

This Week's Events
(continued)

Wednesday, December 2

6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.....AYMC Open
 6:30 a.m.....Men's Bible Study (A-416)
 9:00 a.m.-7:15 p.m.....Media Center Open
 10:00 a.m.....Food Services Committee (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00 a.m.....Limited Exercise Class (8th/9th Grade Class)
 4:45-6:30 p.m.....Churchwide Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 5:00 p.m.....Spiritual Formation Committee (F-308)
 5:30-7:00 p.m.....Children's Choirs and Missions (B-200 and B-400 Halls)
 5:45 p.m.....iGod for all youth (8th/9th Grade Class)
 6:00 p.m.....Christmas Tree Lighting (AYMC)
 6:20 p.m.....MidWeek Worship (AYMC Terrace Level)
 7:00 p.m.....Walking Track Open/Fitness Room Orientation (AYMC)
 7:00-8:30 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 3

6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.....AYMC Open
 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.....Media Center Open
 9:15 a.m.....Beginner Pilates (8th/9th Grade Class)
 Noon.....Neighborhood Partnership Committee (Conference Room)
 2:30 p.m.....Yoga (8th/9th Grade Class)

Friday, December 4

6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.....AYMC Open
 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.....Media Center Open
 10:00 a.m.....Limited Exercise Class (8th/9th Grade Class)
 10:00 a.m.....Friday Morning Bible Study (Parlor)
 11:00 a.m.....First Friday (Fellowship Hall)
 Noon.....Adult Pick-up Basketball (AYMC Gym)

Saturday, December 5

8:00 a.m.-Noon.....AYMC Open

Sunday, December 6

8:45 a.m.....Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:15-10:30 a.m.....Silent Meditation (Carpenter Chapel)
 9:30-10:45 a.m.....Media Center Open
 9:45 a.m.....Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.....Worship (Sanctuary)
 Noon.....Youth Christmas Shopping for a Child's Haven
 2:00 p.m.....Children's Christmas Caroling
 3:00 p.m.....Combined Youth Choir (8th/9th Grade Class)
 4:00 p.m.....Preschool Christmas Tree Ornament Decorating (B-410)
 5:00 p.m.....Bible Study (F-308)

Looking Ahead

November 29, 6:00 p.m. – Youth Holiday Party
December 2, 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Tree Lighting in AYMC
December 4, 11:00 a.m. – *First Friday*
December 6, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. – The Second Sunday of Advent
 Advent Music with Sanctuary Choir and Brass
December 6, noon – Youth Christmas Shopping for A Child's Haven
December 6, 2:00 p.m. – Children's Christmas Caroling
December 6, 4:00 p.m. – Preschool Families' Christmas Tree Ornament Decorating
December 13, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – The Third Sunday of Advent
 Youth Choir music and Communion, pre-service music by youth
December 13, 5:00 – Children's Choir Christmas program with churchwide Christmas fellowship to follow in the Fellowship Hall (Bring a homemade dessert to share.)
Wednesday, December 16, 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Open House at Ten Thousand Villages for Mission Friends and Children on Mission

**A Community of Believers
Each Member A Minister**

Pastoral and Program Staff

Gina M. Brock, Singles/Young Adults/Youth
 J.R. Christy, Facilities
 Herlane Edwards, Neighborhood Partnership
 Vivian Hamilton, Music
 Priscilla Harris, Children's Music
 Janice R. Johnson, Administration
 Kyle Matthews, Worship and Mission
 Susan Matthews, Youth Music
 B. Michelle McClendon, Christian Education
 Rod McClendon, Communications/Media Center
 Juli Morrow, Preschool
 Rosemary New, Infant-Toddler Program
 Bev Rogers, Children
 Jeffrey S. Rogers, Senior Minister
 Matt Rollins, Activities
 Laura Shelley, Missions
 Frank A. Smith, College and Youth
 Kathy Stewart, Kindergarten
 Baxter M. Wynn, Pastoral Care and Community Relations

The 11:00 a.m. worship service is broadcast on WLFJ-AM 660.
 The live radio broadcast can also be heard via the World Wide Web.
 Go to www.firstbaptistgreenville.com and the link to the radio broadcast is located on the church's homepage. For information about downloading sermons to a portable MP3 player, visit www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/podcast.



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**The Worship of God
Eleven O'Clock
November 29, 2009
The First Sunday of Advent**

Gathering and Greeting

Welcome to Worshipers Kyle Matthews
 We welcome those who are visiting with us today. Please complete a welcome card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We hope you will consider making First Baptist Greenville your church home.

Prayer for Our Worship
Help us, O God, during this Advent season to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of your Son, our Hope and our hearts' desire; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Introit "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *Michael Praetorius*

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
 From tender stem hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming
 As men of old have sung.
 It came, a flow'ret bright,
 Amid the cold of winter,
 When half spent was the night.*

– Theodore Baker

*Processional Hymn 57 VENI EMMANUEL
 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
 (Verses 1-4 Only)

*Opening of the Bible

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Opening Sentences
 Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Leader: We light the candle of hope as a reminder that Christ came into this world as the Hope of Israel, bringing light to all people.
People: We look for the glow of God's light—the gift of Hope.

*Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope The Rollins Family

*Congregational Response (Hymn 57, verse 5) VENI EMMANUEL
***O come, Desire of nations, bind
 All peoples in one heart and mind;
 Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
 Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

New Testament Lesson Luke 21:25-36 Michelle McClendon
 The scripture may be found on page 856 of the Bible in the pew rack.
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer “Our Hope and Expectation” *Swedish Folk Tune*
*Our hope and expectation,
 O Jesus now appear;
 You are the promised Saviour.
 Come quickly, Lord, draw near!*

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn 60 WACHET AUF
 ““Sleepers, Wake!’ A Voice Astounds Us”
 All children first through fifth grades are invited to come to the front during the singing of the last two stanzas of this hymn.

Children’s Sermon Laura Shelley

Anthem *Carolyn Jennings*
 “Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain”
*Climb to the top of the highest mountain, He will come in power and glory,
 Joyous tidings proclaim to the world, He will rule with mercy and truth,
 Lift up your voice, Hope of all the nations,
 Shout the good news: Light of all.
 Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He will love the little children,
 He will hold them in his arms.
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd, Love him and trust him as a child,
 He will carry the lambs in his arms, Behold, your Lord.
 He will ever keep them safe from harm.
 Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He who made the stars in the heaven,
 He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
 From time eternal he was God,
 The Alpha and Omega, He.
 Behold, your Lord!* – *Adapted from Isaiah 40*

Sermon **From Terror to Trust** Jeff Rogers

*Invitation Hymn 56 TRURO
 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
 Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess your faith or identify with this fellowship. A pastor will greet and receive you.

*Offertory Scripture and Prayer Virgil Story
 Let your faith rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
 (1 Corinthians 2:5)

Musical Offering

Introduction of New Members

*Doxology (Hymn 28) OLD 100TH

*Benediction

*Congregational Response TRURO
***So come, My Sov’rign; enter in!
 Let new and nobler life begin;
 Thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
 Until the glorious crown be won.***

*Sending Forth
 Leader: Go in hope to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Celebration Peal of the Bells

Organ Postlude “Saviour of the Nations, Come” *J.S. Bach*
 *Please stand if able.
 Hearing aid receivers are available. Please contact an usher.

The organist is Charles Tompkins.
 The service choirs are the Sanctuary Choir and the combined
 Grades 1-5 Children’s Choirs.
 Directing the Children’s Choirs is Amy Joye-Bailey.
 The acolytes are Kennedy Mayers and Caleb Deaton.
 The crucifer is Robert Fuson.

The deacon assisting in worship today is Virgil Story. Virgil is a member of the Johnson Sunday School Class and attends Friday Morning Bible Study. She also serves on the Stewardship and Neighborhood Partnership Committees.

Lighting the Advent wreath today is the Rollins family – Celie Ann, Jack, Matt, and Rolyn. Matt teaches the Foundations Forum Class. Rolyn is a member of the Adkins/Bouton Class, serves on the Music Committee and plays in the Handbell Choir. Celie Ann and Jack are active in the Preschool and Children’s Ministries.

Deacons scheduled at 11:00 are Cassandra Bray, Chip Brock, Bruce Brown, Tom Bruce, Billy Carpenter, Camille Chapman, Bunny Chastain, Cindy Clanton, Greg Crowe, Bob Cloaninger, Shannon Dobson, Martha Drake, and Tom Atkinson.

Ushers serving during the month of November at 11:00 are Carol Ann Anderson, Marion Armstrong, Don Caldwell, Bob Cloaninger, Bobby Elrod, Carroll Luck, and Sara Mansbach.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by the Flower Committee in appreciation of the flower donors of First Baptist Church.

The Advent banners were designed by Charlie Pate and crafted by a committee chaired by Kathy Atkinson and including members Rachel Kerns, Charlie and Toni Pate, LuAnn Plemmons, San Dee Sheftall, Nancy Gaines, Betsy Bob Miles, Dewanda Martin, Gloria Ormsby, Nelle Burgess, Anita Flowers, Frances Nicoll, Kim Hall, Abbie Jean Poole, and Vince Alexander.

Thank you for supporting the recycling efforts of First Baptist Greenville by leaving your bulletins in the basket on one of the tables in the Narthex or Balcony as you leave worship.

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

For information on the many mission and ministry opportunities of First Baptist Greenville, read the *News* (the church newsletter) or visit the church Web site at www.firstbaptistgreenville.com.

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Sunday, November 29
 12:30 p.m.....Deacon Officers (Conference Room)
 1:00-5:00 p.m.....AYMC Open
 3:00-5:00 p.m.....Adult Pick-up basketball (AYMC Gym)
 5:00 p.m.....Handbell Choir (A-303)
 5:00 p.m.....Combined Youth Choir (AYMC Terrace Level)
 6:00 p.m.....Youth Holiday Party (AYMC Terrace Level)
Monday, November 30
 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.....AYMC Open
 10:00 a.m.....Limited Exercise Class (D-110)
 6:00 p.m.....Zumba (8th/9th Grade Class)
Tuesday, December 1
 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.....AYMC Open
 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.....Media Center Open
 9:15 a.m.....Beginner Yoga (8th/9th Grade Class)
 Noon.....Centering Prayer (E-338)
 1:00-3:00 p.m.....Knit/Crochet Group (E-206)
 2:30 p.m.....Yoga (8th/9th Grade Class)
 5:00 p.m.....Long-range Planning Forum (Conference Room)
 6:00 p.m.....*Tuesday Night Talk* (AYMC)

Music selections offered this morning include: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Michael Praetorius, E.C. Schirmer Music Company, 1921; and “Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain” Carolyn Jennings, Neil A. Kjos Music Company, 1981.