



**GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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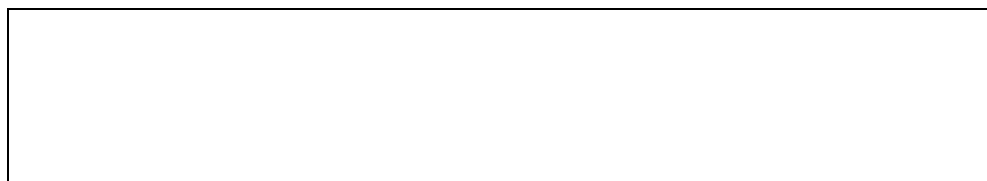
We extend our warmest welcome  
and invite you to join us each week  
in praise and worship.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Bible R.E.A.D. 10:00 a.m. beginning September 10

Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.



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## **From the Pastor:**

Greetings!

My sabbatical is almost over and I will be returning to the office on Tuesday, September 5, and to the pulpit of Greenville Baptist Church on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing my church family!

I would once again like to thank the congregation for allowing me this opportunity to achieve my sabbatical theme to Revive, Renew, and Rejoice. It has been physically, spiritually and emotionally beneficial for me over the past three months to have had Sabbath rest from my pastoral duties. On the Rhythms of the Spirit retreat that I attended in August, I talked with two pastors about their recent sabbatical experiences and another pastor who is currently in the planning stages for his sabbatical next Spring. We all agreed that the blessing is not just for the pastor, but for the congregation, when the pastor returns rested and with a fresh perspective on his or her life and ministry.

For the three Sundays in September that I will be preaching, I will share some of my sabbatical learnings that I believe will be helpful for all to contemplate. The sermon series will be entitled, “The Three R’s: Reading, Righting and Relationship.” It wasn’t really planned that both my sabbatical theme and returning series would be 3 R’s, but it was what God put upon my heart to share upon my return to the pulpit.

During the recovery period from my foot surgery, especially the 3 ½ weeks that I was on crutches, I was basically house bound, unless someone was with me to go out. I was not able to put any weight on my left foot at that time, which made stairs – especially going up – a real challenge. However, I made the best of that time as I was able to read quite a bit – books, blogs, etc. I also was able to catch up on many of the podcasts that I subscribe to on ministry issues, biblical teachings, shifting cultural and political dynamics, and a variety of other subjects that impact the world of the Christian believer and leader. I took many notes for my own reflection, and to share in various ways at church as well as for sermon ideas.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the sabbatical period was being able to visit with family and friends, especially those out of state. I was able to organize a few gatherings to get friends from varying states to come together – many of whom had not seen each other in many years. Jim and I had lunch with two friends – a married couple that lives in southern New Jersey – which we had not seen in 27 years! The lunch lasted three hours. Luckily, the waitress was in no rush to have us leave.

We also had precious time with some of Jim’s family in New York and some of my family in New Jersey. Even though many of us keep in touch via Facebook, having face to face conversation and getting all those hugs and kisses was heartwarming.

Jim and I will have much to share with you upon our return. See you in September!

Peace  
Pastor Wendy

## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The re-glazing, priming, and painting of the exterior of twenty-four (24) windows and three (3) doors in the Sanctuary, Lower Vestry, and Church Office have been completed. The total cost of this project, as approved by the church members at a special church meeting, was \$7,814. This cost included the rental of a lift necessary to access the exterior of the sanctuary windows and front doors.

The National Grid/RISE project to refurbish or replace lighting fixtures with LED components in the Fellowship Hall lower level, stairwell to upper level (north), upper hallway (north), hallway at office, office, lower vestry (all), and exterior lights (all) has been completed. The total cost of this project was \$5,742.

Greenville Baptist Church is very fortunate to have the Hardman/Jamieson Fund in our Diversified Fund to cover the cost of these non-budgeted improvements to our building. The gifts from the estate of Marion Hardman in 2004 and from the estate of Hazel Jamieson in 2006 were combined to form the Hardman/Jamieson Fund. These and other similar gifts are documented in our annual reports.

## FROM THE MISSION BOARD

The Mission Board will meet on September 10<sup>th</sup> following the worship service.

**SUMMER COOKOUTS** – Thanks to all who helped and those who attended the summer Wednesday night cookouts. Together we raised \$3,600 for Mission Honduras to build Confradia Church in Cortes, Honduras. Greenville Baptist Church continues to reach beyond our community to help others. Thank you all! The Dream Team to Build Cofradia Church

## HURRICANE HARVEY

**American Baptists are urged to lift up those affected in both Texas and Louisiana by Hurricane Harvey**, a Category 4 storm that made landfall on the Texas coast. Bringing 130 mph winds and an unprecedented amount of torrential rainfall in some areas, the hurricane has resulted in flooding, power outages, downed trees and signs, major property damage, displaced residents, injuries and fatalities.

“American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) grieves with rest of the nation at the relentless weather pounding the Houston region right now,” says ABHMS Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Haggray. “Our disaster-recovery office has been in communication with American Baptist Churches of the South since Friday, before the weather hit.

“As soon as we receive damage assessments, we will consider how we can best assist on the long road to rebuilding homes, churches and lives, and then begin distributing relief grants,” Haggray continues. “In the meantime, let us all seek comfort in the words of the age-old hymn penned by Martin Luther: ‘A might fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing’”

American Baptist Churches USA General Secretary the Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer invites all congregations to donate generously to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) in response to the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana.

If you would like to give, please make a check to Greenville Baptist Church and write “Hurricane Harvey” in the memo. The September Fellowship Offering this Sunday will also go the Hurricane Harvey relief.



The gospel of Jesus is changing lives around the world, and we are privileged to be a part of fulfilling God's global mission *on earth as it is in heaven*.

Jesus invites his disciples to "come, follow me." (Mark 1:17) For those first disciples, it meant leaving fishing nets behind to become "fishers of people." Today, that invitation is still ours to take in and live out, nationally and internationally.

American Baptist International Ministries has responded to the call of God to cross cultural and geographical lines, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to share the love of God in Christ. The World Mission Offering makes it possible for American Baptists to train new global servants, care for the ones on the field and provide the services and resources that they need. Your gift to the World Mission Offering helps people around the world meet Christ, to grow as disciples, and to serve as channels of God's love. To still more people.

Please join in prayer for our global servants and in giving cheerfully and generously to the World Mission Offering as the Lord Jesus leads us to give. We will be receiving the WMO throughout the month of September.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Board of Christian Education is working on the **Bible R.E.A.D.** program for the fall. Due to the ages of our children, we will be splitting the group to better reach them with lessons at their grade level. To do this, we are in need of more teachers. The thought is that we need a group of 20 adults that are willing to help teach Bible R.E.A.D. We will be having 2 classrooms and Ms. Nancy will have the little ones in Room 202. We need two teachers in each of the other classrooms. If we have a pool of 20 teachers, you would only have to teach on Sunday every 6-7 weeks. There would be two teachers in each class, the lesson plans will be given to you weeks in advance. Most Sundays will allow 40-45 minutes of lesson time. If you have someone you would like to teach with, that is great. Please prayerfully consider helping out. If you want to help, but not sure if you can commit to every 6-7 weeks, we would love to have you as often as you are able. If you are interested, please speak to Kelly, Elizabeth, Shelly or Priscilla.  
Thank you, Kelly



Continental Breakfast along with registration will be at 8:30 a.m. on September 10<sup>th</sup> to kickoff Bible R.E.A.D. The first Bible R.E.A.D. will also start on the 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Opportunities for Outreach

**LUNCH WITH FRIENDS** – Lunch with Friends will be held Tuesday, September 26. Join us, 11:30 – 1:30 for food and fellowship. Bring a friend!

### Nursing Home Ministries:

- Every Sunday at 12:45 pm at the **Lodge at the Village at Waterman Lake.**
- First and third Tuesdays at 10:30 am at the **Courtyard at the Village at Waterman Lake.** Service will resume on the third Tuesday of September.
- First Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm and every other Thursday at 2:30 pm at **Cortland Place.**
- Every other Friday at 10:30 am at **Brookdale Smithfield.**

Would you be interested in helping with one of the nursing home ministries?  
 Speak with Janet Whalen about the Tuesday Courtyard Services  
 Wayne Brown about the Sunday Lodge Services  
 Ginger O'Shan about the Cortland Place and Brookdale Services  
 Your presence can make a difference to the residents!

## Opportunities for Growth



**Daily devotional booklets are available:**

**The Secret Place** – September/October/November edition available.

**The Upper Room** – September/October edition available.

**The Adult Sunday Class** meets at 9:00 am in the Upper Room resuming on September 17.

**The Wednesday Bible Study** meets at 1:00 pm in the Church House resuming on September 20.

**The Men's Bible Study** meets on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office resuming on September 14.



Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the very generous scholarship, as well as the support throughout this past year. I really enjoyed my first year at Clark University; I played on the tennis team and I am planning to major in environmental science. With love, Anna

Dear Greenville Baptist Church, I would like to thank you for your incredible support this year. I am entering my senior year now, and will be graduating in the spring with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with Minors in Math and Spanish. This would not have been possible without the support from this amazing church. I am blessed to be supported again this year. Thank you so much!  
 Sincerely, Jonathan

## 50 Years Ago at GBC



It was September, 1967 and Sunday School started on Rally Day with an enthusiastic attendance of about 300 children, plus a staff of 44 teachers and officers. Barbara Brush, Superintendent was requesting more teachers as she felt they should have a staff of at least 60. The Ladies Aid Society made white cherub robes for the Primary

Department. The material was donated by Mr. Richard Illingworth and Mr. Harry Kemp.

Rev. George Daniels, Minister of Christian Education and family moved into the church house this month. The Thrift Shop, which was located in the Church House, closed in August so the The Daniels family could move in. A new building for the Thrift Shop is in the planning stage and Carrie Palazzi and Madeline True had high hopes that it would be in operation very soon. (Note: The Thrift Shop is the one that is still being used – the addition was added at a later date.) They say, “What goes around, comes around again.” The Thrift Shop is again “Busting at the Seams.” And that was how it was in 1967.

Jeanie, Church Historian

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 10:30 am Brookdale	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Hour 12:45 pm Village 2:30 pm Cortland Place	<b>4 Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7:00 pm Quilting	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 7:00am MPB 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Free at Last	<b>8</b> 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop	<b>9</b> 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop
<b>10</b> 10:00 am Worship 8:30 am Continental Breakfast and Bible R.E.A.D. registration 11:00 am Coffee Hour <b>11:15 am Missions</b> 12:45 pm Village	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Quilting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00am MPB 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 2:30 pm Cortland Place 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Free at Last	<b>15</b> 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop 10:30 am Brookdale	<b>16</b> 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop
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