

GREENWOOD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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May Is State Missions Emphasis Month at GFBC

Thank you to all who have made a donation to the Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions. Donations are still needed to allow CBFSC to help transform communities throughout South Carolina.



Sunday, May 19 Church Picnic Thank You to the Kendricks



Immediately following worship, GFBC will celebrate the annual Spring Picnic. The Congregational Life Committee will provide the meat and beverage (water and tea). The congregation is asked to provide sides and desserts. This is the Kendricks last Sunday at GFBC. The church picnic will give the church family an opportunity to say thank you to the Kendrick family and offer them blessings as they transition to their new place of service.

Sunday, June 2, 2019 Graduate Recognition Sunday Congratulations to all GFBC Graduates!



This year's high school graduates are Hannah Bagwell, Dylan Burton, and Brett Pate.

Called Business Meeting Following Worship on June 2

Please see "A Note from the Pastor" for details.

A Note from the Pastor

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING AT THE END OF WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2

As we prepare for Blake Kendrick's final Sunday, church leaders have begun work on forming the Search Committee which will find the new member of our Ministry Staff. In their April meeting, the Diaconate approved the general make-up of the search committee, which will include: youth and youth parents; representatives of three committees, Personnel, Stewardship, and Youth Committees; an active deacon and an at-large member of the congregation. (I am also an ex-officio member of the Search Committee). The Diaconate's plan is to finalize the members of the Search Committee on May 19. **This is official notice (as required by our governing documents) that GFBC will have a called business meeting at the end of worship on Sunday, June 2, for the purpose of approving a Minister Search Committee.** The proposed slate of names will be sent to the congregation via email as soon it is finalized by the Diaconate. It will also be included in the Sunday School Notes and the order of worship on Sunday, May 26, the week before the business meeting. I know you join me in praying for our search and those who will guide it.

In the meantime, church leaders have put together a very good plan to keep us on course during the interim. Rev. Greg Anders will serve as our Interim Minister to Students, and Dr. Chuck Moates will be our Interim Associate Pastor. I am so grateful for their ministry gifts and experience-- and for their willingness to serve in these important interim positions.

Finally, let me give you an update about our **Church Organist** position. The Personnel Committee has recommended and the Diaconate has approved an interview team who will soon meet with a candidate for our organist position. The interview team is Bill Thomason, Linda Owens, Nancy Roquemore, June Shaw, Lewis Walker, David Corbitt, and Tony Hopkins. The team includes representatives of the Personnel Committee, the Chancel Choir, and the Ministry Staff. Thank for your prayers on behalf of this group and this process.

THANK YOU TO THE KENDRICKS

For almost 12 years, Blake Kendrick has effectively ministered to us, in a remarkable variety of ways; Anna Kendrick has faithfully served Christ and our church; for their entire lives, literally, Winston, Eleanor, and Mary Blake have warmed our hearts and made us laugh. Naturally, we want to have a time to thank this precious family for the ways they have enriched GFBC-- and a time to bless them on their way as they move to a new place of service. That time will be this **Sunday, May 19**, in conjunction with our **Spring Picnic**. we will have a covered-dish meal immediately following worship. The Congregational Life Committee will provide the meat and beverages, and the church family is asked to bring sides or desserts. After the meal, there will be an opportunity for you to speak to the Kendricks, and there will be a basket for personal gifts and notes.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES: Both Linda Miller and David Corbitt mark staff anniversaries this month. Linda has served as our Financial Assistant for nine years, and David has led our wonderful music ministry for seven years. When you see these folks, thank them for their service to our Lord and our church!

Music Notes



M&M (Music and Missions) Night is May 22, 6:30pm. The children's choirs, *Music Makers*, and *Young Musicians*, will present a program of music that shows their hard work over the past school year and reflects their faith journeys. The night also gives the church family the opportunity to express appreciation to the volunteer directors and assistant, Kayla Beard, Carol Hopkins, and Ansley Keenan. Music and singing are all important parts in the life, worship, and ministry of the church. I am truly grateful to work with and support all who lead and participate in the music ministry of First Baptist Church. I invite you to show your support for all the children's ministries and encourage the children, the church's future, by attending the May 22 program. - David Corbitt

WORSHIP - May 19, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11
Sermon: "Where Will the Journey Lead?"
Tony Hopkins
Special Music: "Gentle Voices"
Voices of Grace Youth Choir
Anthem: "It Is Good"
Chancel Choir

WORSHIP - May 26, 2019 Sixth Sunday of Easter Baptism of Brady Bagwell & Lily Martin

Scripture: Ezekiel 1:1-10, 22, 26-28
Sermon: "A Vision of God"
Tony Hopkins
Anthem: "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Chancel Choir

WORSHIP - June 2, 2019 Seventh Sunday of Easter Graduate Recognition Sunday

Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-7
Sermon: "Learning and Wisdom"
Tony Hopkins
Reflections by Hannah Bagwell
Special Music
Voices of Grace Youth Choir
Anthem: "Seek First the Kingdom"
Chancel Choir

Administratively Speaking . . .



Ways to Financially Support First Baptist Church

The Stewardship Committee is often asked about the availability making donations online. While online giving is a simple tool many churches use to receive contributions, the fees associated with online giving can be as much as 5% or higher. Although the 5% fee is not exorbitant, over time, the cost of online giving can be expensive. If online giving fees were assessed with just a fourth of the annual Ministry Plan, the cost of the online giving service would be over \$12,500.00!

So, what are the alternatives to online giving? How can I support First Baptist without the church accruing fees?

The answer is simple and easy. In fact, there are three easy ways to give to First Baptist that do not incur fees:

- 1) Place gifts in the offering plate during worship on Sunday,
- 2) Mail contributions to the church, or
- 3) Transfer funds electronically through personal online bill pay banking options. This can be set up as a recurring payment. (Set it and forget it!)

However one chooses to support the annual Ministry Plan, First Baptist is most appreciative. Because of the tremendous generosity of the First Baptist family, the church is able to support the mission and ministry of the church. The Stewardship Committee would like to thank the First Baptist Church family in advance for your gifts to the annual Ministry Plan, especially during the summer months.



Music and Missions Night:



When a child is dedicated at GFBC, the congregation promises to help nurture that child in the Christian faith. One way to do so is by supporting children's activities and programs. Show your support by attending the Music and Missions Program on **Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.**



Camp P.R.I.S.M.

Theme: "Free to Be God's People"
July 16—19, 2019

Bonclarken Conference Center
Flat Rock, NC

For Children Completing Grades 3-5

Cost: \$160.00

Deposit: \$50.00 due by May 24

Contact Anna Burch (229-5557 or aeburchfbc@gmail.com) to sign up a child or to volunteer to chaperone.



CIA Fun Night



This year's CIA Fun Night is Wednesday, May 29, 6:00 pm. All children are invited to enjoy pizza and games. The group will gather in God's Backyard and then move outside for the games at 6:30 pm. Parents, be prepared for your child to get wet and messy. Also, **parents, please cancel your children's Wednesday Night Meal reservations.**

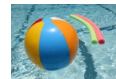


Playground Night

Friday, May 31
5:30 pm—8:00 pm

Please RSVP by May 30 at 5:00 pm.

Children's End of the Year Pool Party



Sunday, June 2, 3:30 pm—5:30 pm

At the Youngs' Home.
(106 Amherst Dr.)

Snacks provided.



Children and Family Topiary Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, June 5

Meet at fountain uptown at 6:25 pm.



2019 Vacation Bible School June 10-14, 2019 Age 3K* through 5th Grade

Children 3K* through 5th grade are invited to GFBC's annual VBS, June 10-14, 2019, from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. Children will experience Paul's journey in Athens to share the truth of Jesus. Children will travel back in time to see Paul begin his second missionary journey. Please register online at www.fbcgwd.com or by using the form in the back of the Sunday bulletin.

*Children must have turned age three on or before September 1, 2018 to participate.

Preschool Summer Camps



Cherubs Camp 1:

"Planes, Trains, and Automobiles"
June 24—28

Cherubs Camp 2:

"Under the Big Top"
July 23—27



Cherubs Camp is 8:30 am – noon each day. The cost is \$75.00 per week, due the week of camp. These camps are not just for Cheerful Cherubs. Any preschooler two years old to age six (by September 1) is welcome. To register, contact Claudia Burch (claudiaburch5@gmail.com or 228-2787) no later than one week before camp.

Student Ministry News



Summer 2019

Summer 2019 is just around the corner. Here are some dates to save on your family calendars:

- June 2:** Graduate Recognition Sunday
 - June 5:** Pool Party at the Youngs in Cherokee Hills
 - June 10-14:** VBS at GFBC (youth volunteer)
 - June 14:** Youth VBS volunteers go out to lunch together (church's treat)
 - June 22:** Zen Tubing in Asheville
 - June 30:** 5th Sunday - Connections Class in Fellowship Hall
 - July 1-6:** Passport Summer Missions Camp
 - July 20:** Youth volunteer at the Hospice Store (9:30 am-Noon)
 - August 7:** Daytrip to Carowinds
- Other events coming soon - stay tuned!

Youth End of the Year Pool Party



Wednesday, June 5, 5:30 pm—8:30 pm
At the Youngs' Home.
(106 Amherst Dr.)

GFBC will provide pizza and ice. Youth are asked to provide individually packaged drinks, chips, and/or dessert. Youth are reminded to bring sunscreen, a towel, and modest swimwear. Friends are welcome.



Registration is 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.

Youth Needed to Help with Vacation Bible School



GFBC will host Vacation Bible School June 10-14, 8:30 am - noon. Youth grades 6-12 are invited to sign up as VBS helpers. Volunteers are needed to help with crafts, snacks, recreation, and as classroom assistants. Youth are also asked to help with setup on Sunday, June 9, at 3:00 pm and take down after the children leave on June 14. Youth volunteers will be treated to lunch on June 14 after clean-up. To sign up as a Vacation Bible School volunteer, email Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com).



Calling All Graduates

The church family wants to honor any student (high school, technical school, college, or graduate school) associated with GFBC who graduated in the Fall of 2018 or who will graduate in the Spring or Summer of 2019. These students will be recognized during worship on June 2. The church office needs the graduate's name, school, graduation date, degree (if applicable), future plans, and a recent photo. **The information and photo is needed ASAP.**

Church Family News

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is expressed to Bill and Rose Whaley in the death of their son-in-law, William Kinney.

Home: Mary Lewis Hamrick, Linda Miller, Charlotte Barmore



May 19

Ushers: George Coleman
Greeters - Door A: Devore and Margaret Compton
Door B: Anne Hancock
Door C: Pat Penn
Door D: Ann Bishop
Babies: Meredith Sims, Amy Ogles
Toddlers: Ann Skinner, Gilda Logan
Children's Church: Sylvia and Russell Martin Lily Martin
Acolyte: Lily Martin
Bus Driver: Jess Timmons
Office Volunteer: Mary Lewis Hamrick
HelpingHands: (5/20) Rose Whaley
Deacon of the Week: Gamble Roquemore
The Sanctuary flowers will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Gwen Barmore Laucis and Bob Barmore by Charlotte Barmore.

June 2

Ushers: Wayne White
Greeters - Door A: Peggy Allen
Door B:
Door C: Pat Penn
Door D: Lew and Pat Dorrity
Babies: Ashlee Atkins, Diane Chastain
Toddlers: Hannah Gantt, Laura Rude
Children's Church: Sonja & Richie Williams Jackson Williams
Acolyte: Sam Smith
Bus Driver: Hob Chandler
Office Volunteer: Paula Boone
HelpingHands: (6/3) Beth Hardage
Deacon of the Week: Alice Gilchrist
The Sanctuary Flowers will be given by the Bowers Sunday School Class to the glory of God and memory of class members and teachers who have passed away.

Ministry Plan 2019 May 5, 2019

Weekly Need	19,854.52
Weekly Gifts	22,964.00
Ministry Plan Req'd YTD	357,381.36
Ministry Plan Rev'd YTD	316,330.19
Deficit (Under)	(41,051.17)
State Missions TD	995.00
Munchin' for Missions	2,130.00
Global Missions TD	0.00
Sunday School Attendance	192
Worship Attendance	214

May 26

Ushers: Ann Skinner
Greeters - Door A: Graham Whidden
Door B: Diana Cox
Door C: Pat Penn
Door D: Butch and Sandra Roberts
Babies: Shawn Snead, Lynn Timmerman
Toddlers: Sherry and Casie Chandler
Children's Church: Kelly Rhodes, Nina Moore
Acolyte: Mary Lila Sims
Bus Driver: Joey Bagwell
Office Volunteer: Alisha Watson
HelpingHands: (5/28) Sandra Ridgeway
Deacon of the Week: Kyle Scates
Sanctuary Flowers will be given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Janie and Robert Seymour by Robert Seymour, Jr.

June 9

Ushers: Jeff Burkes
Greeters - Door A: Tom and Jackie Moore
Door B: Terry and Alice Gilchrist
Door C: Pat Penn
Door D: Bill and Barbara Heard
Babies: Kay Culbertson, Alice Gilchrist
Toddlers: Ansley Keenan, Ellison Rowe
Children's Church: Lisa Parker, Carson Nave
Acolyte: Brecklynn Timmons
Bus Driver: Henderson Rowe
Office Volunteer: Anne Hancock
HelpingHands: (6/10) Carol Richard
Deacon of the Week: Ellison Rowe
The Sanctuary flowers will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Rooney by Nancy Rooney.

Ministry Plan 2019 May 12, 2019

Weekly Need	19,854.52
Weekly Gifts	10,475.00
Ministry Plan Req'd YTD	377,235.86
Ministry Plan Rev'd YTD	326,805.19
Deficit (Under)	(50,430.69)
State Missions TD	3,275.00
Global Missions TD	0.00
Sunday School Attendance	190
Worship Attendance	263





Greenwood Frist Baptist Church is offering an intentionally inter-generational Sunday School class for anyone grade 6 through adulthood. The class meets every Sunday at 10:00 am through August 11. The class meets in the Youth Lounge (across the hall from the Bowers Class on the ground-level under the Sanctuary). The class features engaging conversations about contemporary culture, videos, and ice-breakers that invite participants of all ages to connect. Potential topics include: social media, religious and social history, pop culture, and more. If you would be interested in facilitating/leading a session of the Connections Class, email Greg Anders at gregaanders@gmail.com or leave a message for him in the church office (229-5557).

2020 Ministry Plan

As part of the First Baptist Church Ministry Plan Development Policy, the First Baptist Stewardship Committee has begun work on the 2020 Ministry Plan. Emails have been sent to all committees and groups requesting funds through the annual Ministry Plan. Ministry Plan Request Forms are due to the church office by Friday, July 12. This provides committees and others two months to submit request forms to the Stewardship Committee for consideration as part of the 2020 Ministry Plan. For additional information about the First Baptist Church Ministry Plan Development Policy, please contact the church office (229-5557).



Transportation Need

Jo Stevenson comes to GFBC every Monday to arrange the flowers used during Sunday worship into smaller vases. These vases are taken to shut-ins and hospitalized members. Jo enjoys this ministry and wishes to continue it. She can no longer drive. Jo is seeking volunteers to drive her to the church at 9:00 am on Monday mornings and to drive her home around noon or 1:00 pm. Drivers do not need to stay at the church and will not be responsible for delivering the flowers. Anyone willing to drive Jo at least one Monday per month is asked to call her at 223-7567.

GFBC REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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 *Sounds of Grace* 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 *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, May 19
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 Noon Spring picnic and Thank You to the Kendricks
 7:00 pm Diaconate

Tuesday, May 21
 12:30 pm *Sounds of Grace* at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, May 22
 No *Sounds of Grace* Rehearsal
 5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 9
 Menu: Hotdogs with Chili, Slaw, Chips
 6:15 pm The Grind
 6:30 pm Music and Missions Night
 7:15 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

Sunday, May 26 - Trinity Sunday
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship - Baptism of Brady Bagwell and Lily Martin

Monday, May 27 - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28
 10:15 am *Sounds of Grace* leave for Abbeville

Wednesday, May 29
 No *Sounds of Grace* Rehearsal
 5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 1
 Menu: Meat Loaf, Potatoes, English Peas
 6:15 pm The Grind
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Chancel Choir, CIAs Fun Night, Infant and Toddler Childcare
 7:15 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

Friday, May 31
 5:30 pm Children's Playground Night

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