

Declare me innocent, O LORD,
for I have acted with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD
without wavering.
Put me on trial, LORD,
and cross-examine me.
Test my motives and my heart.
For I am always aware
of your unfailing love,
and I have lived according
to your truth.

Psalms 26:1-3

First Baptist Church
Greenwood, South Carolina
February 3, 2019

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR . . . ?

Community
Spiritual Development
Service Opportunities
Caring Relationships
Bible Application



SUNDAY
SCHOOL

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 75) | 208 |
| Carpenter (adults over 75) | 210 |

The Worship of God
February 3, 2019
Boy Scout Sunday
Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM) Month of Preaching
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: "We struggle daily with situations that demand decisions between what we want to do and what we ought to do. Integrity establishes the ground rules for resolving these tensions. It determines who we are and how we will respond before the conflict even appears. Integrity welds what we say, think, and do, into a whole person so that permission is never granted for one of these to be out of sync."
- John Maxwell

The Ministries and Opportunities of the Church David Jennings

Prelude "Peace" Fred Gramann
The Jean O. Wood Adult Handbell Ensemble

The Lighting of the Gospel Candles

The Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship "You Are the Light of the World" Lake Atkins
(Responsive Reading 260)

*Processional Hymn 32 "God Has Spoken by the Prophets" HYMN TO JOY

*Invocation Tony Hopkins

Welcome Tony Hopkins

Scripture Thoughts for Children David Corbitt
(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 Anna Burch

*Hymn of Offering and Gratitude 677 "When We Are Tested" SLANE

*Offertory Prayer Kyle Scates

Offertory "Gabriel's Oboe" Ennio Morricone/arr. Davis
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: Psalm 26:1-3,11-12

Anna Burch

(Pew Bible, OT, p. 466)

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: "The Lord Is My Light"

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom, then, shall I fear? Whom, then, shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life, the Lord is the strength of my life;
Of whom, then, shall I be afraid?
Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And though there 'rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle,
Yea in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me. And set me up upon a rock of stone.
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom, then, shall I fear?
Whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, the Lord is the strength of my life,
Of whom, then, shall I be afraid? Of whom, then, shall I be afraid? The Lord is my light!

Chancel Choir

Words adapted from Psalm 27

Music by Frances Allitsen, arranged by William David Young

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Sermon

"A Life of Integrity"

Tony Hopkins

*Hymn of Commitment 503 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

CANONBURY

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Response "Make Room Within My Heart, O God"

(Hymn 675, vs. 2)

MASSACHUSETTS

Direct my will, O King of kings, subject it to Your own,
That every impulse, action, word, may make Your Kingdom known.
Effect my prayer, great Trinity, eternal Three in One;
Combine each part of me to praise the Father, Spirit, Son.

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" setting by Antony Baldwin

Judi Neufeld, Organ

*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: Blake Abernathy, Acolyte; Lake Atkins, Responsive Reading Leader; Kyle Scates, Deacon of the Week; Jean O. Wood Handbell Choir; Chancel Choir; Ron Davis, Organist and Handbell Choir Director; Judi Neufeld, Postlude; 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 honor of Boy Scout Troop #270.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, February 3 - Boy Scout Sunday

- 9:00 am Property Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- Noon Souper Bowl Fundraising Event
- 1:30 pm Congregational Informational Session
- 4:00 pm NGO Follies Rehearsal

Monday, February 4

- 10:45 am Louise Bowers Circle
- 3:00 pm Joann Gray Circle
- 6:30 pm Rosemary Benjamin Circle

Tuesday, February 5

- 10:00 am Dement Waldrop Circle
- 11:15 am NGO

Wednesday, February 6

- 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 3 Menu: Potato and Salad Bar
- 6:30 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir
- 6:30 pm Adults Bible Study Chancel Choir, CIAs, Infant and Toddler Childcare

Thursday, February 7

- Noon Peggy Hollingsworth Circle

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
- 12:45 pm Second Winter Bible Study Teaching Session
- 6:00 pm Salt Shakers

CHURCH NEWS

Today Is "Souper" Bowl Sunday: Plan to remain after worship for a lunch of soup, salad, and desserts. No reservation is needed. *To Go* orders will be available. The cost of the meal will be whatever a person cares to donate.

Congregational Informational Session: There will be a congregational information session and discussion in the fellowship hall today at 1:30 pm (immediately following the Souper Bowl luncheon). The topic will be the church and mausoleum roofs, particularly as they relate to our insurance company, Southern Mutual Church Insurance Company, and the legal implications of our ongoing conversation with them.

Contemplative Wednesday: The next Contemplative Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 6, 8:30 am in Room 115.

Learn about Mardi Gras: The Jo Ann Gray Circle invites all who are interested in learning more about Mardi Gras to attend the circle meeting tomorrow at 3:00 pm in the Carpenter Sunday School classroom.

Reminder to Alma Johnson Circle: The Alma Johnson Circle will not meet as a group in February. Supplies collected by members for the men's shelter at Pathway House have already been delivered by Barbara and Tom Chandler. A meal will be prepared for the men's shelter the first week of February by Barbara Chandler and Carol Richard. Many thanks to all of these!

NGO on February 5! The Third Annual GFBC Follies performance is Tuesday, February 5, 11:15 am, with both new and familiar performers. Music, recitations, presentations, and humor fill the stage for a grand time of entertainment and fellowship. Join us in our own Follies program.

Winter Bible Study on February 10: 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 will be 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.

CHURCH NEWS (cont'd)

Salt Shakers: The next Salt Shakers Dinner meetings are Sunday, February 10, 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 23 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.

Opportunities for Service: Thank you to the persons who have volunteered to greet or to be in the church office on Sunday mornings. There are still a few slots open for each of these jobs. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Frances Thompson at 229-5557 or gfbcs@gmail.com. Also, GFBC provides transportation back to Wesley Commons for residents who attend services. Bus drivers are needed to drive the church bus to Wesley Commons after worship. Drivers must be between ages 25 and 70, but no special driver's license is needed. Please contact David Jennings at 229-5557 or jenningsdaj@gmail.com to volunteer.

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 by February 15.

CHURCH NEWS (cont'd)

2019 Newsletter Schedule: The 2019 newsletter schedule is printed below. Anyone interested in submitting material related to church events or activities is asked to submit the information to Mary Frances Thompson (gfbcs@gmail.com) by the Wednesday prior to the publication of the newsletter.

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| February 6, 20 | May 1, 15 | August 7, 21 | November 6, 20 |
| March 6, 20 | June 5, 19 | September 11, 25 | December 11 |
| April 3, 17 | July 10, 24 | October 9, 23 | |

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: When youth arrive at church on Wednesday evenings, they are hungry! Youth parents can help with this need by periodically providing snacks. Contact Blake to sign up to bring snacks.

Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching Martha Stearns Marshall



Kristy Bay was the BWIM Month of Preaching preacher at First Christian Church of Middlesboro, Kentucky

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.

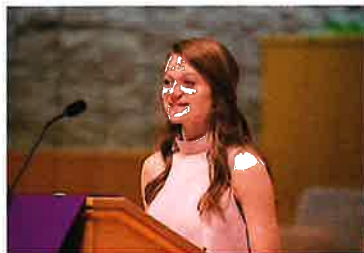
BWIM named this annual preaching month for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman, and for twelve years, hundreds of churches have celebrated Martha's influence and example. In 2019, BWIM redreamed this emphasis and has widened its circle of significant preachers to include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

Martha Stearns Marshall, along with her husband, Daniel, converted to Christianity during the First Great Awakening. The couple eventually migrated from New England to Virginia, where they were introduced to Baptist beliefs. Concluding that scripture taught believer's baptism, they were soon baptized and joined a Baptist church, and Daniel was licensed to preach. But both Marshalls were preachers, and Martha's zeal apparently equaled that of her husband.

In 1755, the Marshalls, along with Martha's brother, Shubal Stearns, and his small congregation in Virginia, moved to North Carolina. The group settled at Sandy Creek and established a Baptist church. The church became the most influential Separate Baptist congregation in the South, and there Martha often stood alongside Shubal to preach. A few years later, the Marshalls moved to nearby Abbott's Creek and founded a new church, and in 1771, they moved to Columbia County, Georgia, where they established in Kiokee the first missionary Baptist church in Georgia.

In all these churches, Martha provided enthusiastic leadership and evangelistic preaching. Virginia Baptist historian Robert Semple wrote in 1810: "Mr. Marshall had a rare felicity of finding in this lady a Priscilla, a helper in the gospel. In fact, it should not be concealed that his extraordinary success in the ministry is ascribable in no small degree to Mrs. Marshall's unwearied, and zealous cooperation. Without the shadow of a usurped authority over the other sex, Mrs. Marshall, being a lady of good sense, singular piety, and surprising elocution, has, in countless instances melted a whole concourse into tears by her prayers and exhortations."

Martha's legacy of preaching lives on through the countless number of Baptist women who step bravely into the pulpit and share the good news. Today Baptist Women in Ministry invites you to remember and honor Martha Stearns Marshall and to celebrate the giftedness of Baptist woman who proclaim the gospel.



Jillian Mitchell was the BWIM Month of Preaching preacher at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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