

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.

Winter Bible Study Sunday, February 10 Revelation 1-3 Taught by Tony Hopkins



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

A Note from the Pastor

A Word of Celebration and Gratitude

I want to begin 2019 by expressing my gratitude for your generosity in 2018. First, on a personal level, thank you for all your expressions of kindness to Carol and me during the holidays. You are a very thoughtful church family, and we are truly grateful for all the ways that you express your caring toward us.

I also want to thank you for—and celebrate!—your generosity as a congregation last year. To cut to the bottom line: we ended 2018 in the black (revenues to expenses), and we missed meeting our Annual Ministry Plan by \$3,760 (less than half of one percent). As you know, at the end of September, we were some \$116,000 behind the Ministry Plan, so I am very pleased to finish the year by giving 99.64% of the total. By giving to the Ministry Plan, you support the ongoing care of our facility; you support the church staff and all the ministries that the staff leads, including children, youth, music, and worship; you provide curriculum for Sunday School and supplies for Wednesday night activities. Most important, of course, is how your gifts support missions.

In 2018, you gave \$111,400 to missions through our Annual Ministry Plan. These gifts support CBF Global, CBF of SC, and a plethora of local missions which house, feed, and care for children and adults in our community. ***The final quarterly missions payment of 2018 marked 29 consecutive quarters that GFBC has made our missions payments in full and on time***, a string which is unprecedented in my sixteen years as pastor. Additionally, you gave:

\$7,239 to the Offering for Global Missions

\$10,179 to Delta Hands for Hope in Shaw, Mississippi

\$7,918 to the Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions

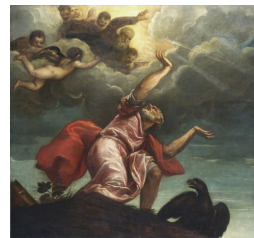
\$4,095 to Hurricane Relief.

That means **our church's gifts to missions in 2018 totaled \$140,818**—and that doesn't include what our Circles and Sunday School classes did! Your generosity is truly worthy of gratitude and celebration, so on behalf of our Lord and our church: THANK YOU!

Jesse Bolden Marks 39 Years at GFBC

I also begin 2019 with a sense of gratitude for our church staff. January 1 marked Jesse Bolden's 39th anniversary as part of our staff. Jesse takes care of our facilities, locks and unlocks countless doors, sets up tables and chairs, cleans throughout the buildings—the list goes on and on. We are grateful for Jesse and all he does for our church family!

Winter Bible Study on February 10



Winter Bible Study this year will be on Revelation 1-3, John's initial vision and the letters to the seven churches. We will have a teaching session for all adults during the Sunday School hour. During worship, I will preach on the letter to the church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7). Following worship, we'll meet in the fellowship hall for a light lunch-- thank you, Congregational Life Committee!-- and a second teaching session. I hope you will join us!

Music Notes



2019 is a year during which we have the opportunity to show the gifts of discipleship to each other, to the community, and to the world. Fresh from the observance of Advent and the celebration of Christmas, Immanuel, God with us, is a reminder of the unmeasurable gift of the Son of God and the rekindling of desire not to keep Jesus for ourselves. The music ministry is an excellent way to express gifts both to the church family and to those outside the church. A person who is part of the music in worship is indeed a blessing for friends and family and to those who are new to the church. It is a privilege to show by singing, ringing, and leading hymns that the gift of Jesus is real and a constant assurance of eternal love for all.

- David Corbitt



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.

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| March 31 | May 12 (Mothers Day) |
| 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.



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 (gfbcscc@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:

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

Wednesday Night Suppers



Family Night meals have resumed. Those who have standing reservations and plan to attend do not need to do anything. Those who wish to make reservations or to cancel a standing reservation are asked to call the church office (229-5557) or make changes online at fbcgwd.com by 5:00 pm each Monday.

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 gfbcscc@gmail.com.

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.



NGO in February!

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).



A Sentimental Journey through the 1940s

Sounds of Grace will perform a set of 40s music for the 2019 spring concerts. A few of the titles are "A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes," "I'll Be Seeing You," "As Time Goes By," and "The Chattanooga Choo-Choo." Join *Sounds of Grace* senior adult choir beginning in January. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays at 4:15 pm in Bowers classroom and will resume on January 9.



NGO/Senior Adult 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.

Worship in January

WORSHIP - January 13, 2019 First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of Our Lord

Scripture: Ezeikel 34:11-16
Sermon: "The Good Shepherd"
Tony Hopkins

Anthem: "Come Just As You Are"
Chancel Choir

WORSHIP - January 20, 2019 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20
Sermon: "Head of the Church"
Tony Hopkins

Anthem: "The Gift of Love"
Chancel Choir

WORSHIP - January 27, 2019 Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Anthem: "Trust in the Lord"
Chancel Choir

Student Ministry News



GFBC's Junior Boys Basketball Team News

The last game of the season is **Friday, January 11, 6:00 pm** vs South Main Baptist Church. Many thanks to John Nave and Bryan McCall for coaching and to Caroline Nave for coordinating the team!

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.



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 to!



Wednesday Night Youth Snacks

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

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.

Church Family News

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is expressed to

- the family of Betty Jacks
- the family of Wayne Gantt

Greenwood Rehab: Don Johnson

NHC Rehab: Elizabeth Herndon, Ed Carson

Home: Jason Reed, Jill Riley, Ellen Watson The Renaissance, Vivian Anders (Wesley Commons)

Birth

Congratulations to Cody Hudgens on the birth of her daughter Cora Vivian Hudgens. Proud grandparents are Vicky and Billy Hudgens

New Member

Dwight Evans (Chip) Funderburk, III
123 Country Club Dr.
Greenwood, SC 29646



January 13

Ushers: Jeff Burkes
Greeters - Door A: Joyce Nickles
Door B: Norm and Wilma Burgin
Door C: Pat Penn
Door D: Jay and Ruth Collins
Babies: Nan Smith, Stephanie Turner
Toddlers: Tara Stoddard, Brittany Dunlap
Children's Church: Claudia Burch, Lydia Turner
Acolyte: Brecklyn Timmons
Bus Driver: Richie Williams
Office Volunteer: Mary Ann Wingard
HelpingHands: (1/14)
Minister on Call: (1/12-1/13)
Blake Kendrick 864-426-1828
Deacon of the Week: Lou Hilley 554-1295

The Sanctuary Flowers will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Ridgeway by his family.

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)
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 by their family.

Ministry Plan 2018 December 16, 2018

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| Weekly Need | 19,925.14 |
| Weekly Gifts | 43,203.00 |
| Ministry Plan Req'd YTD | 996,257.00 |
| Ministry Plan Rcv YTD | 942,161.83 |
| Deficit (Short) | (54,095.17) |
| State Missions TD | 1,395.00 |
| Beverly Greer Offering TD | 6,323.00 |
| Global Missions TD | 4,010.00 |
| Advent Conspiracy TD | 3,630.00 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 205 |
| Worship Attendance | 287 |

January 20

Ushers: George Coleman
Greeters - Door A: George and Linda Coleman
Door B: Bill and Barbara Heard
Door C: Pat Penn
Door D: Dave and Vaughan Free
Babies: Anna Kendrick, Meredith Sims
Toddlers: Ann Skinner, Gilda Logan
Children's Church: Sylvia and Russell Martin
Acolyte: Sam Smith
Bus Driver: Blake Kendrick
Office Volunteer: Mary Lewis Hamrick
HelpingHands: (1/22)
Minister on Call: (1/19-1/20)
Tony Hopkins 223-8922
Deacon of the Week: Nick Nichols 223-9437

The Sanctuary flowers will be given to the glory of God and in memory Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hancock, Sr. by Anne Hancock.

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:
HelpingHands: (2/3)
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 2018 December 23, 2018

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| Weekly Need | 19,925.14 |
| Weekly Gifts | 24,123.00 |
| Ministry Plan Req'd YTD | 1,016,182.14 |
| Ministry Plan Rcv YTD | 966,284.83 |
| Deficit (Short) | (49,897.31) |
| State Missions TD | 1,595.00 |
| Beverly Greer Offering TD | 6,323.00 |
| Global Missions TD | 6,399.00 |
| Advent Conspiracy TD | 9,449.00 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 167 |
| Worship Attendance | 268 |

**Ministry Plan 2018
December 30, 2018**

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| Weekly Need | 19,925.14 |
| Weekly Gifts | 41,347.00 |
| Ministry Plan Req'd YTD | 1,036,107.28 |
| Ministry Plan Rcv YTD | 1,007,631.83 |
| Deficit (Short) | (28,475.45) |
| State Missions TD | 1,595.00 |
| Beverly Greer Offering TD | 6,323.00 |
| Global Missions TD | 6,739.00 |
| Advent Conspiracy TD | 9,679.00 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 155 |
| Worship Attendance | 194 |

**Ministry Plan 2018
December 31, 2018**

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| Weekly Need | 19,928.14 |
| Weekly Gifts | 24,715.00 |
| Ministry Plan Req'd YTD | 1,036,107.28 |
| Ministry Plan Rcv YTD | 1,032,346.83 |
| Deficit (Short) | (3,760.45) |
| State Missions TD | 1,595.00 |
| Beverly Greer Offering TD | 6,323.00 |
| Global Missions TD | 7,239.00 |
| Advent Conspiracy TD | 10,179.00 |
| Hurricane Relief TD | 4,095.00 |

**Ministry Plan 2019
January 6, 2019**

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| Weekly Need | 19,854.52 |
| Weekly Gifts | 32,705.00 |
| Ministry Plan Req'd YTD | 19,854.52 |
| Ministry Plan Rcv YTD | 32,705.00 |
| Deficit (Short) | 12,850.48 |
| State Missions TD | 0.00 |
| Beverly Greer Offering TD | 0.00 |
| Global Missions TD | 0.00 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 189 |
| Worship Attendance | 244 |

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.

Salt Shaker News



Salt Shaker Dinner Groups: will meet January 13 (this Sunday), February 10, and March 10 at 6:00 in host homes.

A Salt Shaker Fellowship Covered Dish Celebration is planned for 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 7.

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

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| Sunday, January 13 |
| 9:30 am Executive Committee |
| 10:00 am Sunday School |
| 11:00 am Worship – Dedication of Evans Funderburk, Baptism of Chip Funderburk, Velma and Jesse English |
| 6:00 pm Salt Shakers |
| Tuesday, January 15 |
| 12:05 pm Cheerful Cherubs Board Meeting |
| Wednesday, January 16 |
| 5:30 pm Family Meal–Group 9 |
| Menu: Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans |
| 6:15 pm The Grind –Youth visit Blyth Funeral Home |
| Friday, January 18 |
| 8:30 am Cheerful Cherubs Donuts for Dads |
| 6:00 pm Diaconate Dinner |

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| Sunday, January 20 |
| 10:00 am Sunday School |
| 11:00 am Worship |
| 7:00 pm Diaconate Meeting |
| Monday, January 21 - Church Office Closed |
| Wednesday, January 23 |
| 5:30 pm Family Meal–Group 1 |
| Menu: Taco Salad |

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| Sunday, January 27 |
| 10:00 am Sunday School |
| 11:00 am Worship |
| Monday, January 28 |
| Noon Cemetery Board Meeting |
| Wednesday, January 30 |
| 5:30 pm Family Meal–Group 2 |
| Menu: Lasagna and Salad |

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