



"The Risen One Ascends to Heaven" by Scott Erickson

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Ascension Sunday, May 12, 2024

In the leaving,
in the letting go,
let there be this
to hold onto
at the last:

the enduring of love,
the persisting of hope,
the remembering of joy,

the offering of gratitude,
the receiving of grace,
the blessing of peace.

-*"In the Leaving"* by Jan Richardson

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Matt Messick

Lighting the Christ Candle Patrick Whitehead

Opening the Bible Bea Sherouse

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

God's strong and loving hands are outstretched to all Creation.

Let the world stretch forth and grasp God's hands with joy.

God's open hands are as the gate of righteousness.

Let us enter in to God's abundant life and give thanks.

In God's hands are new life, strength, and salvation.

Let us be thankful and sing unto our God with gladness.

†Hymn 29

"O Worship the King" LYONS

†Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Community Rev. Buck Cochran

Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.

†Hymn 258

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR

Prayers of God's People Rev. Chris Cherry

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:44-53

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 115

"Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADER'S HYMN

If you would like to become a member of this congregation,
you are invited to speak to a pastor at this time.

Stewardship Prayer Kara Cox *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Janice Hix *pianist*, Jerico Carillo *flautist*

"You Are Mine" Words and Music by David Haas; arr. Mark Hayes

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift from all your fear.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Harold Guy McCall, Jr.

by Elaine McCall and family.



CELEBRATING 165 Years Sunday, May 19

On Pentecost Sunday – traditionally considered the birthday of the universal Church – we will be celebrating the birthday of our local church, First Baptist Greensboro! This year marks 165 years since the formation of the Greensboro Baptist Church, which later came to be known as First Baptist Greensboro. Come celebrate with us!



MISSIONS DAY 2024

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1 - 4 PM

As part of our anniversary weekend, join us for Missions Day! We will disperse into our community, partnering with many of our mission partners. This is for everyone! Let us know you'll be there: fbcgso.org/spring-missions



MAY BOOKCLUB THURSDAY, MAY 30 AT 5:30 PM


Join us as we celebrate our 165th anniversary by reading and discussing our very own Scott Culclasure's history of First Baptist Greensboro, *In Every Good Work*. A free copy of the book can be picked up in the church office.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO CONNECTIONS

May 12, 2024

MISSIONS DAY 2024 | Saturday, May 18 1 - 4 pm

This event is intended for EVERYONE; kids, youth, and adults alike. We will disperse into our community with work locations at Backpack Beginnings, Habitat for Humanity, and Community Housing. Let us know you are coming so we can make plans with our Mission Partners. Sign-up at: fbcgso.org/spring-missions or scan the QR code. 


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MAY BOOKCLUB | Thursday, May 30, 5:30 pm

Join us as we celebrate our 165th anniversary by reading and discussing our very own Scott Culclasure's book "In Every Good Work". A free copy of the book can be picked up in the church office or at the atrium desk. If you have any questions, reach out to Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org).

SUMMER KICK-OFF | Wednesday, May 29 from 5:30 pm - 7 pm

We have one more Spring Midweek on Wednesday, May 15 and our meal will be Theo's Famous Fried Chicken! Reserve your meal at fbcgso.org/spring-midweek or scan the QR code. We will take a week off then have a Summer Kick-Off on Wednesday, May 29! Join us on the front lawn for a cook out, water fun and learn about all the many ways to be a part of the life of the church this summer. 

LUNCH & LEARN | Monday, June 3 at Noon

The Senior Adult Council is pleased to offer a series of "Lunch and Learn" events featuring various topics for adults of ALL ages! Our June event will be a presentation on the Greece Trip. Lunch will be \$10/person and will be from Mythos. Reserve your spot by May 27! If you know of friends who could benefit from this topic, please invite them! All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, reach out to Margaret Crawford (mimicraw@gmail.com). Sign-up at: fbcgso.org/lunch-and-learn or scan the QR code.



WELCOME PASTOR ERIC!

First Baptist Greensboro joyfully welcomes Rev. Dr. Eric Mathis as our new Associate Pastor of Music & Worship. Eric was called through the unanimous and enthusiastic vote of the Congregation at the close of worship last Sunday morning. Read more about Eric at fbcgso.org/meet-eric, and learn more about why we're so hopeful about our ministry together.



ADVENTURE AWAITS VBS 2024 | JULY 15-18

Our VBS theme this year is Adventure Awaits! Using their investigative skills kids will discover how they have the ability to make a difference in the world just like Jesus! Come join the adventure and imagine this new world where we where we reach across our differences and care for all people! Cost is \$20 per child with a \$50 family max. Spots for VBS go fast, be sure to sign-up today! Learn more and register at: fbcgso.org/summer-2024 or scan the QR code



YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP | JUNE 23-29, 2024

We are thrilled to announce that this year's Youth Summer Mission Trip will be to Savannah, Georgia! We will be staying at First Baptist Savannah and working alongside several of their mission partners. We will also be able to explore the city and have a great time. Mission Trip is \$350, which will cover everything except meals on the road and any little things you buy along the way. Let Chris Cherry (chris@fbcgso.org), know if you have any questions. Sign-up at: fbcgso.org/summer-2024 or scan the QR code.



PASTORAL STAFF

CHRIS CHERRY, YOUTH & FAMILIES
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LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS

After reviewing congregational submissions and prayerful deliberation, the Committee on Committees is pleased to present the following members who have agreed to serve as church leaders in the following capacities beginning October 2024:

DEACONS

SHANE ANDERSON
AMELIA BRITT
CHRIS CULBRETH
CHUCK FRYE
BOB GODFREY
ALAN JOHNSON
AMY GRIZZLE KANE
MAGGIE MARTIN
MELISSA NORMAN
LARRY PUTNAM
ERIN ROBERTSON
LIBBY SHULL

JOHN SAMPLE (1 YEAR TERM)

ASSISTANT TREASURER

PENNY ROWE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHARLIE ADAMS
LARRY DAVIS
MARK MILLER
CATHY WELLS
GAYLE WILEY

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

JOHN THORNTON (1 YEAR TERM)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

CYNTHIA TOWNES (1 YEAR TERM)

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

MARIE DELGADO (6 MONTH TERM)
KRISTIE ELLIS (1 YEAR TERM)

CHURCH CLERK

STEVE DANFORD

You will be asked to vote on these nominees during a called Church Conference in worship on May 26. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee on Committees: Adam Barnes (chair), Kristie Ellis, Elaine McRae, Angela Perry, Penny Rowe, Kevin Starr, Levone Tobin Scott, Ellis Vaughan.