

**First Baptist Church  
Greenwood, South Carolina  
June 2, 2019**



**Congratulations, Graduates!**

**The Worship of God  
June 2, 2018  
Ascension Sunday  
Graduate Recognition Sunday  
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock**

**Meditation:** "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. It may not be difficult to store up in the mind a vast quantity of facts within a comparatively short time, but the ability to form judgments requires the severe discipline of hard work and the tempering heat of experience and maturity." - Calvin Coolidge

Ministries and Opportunities of the Church

David Jennings

Prelude

**"Your Dreams Will Give You Wings"**  
Beverly Psomas, Guest Organist

Beverly Psomas

As you go toward tomorrow, hold memory of today,  
The times that we have shared, the love that lights your way.  
Hold on to faith and hope, to strength inside of you.  
Give love and truth to those you meet and to yourself be true.  
You can climb the highest mountain, achieve the greatest things  
With your faith to give you strength, your dreams to give you wings.  
You will look beyond today, take one step at a time.  
Keep reaching for your dream, every mountain you will climb.  
Each day a new beginning, a fresh and brand new start.  
Draw strength from deep inside you and love from in your heart.  
You can climb the highest mountain, achieve the greatest things  
With your faith to give you strength and your dreams to give you wings.  
You can climb the highest mountain, feel the joy that it will bring  
With your faith to give you strength, your dreams to give you wings,  
Your dreams to give you wings.

The Lighting of the Sanctuary Candles

Call to Worship "They'll Know We Are Christians" Lloyd Larson

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love  
  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*Voices of Grace Youth Choir*

Gina Jolly, Director; Beverly Psomas, Accompanist

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The Chiming of the Trinity

\*Processional Hymn 34 "Word of God, Across the Ages" AUSTRIAN HYMN

\*Invocation and Welcome David Jennings

Recognition of Graduates Greg Anders

Prayer of Blessing Greg Anders

Recognition of Stokes Memorial Scholarship Recipient Claudia Stokes

\*Hymn of Offering and Gratitude 565 "God of Past, Who by Your Spirit"  
HYFRYDOL  
(During this hymn, 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.)

Offertory Prayer Alice Gilchrist

Offertory Meditation "Seek First the Kingdom of God"

Seek first the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom, seek ye first the Kingdom of God.  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Child of the Father, child of the Father, we are all His children.  
It is His pleasure, it is His pleasure to give His Kingdom.  
Wait upon the Lord, set your heart and mind on that which is above.  
Wait upon the Lord, know ye that His word is love.  
Set your heart and mind on Him who reigns above!  
For where your treasure is there will your heart be. And where your heart is, there I will be.  
For I am the Kingdom and the power, and I am the Father, I am your Father,  
Seek first the Kingdom, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Chancel Choir

Words from Luke 12:31-36; Matthew 6:13

Music by Mary McDonald

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\*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

Anna Burch

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.**

Words of Reflection

Hannah Bagwell

The Reading of Holy Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-7

(Pew Bible, OT, p. 547)

Greg Anders

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

"Grace"

Carolyn Hamlin

Lord, as I seek your guidance for the day.  
I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way.  
But then when I bow to you  
The challenges you guide me through.  
Your promises are ever new; I claim them for today.  
Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me.  
Your hand will protect me. I rest in your care.  
Your eyes will watch over me. Your love will forgive me.  
And when I am faltering, I still will find you there.  
Each new day's design is charted by your hand  
And graciously revealed as I seek your Master plan.  
Keep my footsteps faithful when from you I go.  
Return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow.

Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me.  
Your hand will protect me. I rest in your care.  
Your eyes will watch over me. Your love will forgive me.  
And when I am faltering, I still will find you there.

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Sermon

"Learning and Wisdom"

Tony Hopkins

\*Hymn of Commitment 646 "Teach Me Your Way"

CAMACHA

Called Business Session

\*Pastoral Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Response

"May a Song Remain"

Larry E. Schultz

May a song remain within you, ever singing in your heart.  
May a song remain among us, whether near or far apart.  
And through our song may others hear the harmony of peace.  
May a song of love remain in all, and may it never cease.

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Postlude

"Seek Peace"  
Beverly Psomas, Guest Organist

Beverly Psomas

\*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 and staff are:** Sam Smith, Acolyte; Alice Gilchrist, Deacon of the Week; Claudia Stokes, Presenter of Tony Stokes Memorial Scholarship; Hannah Bagwell, Graduate Speaker; *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir; Gina Jolly, Director; Beverly Psomas, Youth Choir Accompanist and Guest Organist; Chancel Choir; Ministerial Staff: Tony Hopkins, Senior Pastor; David Jennings, Minister of Administration; David Corbitt, Minister of Music; Anna Burch, Minister to Children; Chuck Moates, Interim Associate Pastor; Greg Anders, Interim Minister to Students.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given by the Bowers Sunday School Class to the glory of God and memory of class members and teachers who have passed away.

## Tony Stokes Memorial Scholarship

Today the Tony Stokes Memorial Scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior. This award was established by the family of Tony Stokes with gifts in his memory. The scholarship is given to recognize a young person with qualities that Tony felt were important: church participation, moral character, fun, a sense of purpose, and Christian faith. Tony Stokes, his wife Claudia, and their children, Jason and Jennifer, came to GFBC in the 1980s. Even though Tony was a Sunday School teacher and Claudia sang in the choir in their previous church, they moved to GFBC at the request of their children, who desired a more active youth program. Shortly after becoming a member of GFBC, Tony was diagnosed with brain cancer. GFBC ministered to the family throughout Tony's illness and death and assisted Claudia as she reared her children as a single parent. The Stokes Award was established in 1990 to give a "pat on the back" to a high school senior whose faith and potential Tony would have affirmed. All recipients of the award have gone on to complete their higher education.

### Tony Stokes Memorial Scholarship Recipients

1991 - Christy Coleman	1992 - Tanya Stockman	1993 - Greer Hughston
1994 - Julie Coleman	1995 - Shelby Dominick	1996 - Mary Grace Young
1997 - Matthew B. Edwards	1998 - Suzanne Moore	1999 - Elizabeth Baggett
2000 - Erin Ridgeway	2001 - Sara Baggett	2002 - Rebecca Hamrick
2003 - Tori Reynolds	2004 - Russell Dorn	2005 - Robin Smith
2006 - Rob Stevenson	2007 - Emmely Standley	2008 - Lane Riley
2009 - Caleb Hopkins	2010 - Gentry Hamrick	2011 - Luke Fender
2012 - Jennifer Jennings	2013 - Ashton Cox Kathleen Snead	2014 - Mary C. Turner
2015 - Darcy Compton	2016 - Ariel Norris	2017 - Ben Bagwell
2018 - Andrew Waldron		

## 2019 High School Graduates



**Hannah Bagwell**  
Greenwood High School  
May 2019

Plans to attend Lander University



**Dylan Burton**  
Greenwood High School  
May 2019

Plans to attend Piedmont Technical College to  
prepare for work in a culinary field



**Brett Pate**  
Greenwood High School  
May 2019

Plans to attend the Citadel  
to study mechanical engineering

## 2019 College and Graduate School Graduates



**Carley Bishop**  
University of South Carolina  
December 2018  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Business

Plans to pursue a career in Human Resources



**Casie Chandler**  
Lander University  
May 2019  
Bachelor of Science in Biology  
with a Health Care Management Certificate

Plans to work for a year while observing different  
areas of physical therapy. Long range plans are to  
attend a physical therapy graduate program.



**Darcy Compton**  
University of South Carolina  
May 2019  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Plans to attend Law School



**Ashton Cox**  
 Clemson University  
 December 2018  
 Bachelor of Science in  
 Parks, Recreation, Travel, and Tourism

Is working with Marketing and Events at  
 Magnolia Plantation in Charleston, SC



**Jeremy Fender**  
 University of South Carolina  
 May 2019  
 Bachelor of Science in  
 Sports and Entertainment Management

Plans to move to Houston, Texas in June to take a  
 position with CSC Event Management Company



**J. T. Davis**  
 Presbyterian College  
 May 2019  
 Bachelor of Arts in Music and Creative Writing



**Kenzie Parker**  
 Lander University  
 May 2019  
 Bachelor of Science in Biology

Plans to seek employment in the biology field



**Lauren Edigert**  
 The University of St. Augustine  
 for Health Sciences  
 December 2018  
 Doctor of Physical Therapy (DP)

Has moved to Wichita, Kansas



**Haley Pye**  
 Presbyterian College  
 May 2019  
 Bachelor of Arts in Music and English

**Congratulations to the Class of 2019!**

May God continue to guide your journey, and may you find ways to  
 use your gifts and talents for the glory of God and for the good of all  
 creation.



## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, June 2

- 9:40 am Extended Session Teachers Thank You Event
- 10:00 am Sunday School - Summer Children's Class Groupings Begin
- 11:00 am Worship - Graduate Recognition
- Noon Called Business Meeting
- 3:30 pm Children's End of School Pool Party (106 Amherst Dr.)
- 6:00 pm Property Committee

### Wednesday, June 5

- 4:15 pm *Sounds of Grace* Rehearsals Resume
- 5:30 pm Youth End of School Pool Party (106 Amherst Dr.)  
Family Meal-Group 2, Menu: Potato and Salad Bar
- 6:25 pm Children and Family Topiary Scavenger Hunt (meet at fountain)
- 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Chancel Choir, Infant and Toddler Childcare

### Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

- 9:30 am Diaconate Executive Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 3:00 pm Decorate for Vacation Bible School

### Monday, June 10

- 8:30 am Vacation Bible School

### Tuesday, June 11

- 8:30 am Vacation Bible School
- 10:00 am Sounds of Grace at Presbyterian Home in Clinton, SC
- 11:30 am Young at Heart meet to carpool to Village Grill, Abbeville, SC

### Wednesday, June 12

- 8:30 am Vacation Bible School
- No *Sounds of Grace* Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Stewardship Committee
- 5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 3  
Menu: Chicken Strips, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Potato Salad
- 6:15 pm The Grind
- 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Chancel Choir, Children and Family Picnic and Playground, Infant and Toddler Childcare

## CHURCH NEWS

**Called Business Meeting, June 2:** GFBC will have a called business meeting at the end of worship today for the purpose of approving a Minister Search Committee to fill the vacancy left by Blake Kendrick's departure. The proposed slate is recommended to the congregation by the Diaconate, and it includes youth and youth parents; representatives of three committees, Personnel, Stewardship, and Youth Committees; active deacons; and at large members of the congregation. The proposed slate is:

Brady Bagwell	Robbie Boone	Hillary Craigo	Lew Dorrity
Vaughan Free	Thomas Kirby	Kirsten Neufeld	Nancy Poston
Nan Smith	Lydia Turner	Richie Williams	

Tony Hopkins (ex officio)

Please continue to be in prayer for our church in this time of transition.

**Connections Class:** GFBC 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 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. . If you would be interested in facilitating/leading a session of the Connections Class, email Greg Anders at [gregaanders@gmail.com](mailto:gregaanders@gmail.com) or leave a message for him in the church office (229-5557).

**2020 Ministry Plan:** The First Baptist Stewardship Committee has begun work on the 2020 Ministry Plan. Emails have been sent to all committees and groups which request funds through the annual Ministry Plan. Ministry Plan Request Forms are due to the church office by Friday, July 12. For additional information about the First Baptist Church Ministry Plan Development Policy, please contact the church office (229-5557).

**Young at Heart:** The Young at Heart group will have lunch at Village Grill in Abbeville on Tuesday, June 11. The group will meet to carpool from the church at 11:30 am.

## CHURCH NEWS (cont'd)

**Ways to Financially Support First Baptist Church:** The Stewardship Committee has been asked why GFBC does not offer an online giving option. The simple answer is that online giving would not be cost effective for the church. Three cost effective ways that contributors can give are:

- 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!)

**Pentecost Sunday:** Next Sunday, June 9, is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost Sunday celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. Please wear red next Sunday in honor of Pentecost Sunday.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Summer Children's Sunday School Class Groupings:** Beginning this Sunday, June 2, children Preschool - 5K will meet in Room 128. First - fifth graders will meet Room 118.

**End of the Year Children's Pool Party:** Children's Pool Party is **this afternoon**, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Snacks will be provided. The party is at the Youngs' Home (106 Amherst Dr.).

**Children and Family Topiary Scavenger Hunt:** The Wednesday Night activity for children on June 5 is a Family Topiary Scavenger Hunt. Children and their families are asked to meet at fountain uptown at 6:25 pm.

**Children's Wednesday Night Activities during June:**

- June 5:** Family Topiary Scavenger Hunt
- June 12:** Picnic and Playground
- June 19:** Splash Pad
- June 26:** Roller Skating

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (cont'd)

**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.

**Preschool Summer Camps:** The theme of Cherubs Camp 1, June 24 - 28, is "Planes Trains, and Automobiles." The theme of Cherubs Camp 2, July 23-27, is "Under the Big Top." 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

**End of School Youth Pool Party:** All youth are invited to a POOL PARTY 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm this Wednesday, June 5, at the Youngs' home at 106 Amherst Dr. in Cherokee Hills. Youth are asked to bring individually packaged drinks, chips, or dessert. Greenwood FBC will provide pizza.

**Youth Needed to Help with Vacation Bible School:** Youth are needed to volunteer as helpers during Vacation Bible School June 10-14 (and set-up June 9). Youth who help all week, including during set-up on Sunday, June 9, will receive deeply discounted admission to Carowinds during the day trip on August 7. Following VBS clean-up, all youth helpers will be treated to lunch out. See or email Greg Anders for more details and to sign up: gregaanders@gmail.com.



## STUDENT MINISTRY (cont'd)

**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

**Let's Go Tubing!** Come on Saturday, June 22, for an awesome experience "lazy river floating" on the French Broad River near Asheville! The cost is only \$20.00 (less if we have 15 or more sign up by June 19). The group will depart from the church at 8:30 am, "Zen Tube" the day away, and return to the church by 7:30 pm. Bring money for lunch and snacks. The church will provide supper on the road back. Shoes for the river are required (sandals, old sneakers, etc.). Tubes and life jackets are provided. Visit <https://zentubing.com/faq/> for the scoop on everything you need to know! ALL participants must complete the online release form prior to the trip. Sign up using the link in *YouthNews* or contact Greg Anders ([greganders@gmail.com](mailto:greganders@gmail.com)).

## Registration for Vacation Bible School

**June 10-14**

**8:30 am - 12:00 noon**



Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Last grade completed \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

 Emergency, contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies and other medical information \_\_\_\_\_

**By allowing your child to participate in Vacation Bible School at GFBC, you are granting GFBC permission to take photos and videos that may be used in promotional materials.**

CHURCH USE ONLY VBS Group \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Helping?/Where? \_\_\_\_\_