

**First Baptist Church
Greenwood, South Carolina
March 17, 2019**



“The Exhortation to the Apostles”

**James Tissot
1886-1894**

Dear First Baptist Church Greenwood,

Greetings from Campus Outreach Charleston to my brothers and sisters in Christ at FBC Greenwood!

This past January marked my fifth year of being on staff with Campus Outreach at the Citadel. During these five years of ministry I have continually seen God’s faithfulness in so many ways. He has brought peace to students whose hearts were in anguish. He has provided contentment to those who were always looking for something to fulfill them. I’ve seen Him answer countless prayers, and I have witnessed time and time again our Lord bring college students from death to life! Our God is faithful!

Our God provides. For five years I have been completely funded with Campus Outreach and never had to come off the campus to raise support, which is an immense blessing. I am so grateful for this as it allowed me to constantly be involved in my college students lives. I thank God for this amazing opportunity to minister to students and I want to extend my gratitude to my FBC Greenwood family for your constant support, prayers and encouragement. God answered my prayers of provision through His people. Your gifts from the church’s missions budget, Sunday School classes and individuals in the church has allowed me to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus at the Citadel. I love the vision of Campus Outreach and will always be supportive of its mission on the college campus.

My time of being on Campus Outreach staff is now coming to an end. I have accepted a position as a middle and high school pastor at Christ Church Presbyterian in Evans, Georgia. We are excited for this opportunity to serve God and covet your prayers as we transition to this new location and ministry. My wife and I will be moving to Evans at the end of March. Anna Crew and I plan to visit FBC before we move, until then I want to say that I am so thankful for your support and prayers during my time with Campus Outreach. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

In Christ,
John Psomas

The Worship of God
March 17, 2019
Second Sunday in Lent
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: "Here's the real secret: you can fulfill the commands of the Bible better by falling in love with God than by trying to obey him. It's not that your obedience isn't significant or relevant; it's simply not the center of the wheel. No, the hub of your life is your relationship with God. Your behavior and obedience radiate like spokes from the center of your life and allow you to roll forward. When you try to make your eternal behavior the hub on which you turn, you get stuck. Forward motion must be fueled by love." - Chris Hodges

The Ministries and Opportunities of the Church David Jennings

Prelude "My Song Is Love Unknown" R. Vaughan Williams
Ron Davis, Organ

The Lighting of the Gospel Candles

The Chiming of the Trinity

*Processional Hymn 7 "Worthy of Worship" JUDSON

*Invocation David Jennings

Welcome David Jennings

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.)

Ministry Plan Moment Kyle Scates

*Hymn of Offering and Gratitude 401 "No, Not Despairingly" KEDRON

*Offertory Prayer Tom Gordon

Offertory "O Bread of Life from Heaven" G Winston Cassler
Ron Davis, Organ

*The Presentation of Gifts and the Congregational Response to God's Goodness
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN
(Hymn 319, vs. 1)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
 All Ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
 Praise Him in glad adoration.

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.

Reading of Holy Scripture: Matthew 13:10-17
(Pew Bible, NT, p. 12)

Beverly Davis

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“Seek Me with All Your Heart”

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope,
Give you hope and a future, for I know the plans I have for you.”
“For I know the plans I have,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you, not harm you,
Plans to give you hope and a future, for I know the plans I have for you.
Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen, I will listen to you.
Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen,
I will listen to you. You will seek me and you will find me,
When you seek me with all your heart. When you seek me with all your heart,
I will be found by you, when you seek me with all your heart, with all your heart.”

Chancel Choir
Words from Jeremiah 29:11-14
Music by Allen Pote
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Sermon

“Seeing and Hearing”

Tony Hopkins

*Hymn of Commitment 503 “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”
CANONBURY

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Response “Seek Me with All Your Heart”
(Refrain)

You will seek me and you will find me, when you seek me with all your heart.
When you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you,
When you seek me with all your heart, with all your heart.

Postlude

“Were You There?”
Ron Davis, Organ

Emma Lou Diemer

*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: Sam Smith, Acolyte; Kyle Scates, Ministry Plan Moment; Tom Gordon, 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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Wyatt and Frances Templeton, by Tommy, Barry, and Lynn.

CHURCH NEWS

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 17 - Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 am Missions Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 7:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

- 12:30 pm Lenten Service at St. Mark
(Lunch served at 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm)
- 4:15 pm *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir
- 5:15 pm Children's Choirs
- 5:30 pm Family Meal-Group 9
Menu: Baked Chicken, Vegetable Casserole, Green Beans
- 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

Thursday, March 21

- 9:30 am Betty Schopp Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, March 22

- 8:30 am Cheerful Cherubs Muffins for Mom
- 5:30 pm Children's Movie Night

Sunday, March 24 - Third Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship - Dedication of Emma Grace Stevenson
- Noon "Italian Feast" Youth Fundraiser
and Cake Auction for Brady Bagwell

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 2019 host churches.

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.

"Italian Feast": Everyone is invited to an "Italian Feast" Youth Fundraiser and Cake Auction on **Sunday, March 24, at noon in the Fellowship Hall.** The menu will include fresh salad and bread, pasta with a choice of sauce (traditional meat sauce or vegetarian Alfredo), and steamed veggies. **Donations will be taken at the door.** Proceeds will go towards Passport Summer Missions Camp. Also, the event will feature **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT** with songs by the Bagwell Brothers (Ben and Brady).

Brady Bagwell Has Some Exciting News: This summer, Brady Bagwell will be headed to Duke University to participate in the Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation. At the "Italian Feast" youth fundraiser on **Sunday, March 24,** the youth group will host a **cake auction for Brady.** Funds raised in the cake auction will directly benefit Brady Bagwell. For more information about Duke Youth Academy, visit: <https://duyouth.duke.edu/>.

Cheerful Cherubs Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a: The next Cheerful Cherubs Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a is Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at both locations. Please mention the purchase is for Cheerful Cherubs Spirit Night.

NGO in April! The Greenwood High School Show Choir, under the direction of Gina Jolly, will perform their spring concert for NGO, Tuesday, April 2, 11:15 am. Do not miss this great opportunity to hear the choir. Membership: \$5.00 for the year. Lunch: \$8.00 each meeting (contact Polly Harvin at 223-3240 by Thursday, March 28, for lunch reservations).

CHURCH NEWS (cont'd)

Egg "Stuffings" Needed: Candy and small surprises are needed to help "fill the plastic eggs" for the children's March 31 Easter Egg Hunt (3:00 pm) at the home of Charlotte Barmore. Anyone who would like to donate some "stuffings" can drop them off at the church office or give them to Anna. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make donations by Wednesday, March 27. Thank you for helping make this event special for the children.

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.

Care Packages for College Students: Greenwood First Baptist Church is preparing to send care packages to the undergraduate students connected with the church. Help is needed! Please sponsor one of the packages. The packages cost \$20.00 each, which includes the cost of shipping. Please make checks payable to GFBC. **Checks are needed by April 10.** If you have questions, please email Blake (revblakekendrick@gmail.com).

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Movie Night is Friday, March 22, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Please RSVP Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com or 229-5557) by March 21.

Family Outing to Pinocchio Jr.: Seven (7) GFBC kids (!) are in Pinocchio Jr. at GCT! The Children's Ministry is adding a spring event for families to go see the play on Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 pm. **The deadline to sign up is Friday, March 22, at noon.** Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Money is due to Anna Burch by April 7. Checks should be made out to FBC.

STUDENT MINISTRY

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. Please email Blake at 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! The actual cost per youth is \$435.00. If youth help with the two fundraisers this spring, that cost will drop to \$115.00. 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) to ask questions or to sign up.

Youth Bowling: All GFBC Youth are invited to EXPO 300 for an afternoon of fun on Wednesday, April 3, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Please note: April 3 is an early release day with District 50. GFBC will cover all bowling expenses. Youth will be responsible for snack-bar purchases (drinks, burgers, pizza, nachos, hotdogs, corndogs, chicken strips, etc.). The snack-bar is reasonably priced; items range from \$2.00 to \$10.00. The group will meet at the bowling alley, and transportation will be provided back to GFBC in time for Youth Choir rehearsal at 7:15 pm in the Bowers Classroom. Invite your friends to join us!



Sign-Up Form: Operation Inasmuch

Name _____
 Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____
 Email _____

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices from among the list of projects below. You will be notified by the leader of the project to which you are assigned. Assignments will be made based on preferences AND number of volunteers needed at each site.

Baking-Pre-event	Greater Greenwood United Ministry Raised Garden Bed
Baking-Packaging and Delivery	Litter Pick-up
Bingo-Pineridge Apartments	Operation Inasmuch Choir
Bowers Rodgers: Yardwork and Painting	Prayer Shawls
Connie Maxwell	Prayer Partner
Edgewood Cemetery Clean-up	Ramp for Area Resident
GFBC Younger Children	Small Yard Projects
GBFC Older Children	Visiting Shut-ins
	A Place for Us Ministries: Cleaning/ Organizing Project

Child care needed:
 Child's name _____ Age ____ Child's name _____ Age ____
 Child's name _____ Age ____ Child's name _____ Age ____

Lunch will be provided for everyone at no charge. Breakfast (a variety of breakfast biscuits) will be available for those who requested it for \$1.00 per biscuit.

I want _____ breakfast biscuits (at \$1.00/biscuit) _____ I don't want any breakfast biscuits

Please return this form to the box in the Narthex or fax it to (864) 229-2561. Individuals may also sign up online at www.fbcgwd.com/Inasmuch. By participating in *Operation Inasmuch*, you are granting GFBC permission to take photos and videos that may be used in promotional materials.

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