Dement Waldrop Circle
11:15 am NGO

Wednesday, February 6

8:30 am Contemplative Wednesday
5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 3
Menu: Potato and Salad Bar

Thursday, February 7

Noon Peggy Hollingsworth Circle

Sunday, February 10 - Winter Bible Study

9:30 am Executive Committee
10:00 am Sunday School - Joint Teaching Session for adults in Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Worship
Noon Light Lunch
12:45 pm Second Winter Bible Study Teaching Session
6:00 pm Salt Shakers

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