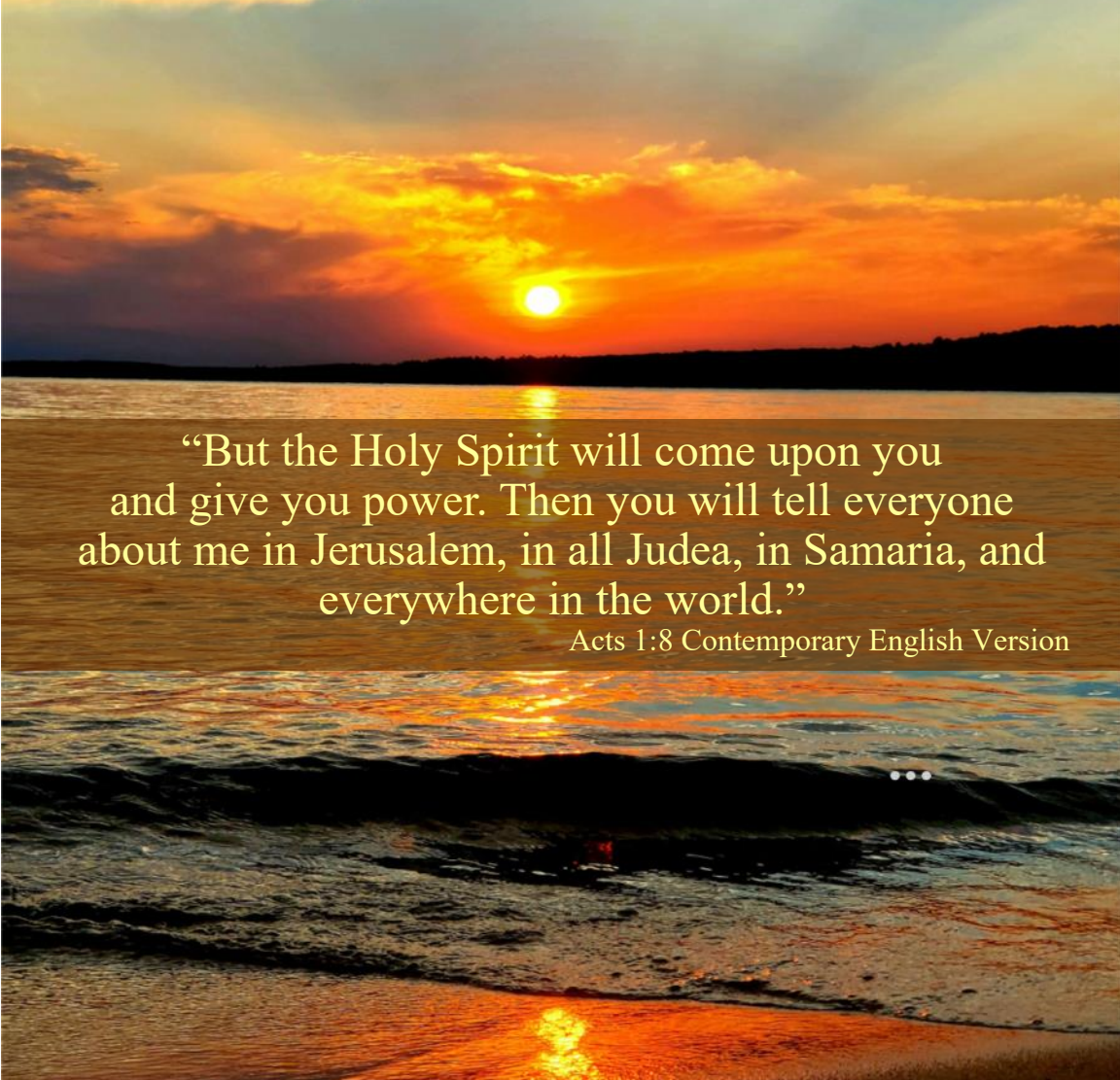




First Baptist Church GREENWOOD

September 8, 2024

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, waves are crashing onto a sandy beach, with the sun's reflection visible in the shallow water.

“But the Holy Spirit will come upon you
and give you power. Then you will tell everyone
about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and
everywhere in the world.”

Acts 1:8 Contemporary English Version

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are a warm fellowship of Christian believers.

We trust you will be blessed by your visit today. Here you can find wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and Christian growth.

Please join us again.

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The Worship of God
September 8, 2024
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: "Service starts with us, but it should grow beyond who we know and love and maybe even what we fully understand. God's work is bigger than our limited perspective."
- John Uldrick

Prelude "In Thee Is Gladness," *BWV 615* Will Thomas Cleveland
Music by J. S. Bach

Lighting of the Gospel Candles Thayer Reed

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship "Make Me A Servant" Chancel Choir
Words and Music by Kelly Willard, Tune: SERVANT
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Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

*Hymn of Celebration 269 "We All Are One in Mission" COMPLAINER

*Invocation and Welcome David Jennings

Scripture Thoughts for Children (Age 3K-5th grade) David Jennings
*(After Scripture Thoughts, children ages 3K through K5 will meet a
Children's Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children's Church.)*

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 125 Gamble Roquemore
(Pew Bible, OT, page 535)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*Offertory Hymn 511 "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me" SURABAJA

Offertory Prayer Alice Gilchrist

Offertory Meditation "Lord Jesus Christ, Turn to Us," *BWV 632* Will Cleveland
Music by J.S. Bach

*Doxology OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Song of Remembrance "Gentle Rose of Beauty" Keith Jameson
The white rose on the communion table is in remembrance of Wilma Burgin.

Gentle Rose of Beauty

The "Rose" Song

Keith Jameson

Sweetly ♩ = 70

Piano

rit. *a tempo*

Gen-tle rose of beau-ty,
Gen-tle soul of beau-ty,

Gen-tle rose of sub-tle per-fumed air. bloom of God's cre-a-tion,
Gen-tle soul of faith and dig-ni-ty. Soul of God's cre-a-tion,

pet-als kissed by dew, re-mind-ing all God cares for me and you, Gen-tle rose of
safe-ly in Your hand, Let them rest in Thy c-ter-nal land. Gen-tle soul of

hea-ven, here to give us joy and won-der, beau-ty, grace, and love.
hea-ven, Thank God for your life well-lived, your faith, and joy, and love.

Prayers of the People

Keith Jameson

When the leader says: Lord, in Your mercy
The congregation responds: 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.

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:1-11

John Uldrick

(Pew Bible, NT, page 102)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Lord, Thy Church on Earth Is Seeking”
Words by Hugh Sherlock, Music by David Schwoebel
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Chancel Choir

Lord, thy church on earth is seeking Thy renewal from above;
Teach us all the art of speaking with the accent of Thy love.
We would heed Thy great commission: Go ye into ev’ry place;
Preach, baptize, fulfill my mission, Serve with love and share my grace.

Freedom, give to those in bondage, lift the burdens caused by sin;
Give new hope, new strength and courage, grant release from fears within.
Light for darkness, joy for sorrow; love for hatred, peace for strife.
These and countless blessings follow as the Spirit gives new life.

In the streets of ev’ry city where the bruised and lonely dwell;
We shall show the Savior’s pity, we shall of his mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races we shall serve and seek to bring:
All mankind to render praises, Christ, to Thee, Redeemer, King.

Sermon

“To All the World: In Judea and Samaria”

John Uldrick

*Hymn of Commitment 649

“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”

IN BABILONE

*Benediction

John Uldrick

Congregational Response: And also with you.

Choral Response

“We Serve the Prince of Peace”

Chancel Choir

Words by Terry W. York, Music by C. David Bolin, Tune: KUNMING LAKE

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Jesus said, “Blest are the meek,” He calls us to “turn the cheek,”
“Go,” He said, “the second mile.” We serve the Prince of Peace.
These, the words the Master spoke; the Prince of Peace.

Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Will Cleveland

Music by Tim Fields/Paul Leddington Wright
(Coronation & Miles Lane Tunes)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

In lieu of a fresh flower arrangement, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of the September birthdays of Marvin and Ellen Watson by their family.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 8

- 9:15 am Children's Family Potluck Breakfast
- 9:30 am Diaconate Executive Committee Meeting
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm *Sunday Night Live* at the **home of the Brooks (113 St. Andrews Ln.)**

Monday, September 9

- 6:00 pm Laucis-Parham Circle
- 6:30 pm Rosemary Benjamin Circle at the home of Lynn Brooks (731 Calhoun Rd.)

Tuesday, September 10

- Noon *Young at Heart*
- 1:30 pm *Sounds of Grace*

Wednesday, September 11

Noon **Deadline September 11 meal reservations**

- 5:30 pm Bright Beginnings Preschool Music Activities, Music Makers Children's Choir, Young Musicians Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Family Night Meal
Adult menu: chicken parmesan, pasta and sauce, broccoli, creamed corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, cookies, ice cream
Children's menu: chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese
- 6:30 pm Childcare, CIAs (children), Holy Ground (youth)
Building Blocks (adults), Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 12

- 10:00 am Betty Schopp Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, September 15

- 8:45 am Property Committee Meeting
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir
- 6:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

- 1:30 pm *Sounds of Grace*

CHURCH NEWS

September Adult Building Blocks

New Block for September: *Destigmatizing Death* with Lane Riley: The focus of this study will include conversations associated with approaching the end of life. Some of the practical activities associated with the study will include creating a will, preparing a healthcare power of attorney, and preplanning your funeral and writing your own obituary. (Rm 211)

***The Lord's Prayer Bible Study* with John Uldrick:** The focus of this study is to unpack the various elements within the model prayer Jesus taught his disciples. (Chapel)

Growing on Grace: The *Growing on Grace* group will decide their own study for the fall. The group studies a wide range of young family topics. (Rm 208)

Chancel Choir: This is a perfect time to come to the choir, sing, enjoy fellowship, and have fun. Rehearsal is held in the sanctuary.

Empty Bowls

16th Annual *Empty Bowls* Fundraiser is Wednesday, October 16 (take out) and Thursday, October 17, 2024 (dine-in), with all proceeds benefiting the Soup Kitchen of Greenwood. This casual event 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 will be available to the general public beginning September 3, 2024. To purchase tickets please contact Whitney Nicholson (864-554-4340) Norm Fawcett (864-227-3421).

FBC International Love Feast following Worship, Sunday, October 6

World Communion Day is a time to remember our unity in Christ no matter where we live and worship. In order to continue sharing our sense of connectedness and hospitality, everyone is invited to the FBC International Love Feast following the worship service on October 6. Please bring a favorite dish from around the world (remember, the United States is part of the world, too). Leave the covered dish in the Fellowship Hall before 11:00 am. Traditional family recipes, exotic foreign dishes, salads, rolls, and desserts are all welcomed. Each dish left in the Fellowship Hall should be **labeled**, describing its ingredients (to help those with allergies such as gluten and nuts) and naming which culture from which it comes. Please prepare enough of each dish to serve 10-12 people.

Never Grow Old (NGO) Fellowship

“Getting to Know Our New Pastor” is the October 1 program for NGO. The NGO Fellowship will learn more about John Uldrick than they ever needed to know as he answers some thought-provoking questions that have been submitted to him. The program begins at 11:45 am, followed by a catered lunch by Lee's Barbecue. The meal, selected by the pastor, will be barbecue sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw, and cookies. The cost is \$10.00. If you are not an NGO member, please make your reservation by calling the church office by Wednesday, September 25. Please come and bring a guest with you as John informally shares part of his unique life story. You do not have to be a senior to come fellowship. As a reminder, put Tuesday, November 5, on your NGO calendar for an election day musical patriotic salute. Details to follow.

Heritage Room News

Did you know that First Baptist Church was founded in September 1870? Did you know that the existing sanctuary was completed in 1972? During the month of September, a portion of a stained glass window from the earlier church will be on display in the Narthex. This item is one of many interesting historical pieces on display in the Heritage Room, located across the hall from the Mauldin Class. The room is open during church office hours. The members of the Heritage Room Committee encourage you to browse through this treasured collection of artifacts. You may pick up a free copy of *First Baptist Church Greenwood*, a history of our church written by Ann Herd Bowen, as well as a frameable print of the early church. Please contact a member of the Heritage Committee if you would like to arrange a personal tour.

No Fifth Sunday Joint Sunday School

The Ministerial Staff has decided to discontinue Fifth Sunday Joint Sunday School gatherings. Adult Sunday School classes are responsible for recruiting teachers for their classes on those Sundays.

Skoob Invites Toddlers - 5th Graders to 5th Sunday Library Activity on September 29

The next Fifth Sunday Library Activity is Sunday, September 29. After the children's choirs sing, children are invited to meet volunteers in the narthex to be escorted to a special program in the church library. For Fifth Sunday Library Activity, children may wear play clothes as some of the activities may be a craft, nature walk, or being active. After worship, parents are asked to pick up their children in the fellowship hall. Children from toddlers to 5th grade are invited. Extended Session will continue to be offered for nursery and toddlers on fifth Sundays. Toddler parents have the option to send their children to the toddler room or to the 5th Sunday activity. Children who usually attend Children's Church will participate in the 5th Sunday activity in lieu of being in the Backyard. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Rhodes (kelly_rhodes@hotmail.com) or Shelby Reed (cofccougar_1999@yahoo.com).

Children's Volunteers Needed

The following openings remain in the Children's Ministry: Children's Church—adult: first Sundays in August, October, December, February, April, and June; 3K/4K Sunday School teachers—2nd Sundays. Please contact Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com) if you are interested in filling them.

**The location for SNL has changed. Please make sure to look at the changes!
TONIGHT**

Youth members will continue to enjoy fellowship with each other and church member hosts through monthly Sunday Night Live events. This month SNL will be hosted by
The Brooks

Details:

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

Place: 113 St. Andrews Ln

Greenwood SC 29649

Sunday Night Live (SNL) Hosts Needed

The youth need hosts for Sunday Night Live (SNL). Lauren Coker has a host for September 8, but still needs hosts for October 6 and November 3. Please email Lauren (laurencoker@gmail.com) with the date you are willing to host SNL.

Ministry Plan Update (as of September 1)

2024 Year-to-Date Required:	\$665,275.45
2024 Year-to-Date Received:	\$552,664.63
2024 Deficit:	\$112,610.82

The Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee Is Looking for You!

Each January, a third of the members of each of the thirteen 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. Individuals interested in serving on a committee are asked to sign up by filing out a form in the church office or on the church website Engage page (fbcgwd.org/engage/). **The deadline to sign up for a committee is Sunday, September 29.**

FBC Standing Committees

The following is a list and description of the First Baptist Church standing committees for which the Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee are seeking to fill.

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 FBC 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 and seasonal decorations

Youth Committee: plans activities and events for youth and their families



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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Please check any that apply to you.

- I am new to the area
- I am a friend or family of a member at FBC
- I am looking for a church home.
- I am interested in learning more about FBC
- I am on vacation or traveling.