



The Voice

March 3, 2019



Daylight Saving Time Begins Next Sunday

Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed next Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am Sunday, March 10.

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 on March 5!



On March 5, 11:15 am, NGO will be "wearing the green" as they celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Rhonda McGinnis, instrumentalist (Irish drum, guitar, and Irish flute). Everyone attending the NGO meeting is encouraged to register for home-made door prizes, provided by Bennie and Martha Roberts.



Each Wednesday during Lent, there is a brief (less than 30 minutes) worship service at 12:30 pm at an area church. Below is a list of 2018 host churches.

- March 6:** Main Street United Methodist Church
- March 13:** Greenwood Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) Church
- March 20:** St. Mark United Methodist Church (River Street Campus)
- March 27:** First Presbyterian Church
- April 3:** Immanuel Lutheran Church
- April 10:** First Baptist Church
- April 17:** Morris Chapel Baptist Church

Host churches provide a light lunch for \$1.00 at noon and at 1:00 pm. The GFBC church office will be closed 12:10 pm - 1:20 pm on Wednesdays during Lent so that staff may attend these services.

GFBC Ash Wednesday Services



Ash Wednesday services are Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 6:30 pm. Youth and adults will meet in the Sanctuary. Third – fifth graders will begin in the Chapel. Preschoolers through second grade will gather in God's Backyard. Preschoolers – fifth grade will end with activities in God's Backyard.

Salt Shakers



The Salt Shaker Dinner groups will meet on Sunday, March 10, at 6:00 in host homes. The Salt Shaker End of Year Covered-Dish Celebration is on Sunday, April 7, at 6:00.



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.



Circle News

Hear about Blake's Trip to Scotland: Blake Kendrick will do a presentation on his recent trip to Scotland at the March Louise Bowers Circle meeting. The Circle meets on Monday, March 4, at 11:00 am. The Circle invites anyone interested in hearing Blake's presentation to attend.

Alma Johnson Circle: The Alma Johnson Circle will be providing the evening meal and taking a collection of needed supplies for the Pathway House women's shelter on Thursday, March 7. Circle members, please meet at the shelter at 5:00 pm.

Laucis-Parham Circle: The Laucis-Parham Circle will meet on Monday, March 11, sat 6:30 pm at Meredith Sims' home.



Italian Feast

Everyone is invited to an "Italian Feast" Youth Fundraiser and Cake Auction on Sunday, March 24, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include fresh salad and bread, pasta with a choice of sauce (traditional meat sauce or vegetarian Alfredo), and steamed veggies. Donations will be taken at the door. Proceeds will go towards Passport Summer Missions Camp. The menu has vegetarian, kid-friendly, and gluten-free options. Also, the event will feature LIVE ENTERTAINMENT with songs by the Bagwell Brothers (Ben and Brady).

Brady Bagwell Has Some Exciting News



This summer, Brady Bagwell will be headed to Duke University to participate in the Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation. The GFBC youth group wants to help support him. He has received a 25% scholarship to participate in this exciting opportunity. The youth group wants to help him raise the remaining funds.

At the next Youth Fundraiser on Sunday, March 24, the youth group will host a cake auction for Brady. This cake auction will accompany the "Italian Feast" youth fundraiser. **CAKES! ARE NEEDED!** Anyone who can donate a cake to the auction is asked to email Blake (revblakekendrick@gmail.com). Funds raised in the cake auction will directly benefit Brady Bagwell. For more information about Duke Youth Academy, visit: <https://duyouth.duke.edu/>. The Cake Auction proceeds will go towards Brady Bagwell's participation in the Duke Youth Academy in Durham, NC, this summer.

Egg "Stuffings" Needed



Candy and small surprises are needed to help "fill the plastic eggs" for the children's March 31 Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Charlotte Barmore. Anyone who would like to donate some "stuffings" can drop them off at the church office or give them to Anna. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make donations by Wednesday, March 27. Thank you for helping make this event special for the children.

STUDENT MINISTRY



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Youth and youth families are invited to help serve the Wednesday night family meals on the following dates: March 20 and May 22.

Four volunteers are needed for each of these dates. Volunteers set out plates, utensils, and condiments, serve the meal, put away unused plates and utensils, and store leftover food. Volunteers need to be in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm. This is a great way for the church family to meet and interact with youth families. Please email Blake at revblakekendrick@gmail.com to let him know which date you can help.



Cheerful Cherubs Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a

The next Cheerful Cherubs Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a is Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at both locations. Please mention the purchase is for Cheerful Cherubs Spirit Night.

IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW LOOKING FOR . . . ?

**Community
Spiritual Development
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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 70)	208
Carpenter (adults over 70)	210

It Is Time to Make Plans for Summer 2019!

GFBC Youth will participate in Passport Missions at Furman University July 1-6! Those participating will be learning about and serving in local missions projects in Travelers Rest and Greenville.

The actual cost per youth is \$435.00. If youth help with the two fundraisers this spring, that cost will drop to \$115.00. The first fundraiser was February 3 (Souper Bowl). The second fundraiser is April 24 (Spaghetti Lunch) at noon after church in the Fellowship Hall.

Chaperones are needed (male and female). A Passport youth-parent meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, at 9:00 am in The Lounge. The deadline to sign-up for Passport is this meeting (on April 28). To ask questions or to sign up, email Blake (revblakekendrick@gmail.com)

Youth Bowling



All GFBC Youth are invited to EXPO 300 for an afternoon of fun on Wednesday, April 3, from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm. Please note: April 3 is an early release day with District 50. GFBC will cover all bowling expenses. Youth will be responsible for snack-bar purchases (drinks, burgers, pizza, nachos, hotdogs, corn dogs, chicken strips, etc.). The snack-bar is reasonably priced; items range from \$2.00—\$10.00. The group will meet at the bowling alley and transportation will be provided back to GFBC in time for Youth Choir rehearsal at 7:15 pm in the Bowers Classroom. Invite your friends to join us!

Family Outing to Pinocchio Jr.



Seven (7) GFBC kids (!) are in Pinocchio Jr. at GCT! The Children's Ministry is adding a spring event for families to go see the play on Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 pm. The deadline to sign up is Friday, March 22, at noon. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Money is due to Anna Burch by April 7. Checks should be made out to FBC.

Those attending the play will meet at 1:40 pm in the outdoor area between the theater and the arts center. The group will enter the theater at 1:45 pm to find seats, make a bathroom stop, or stop at the concessions.

