



"I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel. I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace." Philippians 1:3-9 (CEV)

The Worship of God
April 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: "One who has been touched by grace will no longer look on those who stray as 'those evil people' or 'those poor people who need our help.' Nor must we search for signs of 'loveworthiness.' Grace teaches us that God loves because of who God is, not because of who we are." - Philip Yancey

The Ministries and Opportunities of the Church David Jennings

Prelude "Lift High the Cross" Paul Manz
Ron Davis, Organ

The Lighting of the Gospel Candles

The Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship "Come Unto Him"
Haley Pye, Soloist; Ron Davis, Accompanist

*Morning Hymn 352 "All Praise to Thee" SINE NOMINE

*Invocation and Welcome Tony Hopkins

Scripture Thoughts for Children David Jennings
(Immediately following Scripture Thoughts, children ages 3 years through K5 will meet a Children's Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children's Church.)

Litany of Gratitude and Blessing

Leader: Music, O God, is one of your great gifts to us. But without gifted and dedicated musicians, this priceless gift would be absent from our worship.

People: Thank you, God, for inspirational music and dedicated musicians.

Leader: Today, especially, we thank you for our brother in Christ, Ron Davis. He has beautifully and powerfully enhanced the singing of our choirs and our congregation.

People: Thank you, God, for the one who has helped us make music.

Leader: When our words have been inadequate, Ron has expressed through the organ and the piano the height of our joy and the depth of our sorrow. He has helped us be contemplative, and he has helped us express great praise.

People: Thank you, God, for using your servant to express the inexpressible in our worship.

Leader: While we will greatly miss Ron's gifts in our midst, we are grateful to know that you will continue to use him to help your people worship, to exalt the name of Jesus, and to bring joy to those who love the music of worship.

People: Bless our friend as he moves to his new place of service.

Leader: Bless both of our friends, Ron and Beverly, as they continue to grow, to bless others, and to serve you. Amen.

*Hymn of Offering and Gratitude 344 "Glorious Is Thy Name"
GLORIOUS NAME

*Offertory Prayer Vaughan Free

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me" Albert L. Travis
Ron Davis, Organ

*The Presentation of Gifts and the Congregational Response to God's Goodness
"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" KREMSEK
(Hymn 356, vs. 3)

**With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer David Jennings
Leader: Lord, in Your mercy
Congregation: Hear our prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reading of Holy Scripture: Philippiian 1:1-11 Blake Kendrick
(Pew Bible, NT, p. 173)

Reader: This is the Word of God for our time and our lives.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Anthem "My Eternal King"
My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace.
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell.
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward,
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

Chancel Choir
Words 17th Century Latin Poem, translated by Rev Edward Caswall
Music by Jane M. Marshall
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Sermon "Partners in God's Grace" Blake Kendrick

*Hymn of Commitment 488 "Come, All Christians Be Committed"
BEACH SPRING

*Benediction

Postlude "Carillon de Westminster" Louis Vierne
Ron Davis, Organ

Words of Gratitude and Blessing for Ron and Beverly Davis

*Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome to First Baptist Church, a warm fellowship of Christian believers. We hope you enjoyed your visit today. Here you can find wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and Christian growth. Please sign the register at the end of the pew and give us your contact information, and please join us again.

Worship leaders for today are: Brandon Robertson, Acolyte; Vaughan Free, Deacon of the Week; Chancel Choir; Ron Davis, Organist; Ministerial Staff: Tony Hopkins, Senior Pastor; Blake Kendrick, Associate Pastor; David Jennings, Minister of Administration; David Corbitt, Minister of Music; Anna Burch, Minister to Children.

The Sanctuary flowers will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Finis Horne by Bettie Horne.

The rosebud on the Communion table is in honor of the birth of Keelyn Raye Hewitt, daughter of Jordan and Ryan Hewitt.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, April 28 - Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Youth/Parent Passport Meeting
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship - Ron Davis' last Sunday as organist
7:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday, May 1

8:30 am Contemplative Wednesday
4:15 pm *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir
5:15 pm Children's Choirs
5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 6
Menu: Taco Salad
6:15 pm The Grind
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Grace Street Parents, Chancel Choir, CIAs, Infant and Toddler Childcare
7:15 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

Saturday, May 4

10:00 am Children and families meet at Due West Strawberries

Sunday, May 5

10:00 am Sunday School
Connections Class begins
11:00 am State Missions Emphasis-Jay Kieve and Lane Riley preaching
Noon Munchin' for Missions

CHURCH NEWS

Opportunities to Express Appreciation and Offer Well Wishes: Today is Ron Davis' last Sunday at GFBC. At the end of worship, the church family will remain seated for the postlude. Following the postlude, we will ask Ron and Beverly will linger at the front of the sanctuary to allow us an opportunity to offer them our gratitude. There is a basket at the front of the sanctuary for those who wish leave personal notes or gifts.

Blake Kendrick's last Sunday will be May 19. Immediately following worship, we will have our annual Spring Picnic. The Congregational Life Committee will provide the meat and drinks (water and tea). The congregation is asked to provide sides and desserts. This event will also give the church family an opportunity to say thank you to the Kendrick family and offer them our blessing as they transition to their new place of service.

Connections Class Begins in May: GFBC is offering an intentionally inter-generational Sunday School class for anyone grade 6 through adulthood. The class, which begins May 5, will meet 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. Contact Blake (revblakekendrick@gmail.com or 229-5557) if you would be interested in facilitating/leading a session of the Connections Class.

NGO in May! Come join NGO on Tuesday, May 7, 11:15 am, as *Sounds of Grace* leads the group on a "Sentimental Journey through the 1940s." A selection of tunes popular from 1940 through 1949 will carry listeners back to a time when Big Bands were at a peak; Cagney, Hepburn, Sinatra, and Rooney were at the height of their careers; and bobby socks, bikinis, and flattops made their debuts. Lunch: \$8.00 per meal (contact Polly Harvin at 223-3240 by Thursday, May 2, for lunch reservations).

CHURCH NEWS (cont'd)

"Sentimental Journey through the 1940s" ENCORE Performance: Can't make the NGO performance on May 7? Then, consider Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. *Sounds of Grace* will present an ENCORE performance of "Sentimental Journey through the 1940s" featuring popular selections from the decade. Designed for people who work, attend school, want to hear it again, or just prefer night concerts, this early evening event is "just right"! REMEMBER: Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 pm, GFBC Fellowship Hall. Bring the entire family and friends too!

Taylor Festival Choir: Join Greenwood Performing Arts for the final performance of the 2018-2019 season, *Taylor Festival Choir*. Serving as the flagship ensemble for the Piccolo Spoleto Celtic Arts Series, this Charleston, S.C. based ensemble brings its harmonies and professional fiddlers to present its international Celtic program in the sanctuary at the historic First Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC.

When: Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 2:00 pm

Where: Greenwood First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Tickets: \$45.00/person (Greenwood First Baptist Church members may enjoy a discounted ticket of \$20/person in advance of the show by calling the Greenwood Community Theater box office at 864-229-5704.)

Information and Tickets: 864-229-5704 or

visit www.greenwoodperformingarts.org

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.

Cheerful Cherubs 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children and Families Strawberry Picking and Picnic: Children and their families are invited to meet at Due West Strawberries (4428 Hwy 20, Donalds, SC) Saturday, May 4, 10:00 am to pick strawberries. The group will come to GFBC for a picnic.

Camp P.R.I.S.M.: Camp P.R.I.S.M. is July 16-19 at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC. This year's theme is "Free to Be God's People." Camp P.R.I.S.M. is for children completing Grades 3-5. The cost is \$160.00. A deposit of \$50.00 is due by May 24. Contact Anna Burch (229-5557 or aeburchfbc@gmail.com) to sign up a child or to volunteer to chaperone.

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.

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

End of the Year Pool Party: Children's Pool Party is Sunday, June 2, time TBA. The party is at the Young's Home (106 Amherst Dr.).

STUDENT MINISTRY

Calling All Graduates: Students associated with GFBC who graduated in the Fall of 2018 or who will graduate in the Spring or Summer of 2019 will be recognized during worship on Sunday, 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 no later than May 17.**

Help GFBC Youth: Youth Sunday School teachers are needed. Curriculum and teaching instructions are provided. Anyone willing to help is asked to email Blake Kendrick (revblakekendrick@gmail.com).

End of the Year Pool Party: Youth Pool Party is Wednesday, June 5, time TBA. The party is at the Young's Home (106 Amherst Dr.).

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/Smiths 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!