

## This Week's Events

(continued)

### Tuesday, September 7

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.....Yoga (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)  
Noon.....Centering Prayer (E-338)  
1:00 p.m.....Knit/Crochet Group (AYMC Lobby)  
2:30 p.m.....Yoga (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)  
6:00 p.m.....Deacons (Parlor)

### Wednesday, September 8

6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.....AYMC Open  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.....Media Center Open  
10:00 a.m.....Limited Exercise Class (AYMC Terrace Level)  
4:45 p.m.....Wednesday Night Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
5:00 p.m.....Affiliations Committee (Conference Room)  
5:30-7:00 p.m.....Children's Choirs and Missions (B-200 and B-400 Halls)  
6:20 p.m.....MidWeek Worship (Parlor)  
7:00 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Thursday, September 9

6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.....AYMC Open  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.....Media Center Open  
2:30 p.m.....Yoga (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)  
5:30 p.m.....Music & Arts Academy Preview Night (10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)

### Friday, September 10

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 (AYMC Terrace Level)  
11:45 a.m.....Restructuring Engagement Opportunities Task Force  
Noon.....Adult Pick-up Basketball (AYMC Gym)

### Saturday, September 11

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

### Sunday, September 12

8:45 a.m.....SAVER Committee (A-304)  
9:00 a.m.....Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m.....Centering Prayer Introduction (Chapel)  
9:30-10:45 a.m.....Media Center Open  
9:45 a.m.....Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.....Protecting Our Children (Bride's Room)  
11:00 a.m.....Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:15 p.m.....Preschool Ministries Committee (E-340)  
12:15 p.m.....Deacon Officers (Conference Room)  
1:00-5:00 p.m.....AYMC Open  
4:00 p.m.....Spiritual Formation Committee (Conference Room)  
4:00 p.m.....Acolyte Practice (Sanctuary)  
5:00 p.m.....Combined Youth Choirs Musical Kickoff (Choir Room)  
6:00 p.m.....Deacon Nominating Committee (Conference Room)

Prayer for our worship adapted from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*, ©2002 Consultation on Common Texts. Music selections offered this morning include: "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" C. Hubert H. Parry, setting Kevin Hildebrand, Concordia Publishing House, 2002, text Fred Pratt Green, Hope Publishing Co., 1982.

## Looking Ahead

**September 8** – MidWeek Worship resumes  
Children's Choirs and Missions resume  
**September 12** – Youth Choir Musical Kickoff  
**September 14**, 10:30 a.m. – *Second Tuesday*  
**September 17** – Friday Morning Bible Study resumes  
**September 17-18** – Sanctuary Choir Retreat  
**September 17-18** - Youth Lock-in  
**September 19** – Youth Choir and Bible Study resume  
**September 26** – New Member Orientation  
**September 26** - New Parent Breakfast  
**October 10** – Children's Sabbath/Family Dedication

### A Community of Believers Each Member A Minister

#### Pastoral and Program Staff

Gina M. Brock, Singles/Young Adults/Youth  
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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](http://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](http://www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/podcast).



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The Worship of God  
Eleven O'Clock  
September 5, 2010  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

Welcome to Worshipers

Baxter Wynn

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.

\*Passing of the Peace

Offer the peace of Christ to those around you.  
(The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.)

Chiming of the Bells

Introit

"Surely"

Paul Langston

*Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.*

Prayer for Our Worship

**Creator God, you form us on the wheel of life as a potter molds the clay. Shape us into holy vessels, bearing the mark of your wise crafting, that we may remain strong and useful through years of faithful and obedient service in Christ's name. Amen.**

## Praising

\*Processional Hymn 208

HOLY MANNA

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

\*Opening of the Bible

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*Opening Sentences

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**  
 Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.  
**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**  
 Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**  
 Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**  
**All: Thanks be to God!** (Adapted from Psalm 139:1-6, 14-15)

\*Response (Hymn 327, stanza 1) HOLY MANNA

*Let us celebrate the Spirit  
 Moving in our midst these days,  
 Weaving all our lives together;  
 Joined in ministry and praise.  
 We are pilgrims; we are partners,  
 Brothers, sisters, neighbors, friends.  
 We will do the work God gives us,  
 Faithfully serving to the end.*

## Listening

New Testament Lesson Luke 14:25-33 Vivian Hamilton

The scripture may be found on page 850 of the Bible in the pew rack.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering *arr. Crystal Davis Clay*  
 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn 268 “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” LANDAS

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 Michelle McClendon

Anthem *C. Hubert Parry  
 setting Kevin Hildebrand*  
 “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

*How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
 When once we heed Your call:  
 To live according to Your Word,  
 And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
 That You are Lord of all,  
 And will not let us fall.*

*But if, forgetful, we should find  
 Your yoke is hard to bear;  
 If worldly pressures fray the mind,  
 And love itself cannot unwind  
 Its tangled skein of care:  
 Our inward life repair.*

*We marvel how Your saints become  
 In hindrances more sure;  
 Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
 The casual way we wear Your name,  
 And by our faults obscure  
 Your pow’r to cleanse and cure.*

*In what You give us, Lord, to do  
 Together or alone,  
 In old routines or ventures new,  
 May we not cease to look to You,  
 The cross You hung upon,  
 All You endeavored done.*

– Fred Pratt Green

Sermon Jeff Rogers  
**The Mission of the Church: Beyond the Ties that Bind**

## Responding

\*Invitation Hymn 147 EIN’ FESTE BURG  
 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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 Rob Hanley

All of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”  
 (1 Peter 5:5b)

Musical Offering *Felix Mendelssohn*  
*Duetto*, Songs Without Words

Introduction of New Members

\*Doxology (Hymn 28) OLD 100TH

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response *R. Vaughan Williams*  
 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

*God be with you till we meet again;  
 By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
 With his sheep securely fold you:  
 God be with you till we meet again.*

Celebration Peal of the Bells

Postlude “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *Helmut Walcha*

\*Please stand if able.

Hearing aid receivers are available. Please contact an usher.

The soloist is Karen Childers, piano.

The organist is Charles Tompkins.

The acolytes are Sloan Rohrbaugh and Anne Langford Drake.

The soloist today is Karen Childers. Karen is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and directs the First Grade Children’s Choir. She and her husband, Randy, have two married daughters and three grandchildren.

The deacon assisting in worship today is Rob Hanley. Rob teaches the Fifth Grade Sunday School Class, serves as a greeter and is a member of the SAVER Committee. He and his wife, Lillian, have three children: Maj. Kris Hanley Matthew, Erin and Seth.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Sidney Dean Wilson by Mom, Dad and Doug Jr. *Jesus went walking through Heaven one day/Gathering flowers for a grand bouquet/He paused to look around/With a big smile He made no sound/There was someone He knew/Who was the only one that would do/Now His bouquet is completed and grand/For you were picked by The Master’s Hand.*

Deacons serving this morning include Anne Martin, Paul Aiesi, Bill Jones, Laurin McDonald, Tyrone Edwards, Susan Williams Rabon, Rebecca Dixon, Martha Drake, Rob Hanley, Carroll Luck, Rhonda Girvin, Tom Tuten and Sherwood Mobley.

Ushers serving today are Ned Clay, Oscar Funderburk, Sandra Funderburk, Hugh Stephens and Roger Walker.

## This Week’s Events

**Sunday, September 5**

Youth Fall Retreat at Rockmont

1:00-5:00 p.m.....AYMC Open

4:00 p.m.....Dream Group (E-317)

**Monday, September 6**

Youth Fall Retreat at Rockmont

Church Offices Closed

AYMC Closed