

EXPERIENCE  
COMMUNITY  
at FIRST BAPTIST GREENVILLE  
Through STEWARDSHIP  
of God's Resources



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January 29, 2012  
Ten Thirty O'clock  
Commitment Sunday

First Baptist Church  
Greenville, South Carolina

# Gathering

Welcome to Worshipers

Frank Smith

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.

Reflection and Preparation for Worship

*“As disciples, we do not so much accept a creed, or come to a clear sense of self-understanding by which we know this or that with utter certitude. We become part of a journey that began long before we got here and shall continue long after we are gone.”*

– Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon, *Resident Aliens*

Prayer for Our Worship

**Ever Present Spirit, let everything done here be done as in your sight. When we speak, help us to speak your word. When we hear, open our ears to your teaching. When we sing, we would sing to your praise. When we give, we would make our offering as if to yourself. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory; world without end. Amen.**

# Praising

Solo

“Wherever God Guides”

*Kyle Matthews*

*Wherever God guides, God provides.  
Wherever God leads, God gives us all we need.  
Wherever the road is turning, there is bread for the journey.  
Wherever God guides, God provides.*

\*Processional Hymn 327

“Partners in Ministry”  
Stanzas 1-3 only

HOLY MANNA

\*Opening Sentences

Annie Deaton

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Sing each other’s songs. The psalmist called them new songs.

**Many: The journey will be long; we will need many songs.**

One: Lift each other's loads. Jesus called them daily crosses.

**Many: Witness His journey up Golgotha; we will need others to help us.**

One: Embrace each other's weaknesses. The Savior will count them as strength.

**Many: The journey will reveal the truth. We will converse in confession and forgiveness.**

One: Share each other's bread. The hungry will call it a miracle.

**Many: We will journey within each day and consider each meal sacred.**

One: Community will see us through.

**Many: In community we see Christ, our hope of salvation.**

**All: Amen.**

Response (Hymn 327, Stanza 4)

HOLY MANNA

*Now we sing and celebrate the years together God has blessed.  
For the things we've left untended, these our sins we do confess.  
Make our future bright and shining; lead us on to do your will.  
Work unfinished calls us forward 'til your mission is fulfilled.*

## *Listening*

New Testament Lessons

Romans 12:1-8

Michelle McClendon

The scripture may be found on page 922 of the Bible in the pew rack.

Philippians 3:12-14

The scripture may be found on page 955 of the Bible in the pew rack.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn 27

"O God beyond All Praising"

THAXTED

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

Becky Ramsey

Choral Worship

“O Be Joyful in the Lord”

John Rutter

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
And come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise:*

*Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:  
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

Sermon

Experiencing Community through Celebration

Baxter Wynn

*Living*

Time of Commitment

\*Invitation Hymn

“We All Are One in Mission”

AURELIA

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.

***We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.***

***We all are called for service to witness in God's name;  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace  
So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.***

*Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

\*Offertory Scripture and Prayer

Tom Nuckolls

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. (Luke 6:43-44a)

Musical Offering

Voluntary in D

*William Boyce*

Introduction of New Members

\*Doxology (Hymn 28)

OLD 100TH

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response (Hymn 338, Stanza 1)

EIN' FESTE BURG

*In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,  
For brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration.  
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,  
Who've shared with us our plight, who've held us in the night,  
The blessed congregation.*

Postlude

Toccata

*Joseph Jongen*

\*Please stand if able.

Hearing aid receivers are available. Please contact an usher.

*Our Service of Worship has ended. Our Worship through Service begins.*

Singing a solo today is Kyle Matthews.

Serving as readers today are Lore Johnson, Sherwood Mobley and Todd Ramsey.

Serving as acolytes are Forrester Gibbs and Will Harris.

Assisting in worship today is Annie Deaton. Annie is an 8th grade student at League Academy. She assists with the Melody Choir (First Grade) and Children on Mission. Annie's parents are Bruce and Karen, and her brother is Caleb.

Assisting in worship today is Tom Nuckolls. Tom serves on the Communion and Stewardship Committees. He and his wife, Beth, are charter members of the Blue Heaven Class. They have three children: Day, Avery and Thomas.

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given by Margaret Ulmer in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ulmer, on the occasion of their birthdays.

The rose placed on the baptistry today is in honor of Charlotte Wesley Womack, daughter of Jamie and Jay Womack, born January 18, 2012.

Deacons scheduled to serve today include Jonathan Wright, Charles Douglass, Tyrone Edwards, Anne Martin, Gene Morin, Tom Nuckolls, Sid Mitchell, Stephanie Wright, Paul Aiesi, Tony Arrington, Susan Williams Rabon and Jack Morrow.

# Looking Ahead

- January 29**, 4:00 p.m. – Munchkin Basketball (K4 and K5) Begins  
**February 5**, 10:30 a.m. – Merianna Neely, proclaimer  
**February 5**, 11:30 a.m. – Children’s Ministry Hosts Senior Adults for Love Luncheon  
(Fellowship Hall)  
**February 10**, 10:30 a.m. – *Lunch and More* (Fellowship Hall)  
**February 10-12** – High School Youth Ski Retreat  
**February 12**, 10:30 a.m. – Matt Rollins, proclaimer  
**February 12**, 6:30 p.m. – Joint Service with Springfield Baptist Church (Sanctuary)  
**February 19**, 10:30 a.m. – Youth Sunday  
**February 19**, 6:00 p.m. – *Going Forward* Presentation to Congregation (Fellowship Hall)  
**February 22**, 6:20 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)  
**February 26**, 10:30 a.m. – Family Dedication Service – First Sunday of Lent  
John Hewett, proclaimer  
**February 26**, 2:00 p.m. – CROP Hunger Walk (Furman University)  
**February 26**, 6:00 p.m. – *Going Forward* Presentation to Congregation (Fellowship Hall)

## **Mission and Ministry Opportunities**

For information on the many mission and ministry opportunities of First Baptist Greenville, visit the church website at [www.firstbaptistgreenville.com](http://www.firstbaptistgreenville.com) or read the *News* (the church newsletter). Some copies are available in the Narthex.

# A Community of Believers Each Member A Minister

J.R. Christy, Facilities  
Bootie Cothran, Media and Technology  
Vivian Hamilton, Music and Worship  
Priscilla Harris, Children's Music  
Janice R. Johnson, Administration  
Kyle Matthews, Worship Arts  
Susan Matthews, Youth Music  
B. Michelle McClendon, Christian Education  
Rod McClendon, Communications/Media Center  
Juli Morrow, Preschool  
Rosemary New, Infant-Toddler Program  
Tina Pryor, Food Services  
Becky Ramsey, Children  
Matt Rollins, Activities/Young Adults Interim  
Frank A. Smith, College and Youth  
Kathy Stewart, Kindergarten  
Laura Stout, Missions  
Charles Tompkins, Organist  
Baxter M. Wynn, Pastoral Care and Community Relations

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