



**GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**582 PUTNAM PIKE**  
**GREENVILLE, RI 02828**

**NOVEMBER 2017**

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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.  
Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.



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## From the Pastor:

While on Sabbatical, Jim and I had the opportunity to visit a variety of churches, American Baptist, Congregational, Non-affiliated Baptist, and Non-denominational. We also experienced excellent worship at the American Baptist Mission Summit – the Biennial meeting held in Portland, Oregon, this past June. I also had the opportunity to worship for five days in a more contemplative style – soft singing and sometimes chanting with less words spoken, i.e., no real sermon, just reflective thoughts. Some of the worship services and music felt very familiar, some slightly different – a more blended style of worship – while others were totally different than what our usual worship experience is at GBC.

There were many elements of the churches that we visited that we felt would be good to bring back to GBC, such as offering ways to connect with other members or worshippers by having stations where people can find out about a variety of small groups, how to join the church or what steps to take if you are interested in being baptized. Yet there were other things we thought that GBC might not feel comfortable with, such as a coffee bar, *selling* tee-shirts with the church logo or catch phrase, and some things that seemed to us to be a bit “gimmicky.”

What Jim and I did discuss after each service was the music. We experienced a wide range of music which was enlightening and edifying. One of the articles I read this summer was about the various styles of worship music, and I would like to share the main points from that article written by Chuck Lawless, who currently serves as Professor of Evangelism and Missions and Dean of Graduate Studies at Southeastern Seminary.

**1. God is glorified by the variety of music styles.** God is the Creator who created our world with incredible variety, from flowers to people. Apparently, He is glorified by such variety, so we need to appreciate it.

**2. Various styles allow others to use their gifts.** Let’s be honest—some folks are better at leading hymns, and some are better at leading contemporary choruses. When we employ multiple styles, we open the door for more folks to use their gifts.

**3. Learning to appreciate multiple styles is a sign of Christian humility.** A willingness to be stretched about music styles for the sake of the gospel is evidence of godliness and humility. Regardless of our preferences, it’s arrogance that says, “I’m never going to change my mind. I like what I like.”

**4. Multiple styles help us to reach and keep multiple generations.** It’s no secret that older generations generally prefer hymns and younger generations prefer contemporary music. If we want to reach everybody, we must be open to worshiping with all generations.

**5. We can all learn from other music styles.** Many classical hymns teach great theology, but so do many contemporary choruses. Both include selections that come straight out of Scripture—sometimes built around direct quotes of biblical texts. Both of them can be God-honoring, so we should be open to learning from each.

**6. Appreciating various styles allows us to worship together.** I understand the choice to establish different worship services according to style, but sometimes we completely separate the generations in doing that. Perhaps we’d worship well together if we learned to appreciate all styles of worship.

**7. God has not ordained one music style.** If He had, it be would right to stand up for the only one He has ordained. Because He hasn’t—and because of #1 above—we must be open to various styles.

What are your thoughts?

Pastor Wendy



**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

**Mission Honduras Presentation during 10:00 a.m. worship**

Lisa Waterman will be giving a presentation about her trip to Honduras as a member of the Medical Team this past summer. This was Lisa’s first trip to Honduras and she worked in the Danli area.

Come and be inspired as you hear how God is working in Honduras through the Medical Team Volunteers!

**FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Our Financial Secretary has provided the following summary regarding the Lift Fund. The receipt of contributions continues as some pledges, which were initially received in 2013, were to be completed over up to a five (5) year period. As with any financial campaign of this type, it is anticipated that there will be some underpayment of pledges. Fortunately, in this instance, we also experienced overpayment of pledges.

Gifts received prior to January 1, 2013	\$18,700.00
Pledges made after January 1, 2013	<u>95,104.00</u>
Anticipated total to be received	\$113,804.00
As of October 22, 2017	
Total underpayment of pledges	\$5,915.00
Total overpayment of pledges	<u>3,937.50</u>
Net underpayment of pledges	\$1,977.50
 Total Gifts and pledges received	 \$111,826.50



Budget requests for 2018 have been received from the appropriate boards and committees. Commitments for pledges for 2018 continue to be received with the hope that all anticipated pledges will be received no later than November 5<sup>th</sup>. The proposed budget for 2018 will be presented at the Business Meeting on December 10, 2017. Save the date!

## FROM THE DEACONS

**NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP OFFERING** (the special offering the first Sunday of the month) will be designated for **Puppies Behind Bars**. Puppies Behind Bars (PBB) trains prison inmates to raise service dogs for wounded war veterans and explosive-detection canines for law enforcement. The puppies live in prison with their inmate raisers from the age of 8 weeks to 24 months. Since 1997, PBB has raised more than 900 puppies. Through the Dog Tags program they place service dogs, free of charge, with veterans with traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and TBI (traumatic brain injury). Since the first Dog Tags placement in 2008, they have paired 87 service dogs with wounded veterans in 27 states (as of May '16). They pair approximately 15 more exceptional service dogs with veterans each year. Additionally, more than 400 PBB-trained explosive-detection canines work with law enforcement agencies around the country. The dogs raised transform the lives of the inmates who train them, and the lives of those they go on to serve.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASSES** – We are pursuing a partnership with Smithfield's Emergency Management Services (EMS) department, and we are looking for people interested in training for and possibly helping during a time of crises. Twenty hours of instruction will include First Aid, AED and CPR certification, personal protection equipment, use of fire extinguishers and devices, disaster planning, use of sand bags, submersible pumps, special need registry, etc. Classes are open to church members, friends and youth. We are excited to be able to help be part of the solution in times of a disaster or civic emergency. Class times will be determined by those interested, so sign up after worship, or contact Sue at [Rhodyseg@cox.net](mailto:Rhodyseg@cox.net) for further information.

## FROM THE MISSION BOARD

**American Baptist Women's Ministry of RI** as well as the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island joined in the project of donating items for hygiene kits to be used by Church World Service to distribute to folks affected by the recent hurricanes. A big thank you to all of you who helped with donated items and helped put together the hygiene kits. With the combined efforts of our congregation and other congregations we were able to send 453 kits to Church World Service.

**The next Mission Board** meeting will be on November 12th following worship service. The next **Soup Kitchen** will be on December 3rd. We will be making sandwiches and salad again for the soup kitchen. If you would like to make sandwiches, serve at the soup kitchen and/or bake, there will be a sign up sheet in the lower vestry.

The Mission Board has decided to continue cooking for the **Breadline Ministry** starting February of next year. If you are interested in helping with cooking or serving the food in Providence please see Carla or Sandy.



## Opportunities for Outreach

**NEWS FLASH...Lunch with Friends** will not be held the fourth Tuesday in November and December due to the holidays. Here is the new information you will need to mark on your calendars so you are sure to attend!

**Lunch with Friends** will be hosting a **Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Come and enjoy Turkey with all the fixings while fellowshiping with your friends. We look forward to seeing you there at 11:30 am.

**The Christmas celebration for Lunch with Friends will be at 11:30 am on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. We always have a good time as we feast on a delicious ham dinner, and don't forget the chocolate fountain! Hope you can make it. We always enjoy celebrating the holidays with our friends.

### 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**. 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 about the Tuesday Courtyard Services

Wayne about the Sunday Lodge Services

Ginger 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** – November/December edition available.

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

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

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

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – meets at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Church Office. All men of the Church are invited. The Study is the Book of John. We hope that you can join us for study, fun, and fellowship.

**Is there a Book of the Bible or a Topical Study that you would like to engage in?**

Speak to Pastor Wendy, suggest a topic and a day of the week and time of day (or evening) that you would like to meet with a small group.





## 50 Years Ago at GBC

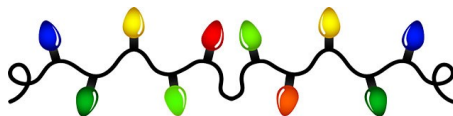
After researching some more of our church history, the following facts were discovered. The first Thanksgiving Ecumenical Hymn Sing, under the direction of Joe Lopez, was held in the sanctuary. The Senior High BYF performed a Thanksgiving Anthem with Vivian Fanning, organist and choir director, in charge. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

I was surprised to find letters from service men thanking members of the True Blue Circle for their delicious "Care Packages". One of those notes was sent from Capt. Robert Vangermeersch, USMC, where he wrote, "The rainy season is with us, so the cookies have to be eaten immediately or they will wilt". LCPL James Borland writes in September, 1967, "Fortunately I have only four months to serve overseas, and although the weather is mild, I won't mind trading the desolateness of this place for the February weather of New England". A letter from SSgt. John Cook states "This is in a way, a weird yet wonderful country over here. It is ugly in the fact that there is a war going on, but the country is very pretty and the people here, at least 99% of them appreciate us and what we are doing here.

There are letters from MSGT Asahel Howard Thornton and SO2 Tom Bowater and Ken Branch. I plan to post these on the Lower Vestry Bulletin Board during November. Please take a few moments to read them and remember these men for their service during the Vietnam War.

"See you in Decem-

ber" Jeanie, Historian



**Greenville Baptist Church**  
**Christmas OPEN HOUSE**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
4:00pm to 6:30pm

The lighting of the Christmas Tree on the property of our church across from the fire station will occur on Saturday, December 2 – the day before the First Sunday in Advent. Festivities will begin at the senior center with a parade ending at the common.

Last year there were HUNDREDS of people that gathered to see the lighting. One of our Deacons, Elaine Lariviere, had the wonderful idea to host an "Open House" during that time so that people can come in out of the cold and have a hot drink, but also to be exposed to our church community. She drafted a beautiful ad that will be in the Smithfield Magazine. Make sure to look for it! We will have Christmas music playing, carols being sung, and drinks served. Pastor Wendy's Advent sermon series will be advertized as well as the Christmas Cantata that will be Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, and the two Christmas Eve Services in the morning and evening.

If you can be a welcoming presence and assist in any way, speak with Pastor Wendy, Sue G, Elaine or Jim. Let's help Greenville celebrate the true meaning of Christmas!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7:00 am MPB 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Free at Last	<b>3</b> 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop	<b>4</b> 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop
<b>5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS</b> 9:00 am Adult Class 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 am Coffee Hour 12:45 pm Village 2:30 pm Cortland Place	<b>6</b> <i>7:00 pm Executive Bd.</i> 7:00 pm Quilting	<b>7</b> 10:30 Village 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 7:00 am MPB 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 2:30 pm Cortland Place 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Free at Last	<b>10 VETERANS DAY OBSERVED OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop	<b>11 VETERANS DAY</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Adult Class 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 am Coffee Hour 12:45 pm Village	<b>13</b> <i>7:00 pm Missions</i> 7:00 pm Quilting	<b>14</b> <b>11:30 am Lunch with Friends</b> 6:00 pm Pack 3	<b>15</b> 7:00 am MPB 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Free at Last	<b>17</b> 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop	<b>18</b> 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop
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**DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.**