

GREENWOOD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

March 6, 2019

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Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday

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

**"Italian Feast"
Youth Fundraiser
Sunday, March 24
Noon in the Fellowship Hall**



Italian Feast

The menu has vegetarian, kid-friendly, and gluten-free options and 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

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

by the Bagwell Brothers (Ben and Brady)

**Cake Auction
Sunday, March 24
Following "Italian Feast"**



CAKES! ARE NEEDED!

Anyone who can donate a cake to the auction is asked to email Blake (revblakekendrick@gmail.com).

Proceeds will help Brady Bagwell participate in the Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation this summer. For more information about Duke Youth Academy, visit: <https://duyouth.duke.edu/>.

**Help the Youth help Brady.
Donate a cake.
Buy a cake.**

A Note from the Pastor



In anticipation of the season, I was thumbing through my file labeled "Lent." I came across a story/devotion I had written when I was pastoring in Edgefield. It reads:

For Caleb's third birthday, he received five new Barney videotapes—which we then watched for 43 consecutive waking hours. (For those of you who don't know, Barney is a dinosaur who stars in a children's television show. He appears to be a tyrannosaurus, though it's hard to say for sure because they made him purple, pudgy, and cute.) I suppose the Barney-a-thon is what led to our conversation as we went to the kitchen to get some apple juice.

"I like the way you use your imagination," Caleb said to me, echoing Barney.

"What's imagination?" I asked.

Apparently remembering one of Barney's adventures in a castle, he said, "Like when you see a king."

I pressed the point: "But there's no king for us to see."

"I know," he said, looking at me with that you're-missing-the-whole-point look, "you have to see it."

"But there's no one here but you and Daddy," I persisted.

"It doesn't matter," Caleb said, becoming adamant. "There is a king, and he's *real!*"

If you just have enough imagination, my son insisted, you can see a king whom others cannot see. What's more, if your imagination is strong enough, the king is real. Sure, others will say, "Not so." Or they simply pretend to believe in the king for your benefit, but you can tell. Some people may try to persuade you by using reason: "But you cannot see, touch, or hear the king. The empirical evidence suggests that you are wrong." But there is a king. You just know it. More than that, you know what he's like, what he says and does. You also know what he commands you to do, and you *do it*. After all, what sort of subject would you be if you didn't obey your king?

As we enter the season of Lent, we know a King whose reality some people deny. Some of them note that reason is on their side in our debate over the King's existence. Nonetheless, we know that the King is real. What's more, we know what He is like and what He commands us to do—though, sadly, we don't always do it. Interestingly, some people know that the King is real but still do not believe in Him. One of them, named Pilate, made a sign proclaiming His kingship. The he nailed it—and the King—to a cross.

As I reflect on these musings from twenty-five years ago, I am aware that imagination is no meager power. Greater still, however, is the power of faith. This week we begin our Lenten journey toward Good Friday and Easter Sunday. If we have enough imagination, we may experience what it was like for someone in first century Judea to meet the crucified and risen Christ. If we have enough faith, we may meet Him ourselves.

Music Notes



The season of Lent has begun. Christians share in a time of reflection and self-denial to prepare for Holy Week and the death of Jesus on the cross. The hymns and service music that are sung and heard will remind us what Jesus' sacrifice means for everyone. On Palm Sunday, April 14, the Chancel Choir will present the cantata, *Portraits in Grace*. Invite others to worship on Palm Sunday.

A special Thank You to the children's choirs, *The Music Makers* and *Young Musicians*, for singing in worship on March 3. Also, welcome home to the *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir, which participated in the *Festival by the Sea*, March 1-3.

- David Corbitt

WORSHIP - March 10, 2019 First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: John 19:25-30
Sermon: "The Cross"
Tony Hopkins

Anthem:
"At the Cross"
Chancel Choir

WORSHIP - March 17, 2019 Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Matthew 13:10-17
Sermon: "Seeing and Hearing"
Tony Hopkins

Anthem:
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Chancel Choir

WORSHIP - March 24, 2019 Third Sunday in Lent

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-6
Sermon: "What God Wants"
Tony Hopkins

Anthem: "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"
Chancel Choir



"Quickening our Consciousness of God Throughout the Day!"

As part of the Services of Holy Week and Dedication of the Sanctuary, First Baptist dedicated a beautiful instrument, the carillon, on Sunday afternoon, April 4, 1971. The carillon, designed and manufactured by Van Bergen Bellfoundries, consists of twenty-five bells ranging from forty-four pounds to 3,200 pounds. The carillon consists of three pealing bells, the first such pealing system in South Carolina using large bells. The remaining bells are sounded by a striking mechanism mounted within the bells. As part of the carillon dedication, it was written that it was the hope of First Baptist Church that "the carillon will serve to quicken our consciousness of God throughout the day."

In 2010 the carillon was silenced due to structural issues with the steel holding the bells. In the process of repairing the steel, it was determined that the bell operating system and associated strikers needed to be replaced.

In 2012, the Property Committee, Stewardship Committee, and Diaconate voted to establish a Carillon Fund in order to restore the carillon. In 2018, the Property Committee and Stewardship Committee voted to fund the first phase of the carillon restoration with funds from the designated account and partial funds from the Elizabeth Moss Estate.

The first phase of the carillon restoration will restore five bells which will allow the striking of the hour and the playing of a full Westminster clock melody. The carillon will also be operated by new wiring and a new controller.

The work on the carillon has begun with the goal of hearing the bells once again by Holy Week 2019.

-The Property Committee



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.



March 16 STEAM Day and Picnic and Playground for Children and Their Families

Meet at Arts Center at 10:00 am for STEAM Day. Return to GFBC at noon for picnic and playground time.

Children's Movie Night

Friday, March 22
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Please RSVP Anna Burch
(aeburchfbc@gmail.com or
229-5557) by March 22.



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.

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 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 it 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.



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.



Yard Sale

The Rosemary Benjamin Relay Team is holding 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.



NGO in April!



The Greenwood High School Show Choir, under the direction of Gina Jolly, will perform their spring concert for NGO, Tuesday, April 2, 11:15 am. Do not miss this great opportunity to hear the choir. Membership: \$5.00 for the year. Lunch: \$8.00 each meeting (contact Polly Harvin at 223-3240 by Thursday, March 28, for lunch reservations).

Student Ministry News



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.

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). For additional information or to sign up for Passport, please email Blake at (revblakekendrick@gmail.com).



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 from 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm for each of these dates. Please email Blake at revblakekendrick@gmail.com to let him know which date you can help.



Care Packages for College Students

Greenwood First Baptist Church is preparing to send care packages to the undergraduate students connected with the church. Help is needed! Please sponsor one of the packages. The packages cost \$20.00 each, which includes the cost of shipping. Please make checks payable to GFBC. **Checks are needed by April 10.** If you have questions, please email Blake (revblakekendrick@gmail.com). Working together, GFBC can send these college students a reminder of how much their church loves and supports them.



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!



Volunteers who helped package the *Rise Against Hunger* meals in December wondered where the meals would go. Blake received this following information in an email February, 21, 2019:

“A shipping container, holding 285,120 meals has been sent to Malawi for [*Rise Against Hunger*] partner *Adventist Development and Relief Agency*. *Adventist Development and Relief Agency* is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Malawi. To learn more, please visit [the *Rise Against Hunger*] partner/country spotlight on the Impact Stories tab and click and drag [the] World Aid Map at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/world-aid/>.”

Church Family News

Birth

Truett Munro Nichols, son of Elizabeth and Robert Nichols, grandson of Julia and Nick Nichols

Hospice House: Elizabeth Herndon

Self: Bubba Fennell, Joyce Poole



March 10

Ushers: Jeff Burkes
Greeters - Door A: Tom and Jackie Moore
Door B: Terry and Alice Gilchrist
Door C: Pat Penn
Door D:

Babies: Nan Smith, Stephanie Turner
Toddlers: Tara Stoddard, Brittany Dunlap
Children's Church: Claudia Burch, Lydia Turner

Acolyte: MaryLila Sims
Bus Driver: Richie Williams
Office Volunteer: Mary Ann Wingard
HelpingHands: (3/11) Beth Hardage
Minister on Call: (3/9-3/10) Tony Hopkins 223-8922
Deacon of the Week: Andy Westbrook 992-1810

The Sanctuary flowers will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Carl and Gladys Holloway.

March 24

Ushers: Ann Skinner
Greeters - Door A: JoAnn Moore
Door B: Harry and Rachel Stephens
Door C: Pat Penn
Door D: Sandra Ridgeway

Babies: Shawn Snead, Lynn Timmerman
Toddlers: Sherry and Casie Chandler
Children's Church: Kelly Rhodes, Nina Moore

Acolyte: Brecklynn Timmons
Bus Driver: Joey Bagwell
Office Volunteer:
HelpingHands: (3/25) Bennie & Martha Roberts
Minister on Call: (3/23-3/24) Tony Hopkins 223-8922

Deacon of the Week: Linda Koone 223-3675
The Sanctuary flowers will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Wanda Dyer by Charles Dyer.



GFBC Is Collecting "Box Tops for Education"

Please place "Box Tops for Education" in the basket on the table by the restrooms in front of the office. Donations will be given to Greenwood School District 50.

March 17

Ushers: George Coleman
Greeters - Door A: Bennie & Martha Roberts
Door B: Don and Cille Bishop
Door C: Pat Penn
Door D:

Babies: Meredith Sims, Anna Kendrick
Toddlers: Ann Skinner, Gilda Logan
Children's Church: Sylvia and Russell Martin, Lily Martin

Acolyte: Winston Kendrick
Bus Driver: Jesse Timmons
Office Volunteer: Mary Lewis Hamrick
HelpingHands: (3/18) Barbara & Bill Heard
Minister on Call: (3/16-3/17) Blake Kendrick 864-426-1828
Deacon of the Week: Tom Gordon 223-8246

The Sanctuary flowers will be given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Wyatt and Frances Templeton, by Tommy, Barry, and Lynn.

Ministry Plan 2019 February 24, 2019

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| Weekly Need | 19,854.52 |
| Weekly Gifts | 12,233.15 |
| Ministry Plan Req'd YTD | 158,836.16 |
| Ministry Plan Rcv'd YTD | 150,430.15 |
| Deficit (Under) | (8,406.01) |
| State Missions TD | 300.00 |
| Global Missions TD | 0.00 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 181 |
| Worship Attendance | 214 |

Ministry Plan 2019 March 3, 2019

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| Weekly Need | 19,854.52 |
| Weekly Gifts | |
| Ministry Plan Req'd YTD | |
| Ministry Plan Rcv YTD | |
| Surplus (Over) | |
| State Missions TD | |
| Global Missions TD | |
| Sunday School Attendance | 200 |
| Worship Attendance | 257 |

Unavailable at press time



Salt Shakers

Sunday, March 10
 6:00 pm, host families' homes

Covered Dish Social in Fellowship Hall
 Sunday, April 7, 6:00 pm



Community Lenten Services

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 2019 host churches.

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

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.



Operation Inasmuch Day is **Saturday, April 27**. Sign up has begun. Please think and pray about where to serve.

PROJECTS

- Baking - Pre-event
- Baking - Packaging and Delivery
- Bingo - Pineridge Apartments
- Bowers Rodgers: Yardwork and Painting
- Connie Maxwell
- Edgewood Cemetery Clean-up
- GFBC Children - Older and Younger
- Greater Greenwood United Ministry - Raised Garden Bed
- Litter Pick-up
- Operation Inasmuch Choir
- Prayer Shawls
- Prayer Partner
- Ramp for Area Resident
- Small Yard Project
- Visiting Shut-ins

Regardless of what project you choose, please collect items for the Food Bank. Bring them to the church on April 27.

Lunch will be provided for everyone at no charge. Breakfast (a variety of breakfast biscuits) will be available for those who request it for \$1.00 per biscuit.

Sign-up sheets are in the church office, printed in the Sunday bulletin, and online at www.fbcgwd.com/operation_inasmuch.

GFBC REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday 9:00 am Library Open 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | Monday 9:00 am Helpinghands 4:00 pm Staff Meeting 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

- Friday, March 8**
7:00 pm Rosemary Benjamin Preview Sale
- Saturday, March 9**
7:00 am Rosemary Benjamin Yard Sale
- Sunday, March 10 - First Sunday in Lent**
9:30 am Executive Committee
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Salt Shakers

Monday, March 11
6:30 pm Laucis-Parham Circle

Wednesday, March 13
12:30 pm Lenten Service at Greenwood ARP
(Lunch served at 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm)
5:00 pm Stewardship Committee
5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 8
Menu: Chicken Pot Pie

Saturday, March 16
10:00am Children at STEAM Day
Noon Picnic and Playground at GFBC

Sunday, March 17 - Second Sunday in Lent
9:00 am Missions Committee
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
7:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday, March 20
12:30 pm Lenten Service at St. Mark
(Lunch served at 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm)
5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 9
Menu: Baked Chicken, Vegetable Casserole, Green Beans

Thursday, March 21
9:30 am Betty Schopp Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, March 22
8:30 am Cheerful Cherubs Muffins for Mom
5:30 pm Children's Movie Night

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Invite someone to church.



Scan with your smart phone to go the church's website.