



First Baptist Church
Greenwood, South Carolina
January 13, 2019

The sculpture pictured on the front cover is "The Good Shepherd" by Kraig Varner. Varner's website notes, "In this sculpture Kraig shows Christ as the Good Shepherd after he has gathered the lost sheep and joyfully places it on his shoulders to return home. Kraig portrays that Christ will not give up on us. 'For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.' (Luke 19:10)" <http://www.kraigvarner.com/good-shepherd/>, January 8, 2019.

The Worship of God
January 13, 2019
First Sunday after Epiphany
Dedication of Grady Evans Funderburk
Baptism of Jesse English, Velma English
and Chip Funderburk
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: "Bible study without Bible experience is pointless. Knowing Psalm 23 is different from knowing the shepherd." — Kingsley Opuwari Manuel

The Ministries and Opportunities of the Church David Jennings

Prelude "My Soul Hath a Desire and Longing to Enter the Courts of the Lord"
Ron Davis, Organist George Oldroyd

The Lighting of the Gospel Candles

The Chiming of the Trinity

*Processional Hymn 12 "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee" BEECHER

*Invocation Anna Burch

Welcome Anna Burch

Dedication of Grady Evans Funderburk

Scripture Thoughts for Children Blake Kendrick
*(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.)*

*Hymn of Offering and Gratitude 59 "My Lord Is Near Me All The Time"
FOREST PARK

*Offertory Prayer Lou Hilley

Offertory "Meditation" Leon Boellmann
Ron Davis, Organist

*The Presentation of Gifts and the Congregational Response to God's Goodness
"O Worship The King" LYONS
(Hymn 52, vs. 1)

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16 Thomas Rude
(Pew Bible, OT, p. 759)

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

Anthem: "Come Just as You Are"

Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call, come just as you are;
Come and see, come receive, come and live forever.
Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are; come and see, come receive, come and live forever.
Life everlasting and strength for today; taste the Living Water and never thirst again.
Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call, come just as you are;
Come receive, Christ the King, come and live forever, forever.
Life everlasting, and strength for today, taste the Living Water and never thirst again.
Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call, come just as you are;
Come receive, Christ the King, come and live forever more.
Come receive, Christ the King, come and live forever more.

Chancel Choir
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Sermon "The Good Shepherd" Tony Hopkins

*Hymn of Commitment 68 "He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"
HE LEADETH ME

*Invitation to Baptism

Choral Sending Forth "We, O God, Unite Our Voices" IN BABILONE
(Hymn 508, vs. 3)

Not our choice the wind's direction, unforeseen the calm or gale.
Your great ocean swells before us, and our ship seems small and frail.
Fierce and gleaming is Your mystery, drawing us to shores unknown;
Lead us on with hope and courage till Your harbor is our home.

**During the recessional, please move to the chapel for the baptism
of Jesse English, Velma English, and Chip Funderburk and the
conclusion of the service.**

Recessional "When I Can Read My Title Clear" Dale Wood
Ron Davis, 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: Brecklyn Timmons, Acolyte; Lou Hilley, Deacon of the Week; Thomas Rude, 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 to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Ridgeway by his family.

The rose bud on the Communion Table is in honor of the birth of Cora Vivian Hudgens, daughter of Codi Hudgens, granddaughter of Vicky and Billy Hudgens.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, January 13

- 9:30 am Executive Committee
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship - Dedication of Evans Funderburk
Worship continues with baptism in Chapel
6:00 pm Salt Shakers

Monday, January 14

- 6:30 pm Laucis-Parham Circle

Tuesday, January 15

- 12:05 pm Cheerful Cherubs Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 16

- 5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 9
Menu: Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans
6:15 pm The Grind -Youth visit Blyth Funeral Home

Thursday, January 17

- 9:30 am Betty Schopp Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, January 18

- 8:30 am Cheerful Cherubs Donuts for Dads
6:00 pm Diaconate Dinner

Sunday, January 20

- 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
7:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

Monday, January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 23

- 5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 1
Menu: Taco Salad

CHURCH NEWS

Salt Shaker News: Salt Shaker Dinner Groups will meet this evening, February 10 and March 10 at 6:00 pm in host homes. A Salt Shaker Fellowship Covered Dish Celebration is planned for April 7 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

NGO/Senior Adult Event: Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 2:00 pm, Greenwood Community Theatre is presenting the Broadway musical "Oklahoma." This senior adult event is \$22.00 per ticket if tickets are purchased before Sunday, January 27, 2019. Checks should be made payable to GFBC for \$22.00 per ticket and given to Linda Sheffield before Sunday, January 27, 2019. The price is only available until January 27 and if the tickets are purchased through NGO.

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.

March 31 June 23 June 30 July 21 July 28 November 17 November 24

Please contact Dolores Watson (554-7564) 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.

Winter Bible Study on February 10: Winter Bible Study this year will be 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)

Opportunities for Service: Much of the work in the church is done through committees and the Diaconate. However, there are some areas that are not part of the committee structure or extensions of a committee's work. Help is needed in at least two of those areas.

Greeters: Greeters are needed at various doors each Sunday to welcome members and visitors. Greeters help visitors navigate the hallways to find Sunday School classes, Sanctuary, restrooms, etc. Greeters serve once every three months (four times per year). *There are openings for greeters for 2019.*

Sunday Morning Office Volunteers: Sunday morning office volunteers greet and assist anyone who stops by the office and answers the phone during the Sunday School hour. *Volunteers are needed to serve one Sunday every other month, and a volunteer is needed to serve every fifth Sunday.*

While neither of these jobs is glamorous or difficult, both are important. They are the type of jobs that no one notices unless they are not done. Anyone interested in helping with greeting or serving in the office on Sunday morning is asked to contact Mary Frances Thompson at 229-5557 or gfbcs@gmail.com.

NGO in February! The Third Annual GFBC Follies performance will be 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. Membership: \$5.00 for the year. Lunch: \$8.00 each meeting (contact Polly Harvin at 223-3240 by Thursday, January 31, for lunch reservations).

Save the Date. February 3, 2019, "Souper" Bowl Sunday: The Youth "Souper" Bowl event is February 3. 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.

2019 Newsletter Schedule: First Baptist Church publishes twenty-three newsletters each year as a way to inform the church family of important events in the life of the church. 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. The following are a list of publication dates for the newsletter in 2019:

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

Contemplative Wednesdays: On the first Wednesday of each month, there is an opportunity to join others in a time of prayer and meditation. The group meets at 8:30 am in Room 115 for a time of group devotion, adjourns to various areas of the church for a time of silent reflection, then comes back together for a time of sharing and closing worship. The session ends at 11:30 am. These prayer experiences include people from other local churches and are open to anyone who would like to attend. There is no obligation to come every month. For more information, contact Amy Jennings or Mary Frances Thompson (229-5557). The next Contemplative Wednesday is February 6.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Movie Night: The next Children's Movie Night is Friday, January 25, 5:30 pm- 8:30 pm. Please contact Anna Burch by email or phone (aeburchfbc@gmail.com or 229-5557) by Wednesday, January 23, to make a reservation.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Youth Tour of Blyth Funeral Home: Youth of GFBC are invited to Blyth Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 16, for a unique opportunity. Youth will leave the bus parking lot at GFBC at 5:00 pm, sharp. The group will go to Cookout for a meal provided by GFBC. After supper, the youth will travel to Blyth to meet Bryan Conyers, one of Blyth's funeral directors. Bryan will lead the youth on a walking tour of Blyth. Then Bryan will give a short presentation followed by a Question and Answer session. The group will return to GFBC by 7:15 pm (in time for Youth Choir practice). No sign-up is needed. Just show up! And bring questions (and friends) along too!

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.

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