

**First Baptist Church  
Greenwood, South Carolina  
September 8, 2019**



**"A river cuts through rock, not because of its power,  
but because of its persistence."  
Jim Watkins**

**The Worship of God  
September 8, 2019  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock**

**Meditation:** "Commitment means staying loyal to what you said you were going to do long after the mood you said it in has left you." Anonymous

Ministries and Opportunities of the Church David Jennings

Prelude "Jesus Loves Me" William Bradbury  
Josh Harrington, Organist

Lighting of the Sanctuary Candles

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Processional Hymn 488 "Come All Christians, Be Committed"  
BEACH SPRING

\*Invocation and Welcome David Jennings

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.)

\*Hymn of Offering and Gratitude 511 "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me" SURABAJA

Offertory Prayer Kyle Scates

Offertory "Trust and Obey" Daniel Towner  
Josh Harrington, Organist

\*Presentation of Gifts and the Congregational Response to God's Goodness  
"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" OBE 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 Greg Anders

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: Hebrews 12:1; Galatians 6:9 Maddox Rhodes

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. . . . [And] let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. Hebrews 12:1; Galatians 6:9

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

Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name.  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways,  
And leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;  
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.  
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be mine abode and all Thy work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home;  
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Chancel Choir  
Byron Hilley, Flute  
Words by Isaac Watts from Psalm 23  
Music American Folk Hymn, from *Southern Harmony*, arranged by Mack Wilberg  
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Sermon "Commitment" Tony Hopkins

\*Hymn of Commitment 491 "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" FALLS CREEK

\*Pastoral Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Response "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"  
(Hymn 507. vs. 4) I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

\*Choral Benediction Response

Postlude                    "You Shall Go Out with Joy"                    Douglas Wagner  
    Josh Harrington, Organist

\*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:** Blake Abernathy, Acolyte; Kyle Scates, Deacon of the Week; Maddox Rhodes, Scripture Reader; Byron Hilley, Flute; Josh Harrington, 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** will be given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean Olive Wood by her family.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, September 8

8:30 am     Stewardship Committee  
9:00 am     Property Committee  
9:30 am     Diaconate Executive Committee  
10:00 am     Sunday School; *Holy Envy* Class begins  
11:00 am     Worship  
4:00 pm     Minister Search Committee in Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm     Salt Shakers

### Monday, September 9

6:30 pm     Laucis-Parham Circle at home of Meredith Sims

### Tuesday, September 10

Noon             Young at Heart at Country Club

### Wednesday, September 11

4:15 pm     *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir  
5:15 pm     Children's Choirs  
5:30 pm     Family Meal-Group 4     Menu: Taco salad  
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

### Sunday, September 15

9:00 am     Congregational Life Committee  
10:00 am     Sunday School  
11:00 am     Worship - Keelyn Raye Hewitt Dedication  
7:00 pm     Diaconate

### Wednesday, September 18

4:15 pm     *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir  
5:15 pm     Children's Choirs  
5:30 pm     Family Meal-Group 5  
                                        Menu: Chicken Strips, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Potato Salad  
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

**The Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee  
Is Looking for You!**

Each January, a third of the members of each of the thirteen standing church committees rotate off (after serving a three year term). One of the tasks assigned to the Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee is to secure new members for committees. If you would be willing to serve on a committee, please complete the form below or contact David Jennings by phone (229-5557) or by email at jenningsdaj@gmail.com.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to serve on one or more of the following committee(s):

- Children's Committee:** plans activities and events for children and their families
- Church Visitation Committee:** maintains contact with members on the Caring for Friends list
- Congregational Life Committee:** provides meals or refreshments for special events
- Heritage Committee:** maintains the Betty (Beeka) Wise Coleman Heritage Room and adds historically significant items as appropriate
- Missions Committee:** plans Operation Inasmuch and maintains contact with GFBC mission partners
- Outreach and Membership:** contacts visitors and plans visitor/new member breakfast and luncheon each year
- Personnel Committee:** addresses matters related to church ministerial and support staff
- Property Committee:** oversees and maintains the building and grounds
- Spiritual Formation Committee:** plans events related to the spiritual formation and growth of church members
- Stewardship Committee:** oversees the church's finances
- Worship Committee:** maintains the chancel, assists in baptisms, responsible for matters related to the sound system
- Youth Committee:** plans activities and events for youth and their families

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Salt Shakers:** Salt Shakers groups will meet tonight at 6:00 pm in assigned homes. For more information contact Carol Hopkins at 344-2631.

**Never Grow Old (NGO) Senior Adult Club:** The first meeting of the Never Grow Old (NGO) Senior Adult Club for 2019-2020 will be Tuesday, October 1. Jason Stokes, soloist (son of FBC's own Claudia Stokes), and Greg Boatwright, accompanist, will present a cabaret, "Just Getting Started."

Jason has been acting and performing for over 30 years. Credits include *The Great Gatsby*, *Rent*, *Rock of Ages*, *The Full Monty*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, and *All or Nothing At All*, which is a show that featured Jason with the Columbia Rat Pack, who will be performing at the Newberry Opera House on May 2, 2020.

Lunch (11:15 am) reservations are \$8.00 per person and must be made by Thursday, September 26, by calling Polly Harvin at 223-3240.

**11th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser is Thursday, October 10, 2019, with all proceeds benefiting the Greenwood Soup Kitchen (GSK).** This casual event (sittings at 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm, plus take out 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm) is held at the Soup Kitchen and dinner consists of soup, bread, dessert, and a drink. Soup is served in a beautiful hand-crafted bowl. Guests take the bowl home as a constant reminder of the need to help fill the "Empty Bowls" in the community. Event tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the Arts Council (Federal Building), the Chamber of Commerce, and from Norm Fawcett, Chair of the Soup Kitchen. Please call 227-3421 for more information.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Extended Session Openings:** Help is needed in Children's Church on the second Sunday in October, December, February, April, June, and August.

**Children's Movie Night:** The next children's movie night is Friday, September 27, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 26, to Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (cont'd)

### Fall 2019 Dates

- Wednesday, October 16:** Practice for Children's Sabbath  
**Sunday, October 20:** Children's Sabbath  
**Sunday, October 20– Sunday, November 17:** Canned Food Drive  
**Wednesday, October 23:** CIAs, in costumes, visit nursing home  
**Wednesday, October 30:** Fall Festival  
**Sunday, November 17:** Annual Meeting and Children's Theme Night – "Can"-struction  
**Sunday, December 1:** Intergenerational Movie Night "The Star"  
**Wednesday, December 4:** Ornament Party

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### Upcoming Youth Events

- September 22:** "Sunday Night Live" at the home of Erin and Sonny Nodine--5:00 pm-7:00 pm (604 North Street)  
**September 29:** Music Sunday - Youth sing in Worship at 11:00 am  
**October 27:** Youth Sunday - Youth lead in worship at 11:00 am

**Snacks Needed:** Youth families are needed to help stock the youth fridge for the fall. The youth LOVE: bottled water (8 and 12 ounce sizes preferred), Capri Sun, fruit juices (individually portioned bottles - no gallon jugs, please), and caffeine-free soda in cans. They also LOVE: popsicles, freeze pops, Italian ice, and individually packaged servings of assorted ice creams for the youth freezer. Donations can be brought to the church office or to The Grind on Wednesday nights. Thanks!

**Save the Date: October 11-13, Fall Youth Retreat:** This year's Fall Retreat, at Awanita Valley Retreat Center, will offer something fun for everyone: hummer rides, zip lines, hikes, gaga ball, low ropes, kayaks, mud pit, great food, and lots more! The retreat's focus is "Koinonia," which is a Greek word meaning "fellowship, communion, and unity." The cost per person is \$85 (same as last year). Sign up no later than October 2 by using the link at the top of the current "Youth New" or by contacting Greg Anders (gregaanders@gmail.com).



On Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 6:30 pm, FBC will host a "Rise Against Hunger" event. The goal is to have volunteers pack over 18,000 meals to be used in disaster response efforts or in areas where people do not receive enough nutrition to lead active, healthy lives. This will be an intergenerational event. Registration is open online at [www.fbcgwd.com](http://www.fbcgwd.com) or complete and return the form below to the office. **Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, October 2, 2019.**

### **Rise Against Hunger Sign Up Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

**Supper begins at 5:30 pm in the downstairs area under the Sanctuary  
Project orientation is at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall**

| Name(s) | A family may sign up on one form | Age(s) |
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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Infant and Toddler Childcare Needed:  yes  no

Boxed meals from Chick-fil-a needed:

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Adult Meal (\$8.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-free Adult Meal (\$8.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child's Meal (\$5.00)

(Note: No extra meals will be ordered.)