

**First Baptist Church**  
**Greenwood, South Carolina**  
**February 10, 2019**



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**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR . . . ?**

**Community**  
**Spiritual Development**  
**Service Opportunities**  
**Caring Relationships**  
**Bible Application**



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**

<b>CLASS (typical ages)</b>	<b>ROOM NUMBER</b>
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

**The Worship of God**  
**February 10, 2019**  
**Winter Bible Study**  
**Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM) Month of Preaching**  
**Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock**

**Meditation:** "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek [God] the greatest adventure; to find [God], the greatest human achievement."  
 - St. Augustine

The Ministries and Opportunities of the Church David Jennings

Prelude "Christ Is the World's Light" arr. Charles Callahan  
 Ron Davis, Organ

The Lighting of the Gospel Candles

The Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship Ephesians 2:8-10  
 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what [God] has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

\*Processional Hymn 154 "Christ Is the World's Light" CHRISTE SANCTORUM

\*Invocation Blake Kendrick

Welcome Blake Kendrick

Scripture Thoughts for Children Anna Burch  
*(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.)*

BWIM Month of Preaching Moment Amy Jennings

\*Hymn of Offering and Gratitude 250 "Living Stones" ST. ANNE

\*Offertory Prayer Lew Dorrity

Offertory "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" arr. Walter L. Pelz  
 Ron Davis, Organist

\*The Presentation of Gifts and the Congregational Response to God's Goodness  
 "Doxology" OLD 100TH  
 (Hymn 706)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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: Revelation 2:1-7

Kirsten Neufeld

(Pew Bible, NT, p. 217)

Reader: This is the Word of God for our time and our lives.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Anthem:

"God Be in My Head"

God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart and in my thinking.

Search me, O God, and know my heart,  
Test me and know my thoughts.  
You have designed the path I take;  
Lead me in Your ways, lead me in Your ways.

God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be at my end, and at my departing. God be within me.

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

"Our First Love"

Tony Hopkins

\*Hymn of Commitment 361 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

GORDON

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Response "The One Who Taught Beside the Sea"

(Hymn 153, vs. 1)

GARDEN HYMN

The One who taught beside the sea, who set the demon-ridden free,  
The friend of every refugee is Jesus Christ our Lord.  
The One who fasted forty days, who valued children's simple ways,  
The source and goal of all our praise is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"  
Ron Davis, Organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

\*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; Amy Jennings, BWIM Month of Preaching Moment; Lew Dorrity, Deacon of the Week; Kirsten Neufeld, Scripture Reader; 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** are given in memory of Jimmy Self by Linda Self.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, February 10 - Winter Bible Study

- 9:30 am Executive Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School - Joint Teaching Session for adults in Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am Worship
- Noon Light Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- 12:45 pm Second Winter Bible Study Teaching Session
- 6:00 pm Salt Shakers

### Monday, February 11

- 6:30 pm Laucis-Parham Circle

### Tuesday, February 12

- Noon Young at Heart at Montague's

### Wednesday, February 13

- 4:15 pm *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir
- 5:00 pm Stewardship Committee
- 5:15 pm Children's Choirs
- 5:30 pm Family Meal—Group 4  
Menu: Pulled Pork, Corn, Slaw
- 6:15 pm The Grind
- 6:30 pm Adults Bible Study, Chancel Choir, CIAs, Infant and Toddler  
Childcare
- 7:15 pm *Voice of Grace* Youth Choir

### Sunday, February 17

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- Noon College and Alum to Lunch
- 2:00 pm NGO to see "Oklahoma" at GCT
- 7:00 pm Diaconate

## CHURCH NEWS

**Winter Bible Study Is Today:** Winter Bible Study this year is on Revelation 1-3, John's initial vision and the letters to the seven churches. A teaching session for all adults was held during the Sunday School hour. During worship, Tony will preach on the letter to the church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7). Following worship, everyone is invited to meet in the fellowship hall for a light lunch - thank you, Congregational Life Committee - and a second teaching session. Childcare will be provided.

**Salt Shakers:** Salt Shakers Dinner groups meet tonight at 6:00 pm, in host families' homes.

**Young at Heart:** The Young at Heart group will meet noon, Tuesday, February 12, at Montague's Restaurant.

**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.

**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.

June 30 July 28 November 17

Please contact Dolores Watson (223-7049) 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.

**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). Membership: \$5.00 for the year. Lunch: \$8.00 each meeting (contact Polly Harvin at 223-3240 by Thursday, February 28, for lunch reservations).

## CHURCH NEWS (cont'd)

**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 2018 host churches.

- March 6:** Main Street United Methodist Church
- March 13:** Greenwood Associated 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.

**Operation Inasmuch:** The Global and Local Missions Committee is considering projects for this year's Operation Inasmuch, which will be held on April 27. Those who have suggestions about projects are asked to contact the church office by phone at 229-5557 or by email at [gfbcs@gmail.com](mailto:gfbcs@gmail.com) by February 15.

**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.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Children's Ministry Spring Semester Dates

- March 16:** Arts Center STEAM Day  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm;  
Picnic and playground at Noon
- March 22:** Movie Night  
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- April 14:** Egg Hunt
- April 27:** Operation Inasmuch
- May 4:** Strawberry Picking  
10:00 am; Picnic and  
playground after
- May 22:** Music & Missions Night  
6:30 pm
- May 29:** CIA Fun Night  
Pizza supper - 6:00 pm  
Games - 6:30 pm
- May 31:** Playground Night  
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

### Children's Ministry Summer Dates

- June 10-14:** Vacation Bible School
- July 16-19:** Camp P.R.I.S.M. (3rd - 5th graders)

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**Wednesday Night Youth Snacks:** Youth parents: snacks are still needed for February 20 and February 27 and the last three Wednesdays in March. Also, please check with Blake from time to time to see if more snacks are needed for the youth refrigerator.

**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](mailto:revblakekendrick@gmail.com) to let him know which date you can help.

**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). Email Blake ([revblakekendrick@gmail.com](mailto:revblakekendrick@gmail.com)) to ask questions or to sign up.

## Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching Martha Stearns Marshall



Ella Pearson Mitchell

In 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This invitation became an annual event, one that has been a source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women preachers.

BWIM named this annual preaching month for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman, and for twelve years, hundreds of churches have celebrated Martha's influence and example. In 2019, BWIM redreamed this emphasis and has widened its circle of significant preachers to include three other significant Baptist preachers: Ella Pearson Mitchell, Helen Barrett Montgomery, and Edna Lee de Gutiérrez.

Ella Pearson was born in 1917 in the parsonage of Olivet Presbyterian Church, Charleston, South Carolina, where her father pastored. She began her ministry as an eight-year-old girl, riding on the handlebars of his bicycle, accompanying him on pastoral visits. When she was older, because of her father's busy traveling schedule, Ella often preached in his churches. While a student Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama, she majored in religion, which was no small feat given that the college did not offer a major in religion. Determined to complete the degree, Ella waited until the college hired professors to teach the necessary courses and crammed all her religious classes into her senior year. At Talladega, she also led the chapel services, where she read the scripture, delivered messages, and sewed the cloth for the altar and the podium.

In 1941, Ella enrolled at Union Theological Seminary in New York, graduating two years later and becoming one of the first African Americans to graduate from that seminary. She then served for two years as minister of education at a Presbyterian church in New York City.

Ella married Baptist minister Henry Mitchell in 1944, and she soon became a Baptist. Together they were ministry partners for sixty--four years. Ella served as minister of education at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, as associate professor of Christian education at the School of Theology at Virginia Union University, and as the first woman dean of Sisters Chapel at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. In October 1978, after thirty--five years of ministry, Ella was ordained by Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California.

In semi-retirement, Ella and Henry served for twelve years as visiting professors of homiletics at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. She also edited or co-edited six volumes of sermons by women and co-authored two books with her husband. The ministry couple team taught at seminaries from coast to coast and in England, Russia, and Zaire.

Ella Mitchell passed away on November 20, 2008. But her preaching influence lives on through the countless women and men she taught, mentored, and inspired. Today Baptist Women in Ministry invites you to remember and honor Ella Pearson Mitchell and to celebrate the giftedness of Baptist women who proclaim the gospel.



Chelsea Banks was the BWIM Month of Preaching preacher at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia

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