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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Mark 1:9-15

Welcome to Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. You may find additional information at either of the Information Centers or on our website at www.bsumc.com. One center is in the office lobby by Sisk Hall, and the other center is in the main lobby just behind the Sanctuary. The centers are open before and after each of the worship services. Information about Sunday school is available at each center. If you would like to become a member of our church family, contact Stacy Phillips in the church office at 864-371-6084. We are happy to help you find your place here!

8:45AM & 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY) 8:45AM & 11:00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (SISK HALL) 10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

During *The Table* at 8:45 AM contemporary worship service, we welcome in membership **Amy & Zach Adams, Sue Butner, Janie & Bill Ewell,** and **Anne & Seabrook Marchant.** During the 11:00 AM traditional worship service, we welcome into membership **Jeff Melton** and **Erin & Steven Rogers.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our **Lenten offering** will go to BSUMC Missions and Zoe Ministries (<https://www.wearezoe.org>). Zoe empowers child orphans and vulnerable children in Africa and Asia to become entrepreneurs, which in turn transforms entire families and communities. Checks can be made out to Buncombe Street UMC, with "Lenten Offering" in the memo line. You can also give online, but specify "Lent offering."

A new **Adult Small Group/Sunday School class** is beginning! "Walking to Emmaus" is for anyone who has attended the Walk to Emmaus or similar experience, or for those who are interested in going on the Walk. This accountability group meets in the Girl Scout room of the Scout Hut at 10:00 AM each **Sunday.**

BSUMC's **Prayer Ministry** hosts a **prayer time** from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the Bryan Crenshaw Prayer Chapel on **Sundays.** Members of the prayer team are available to pray with and for those seeking prayer. Prayer requests may be sent by text in advance to 864-230-4910. (Please mention prayer request at the beginning of your text.)

BSUMC welcomes the **Herring Chamber Ensemble** of the Greenville Chorale in concert **today,** at 3:00 PM in the Downtown Sanctuary. Seating is open, and tickets (\$30/adults, \$15/students) will be available at the door. The concert will also feature the Blue Ridge HS Concert Choir and is sponsored by the Louise D. Sutton Music Endowment.

A **trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland** is being planned for early fall. If you are interested in going, please attend a meeting on **Tuesday, February 20,** at 6:00 PM in Room 114. Contact Tom Buchanan with questions (tom.buchanan@bsumc.com).

Join us at the **Fellowship Club** meeting, where we'll enjoy "The Prodigal Son," a play written by church member Betty Stack. The Fellowship Club will meet on **February 20** at 11:00 AM in the Truluck Dining Room.

Emmanuel's Hammer will host their **Annual Builder's Breakfast** at 7:00 AM on **Thursday, February 22,** in Sisk Hall. This is a fundraiser to help rebuild homes and restore hope in our community. Register by visiting the Emmanuel's Hammer website (<https://ehammer1.org/builders-breakfast>).

This month's **Parent Hot Topic** will be held on **February 25** from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on the Youth Hall. Parents will learn about body image and the Youth will enjoy a mystery night activity. You may email Elicia Johnson (elicia.johnson@bsumc.com) for more information.

Each Sunday from **February 25 to March 25,** the **Seekers Sunday School Class** will welcome Dr. Tim Wardle, Professor of Religion at Furman University. Dr. Wardle will teach a series on the Jewish World in the New Testament. The Seekers Class invites anyone interested to come to Room 214 during the Sunday school hour.

Have you felt a calling to prayer? Do you want to learn how to pray for yourself and others? The Prayer Leadership Team is sponsoring a **Basic Prayer Training** on **Friday, March 16,** from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and on Saturday, March 17, with guest speaker Terry Cantrell from Riverstone Church. Dinner will be served on Friday evening. The training will take place in the Fellowship Hall at the Trinity Campus. Visit the church website to register (www.bsumc.info/prayer-training).

BSUMC will field a **Men's Softball Team** this year in the City League on Monday nights. Play will begin on **March 19** and continue through June. To sign up or for more information, contact Chris Price (864-735-5376). The cost is \$40 per player.

Camp Sunday will be on **Sunday, March 4.** On that day, you may visit the Sanctuary lobby to learn about this year's programs or submit completed registration paperwork and payments. Information about camps and registration forms can be found on the church website (www.bsumc.info/childrens-ministry). Please contact Stephanie Horowitz with questions (stephanie.horowitz@bsumc.com; 864-371-6104).

The **Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School** will be held **June 10 to 13** at the Trinity Campus from 5:30 PM until 8:00 PM. The planners are asking for volunteers to help. Visit the church website to access a volunteer interest form (www.bsumc.info/vbs-2018) or email bsumcvbs@gmail.com.

Consider becoming a **Prayer Partner!** This is an online community for receiving and sharing prayer requests with members for purposeful prayer. A benefit of Prayer Partners is the wide reach of the prayer community. All Prayer Partners requests should be considered public unless designated as private. In cases where confidentiality within the group is requested, actual names will not be used unless permission is given. To submit a prayer request, email prayer@bsumc.com. Requests are checked every evening and posted at that time. If you would like to become a Prayer Partner, send your request to prayer@bsumc.com and ask to be included in this group. Please commit to diligently praying for the concerns that are shared.

Leisure Ministry and the Music and Arts Ministry will offer a trip to the **Living Gallery at Bob Jones University.** This show is a one-of-a-kind experience! Those attending can ride the church bus that will leave the church promptly at 1:15 PM for the 2:00 PM show on **Saturday, March 31,** or you may meet our group there at 1:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person. With only a few spots available, act fast! You can sign up online, or contact Tom Buchanan (864-373-6461) or Rosemary Hughes (864-371-6092) to reserve your seat.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters

8:45 AM Jeff Rainwater, Charlotte Rainwater, Nelson Valdes, Lanelle Valdes, Karen Neel, Bob Neel, Tammy Calder, Scott Schwasnick

11:00 AM Todd Jackson, Lisa Jackson, Kyle Brown, Paul Harrison

Ushers

8:45 AM Cole Hunter, Ken Troutman, Brock Bauknight, Jim Hinson

11:00 AM Gary Caldwell, Patrick Duncan, Wayne Ianuario, Matt Shouse, Tim Barnhill, Alex Burgin, Miles Loretta

Offering Tellers

Carolyn Herbert, Laura Teer, Reid Colvin

Offering Steward

8:45 AM Jessie Ninestein

11:00 AM Julie West

Crucifer

8:45 AM Cody Simmons

11:00 AM Wesley Nichols

Acolytes

8:45 AM Clark Sponseller, Davis Sponseller

11:00 AM Anna Kate Byford, Avery Luce

Children's Nursery

BSUMC's nursery, staffed by paid, trained, & caring employees, depends on church member volunteers to assist in each room during each of the services. Contact Gayle Quay (gayle.quay@bsumc.com, 864-371-6089).

ONLINE GIVING

Manage your *giving to God* through the church from the church website and the Online Giving tab (<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login.aspx>).

HOSPITAL LIST

Sam Esteban - Greenville Memorial

John Peden - Village Hospital at Pelham

"Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them. . ." James 5:13-14

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Total Morning Attendance..... 1,015

Sunday School Attendance..... 803

Ash Wednesday Attendance..... 203



Charitable Remainder Trusts allow you to make a gift to your church while retaining income from the gifted asset during your lifetime and that of your spouse. If the trust is funded with appreciated property, capital gains taxes may be avoided. For more information about **BSUMC's Endowment Fund**, contact Julia Sibley-Jones (864-720-1634; julia.sibley-jones@bsumc.com), or visit the church website.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

We can be faithful to our stewardship only when we remember that we are creatures who hold nothing through our own will and strength, but are appointed by God for a season as caretakers of what rightfully belongs to our God who will one day seek a reckoning of the account. (Michael Doty)

THIS WEEK AT BSUMC

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Men N Ministry Retreat (Myrtle Beach)

Youth Ski Trip (Snowshoe, WV)

8:45 AM Children's Ministry Board (102)

10:00 AM Confirmation Class (217)

10:00 AM Rotation Sunday School (Memorial Chapel)

10:00 AM Young Adults (District Office)

3:00 PM Herring Chamber Ensemble (Sanctuary)

5:15 PM Confirmation Class (217)

5:15 PM Sprouts (210)

Monday, February 19, 2018

Youth Ski Trip (Snowshoe, WV)

10:00 AM Worship Staff (115)

4:00 PM Rushingbrook Children's Choir (Choir Room)

6:00 PM Men's Basketball (Drake)

6:00 PM Sisk Advisory Council (102)

6:15 PM Rushingbrook Singers (Sanctuary)

6:30 PM Revival Bible Study (Trinity)

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (102)

9:30 AM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)

10:30 AM CDC Chapel (Memorial Chapel)

11:00 AM Fellowship Club (Truluck)

1:15 PM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)

5:30 PM Long-Range Planning (115)

5:30 PM Mission Commission (102)

7:00 PM Young Adults Dinner (One Plaza)

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

9:45 AM CDC 3K Music (Choir Room)

10:30 AM CDC 4K Music (Choir Room)

4:00 PM Psalms Bible Study (Truluck)

5:30 PM Carillon Choir (Handbell Room)

6:00 PM Basketball Banquet (Sisk, Drake)

6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir for 3rd-5th Grades (Choir Room)

6:00 PM Koinonia: Courage, Failure, and New Hope (Memorial Chapel)

6:00 PM Troop 9 Daisies (Scout)

6:15 PM K-2nd Grade (209)

6:15 PM Music and Movement for 3s/4s (LL09)

6:30 PM 2nd-5th Grade (211)

6:30 PM BSA Troop 9 (Scout Hut)

6:30 PM Quest Bible Study (114)

6:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 22, 2018

7:00 AM Emmanuel's Hammer Breakfast (Sisk)

9:30 AM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)

10:00 AM Living Love When We Disagree (217)

1:15 PM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)

4:00 PM Rushingbrook Children's Choir (Choir Room)

Friday, February 23, 2018

B-Street Women's Annual Retreat (Lake Junaluska)

8:30 AM Work as Worship Stream (Sisk)

4:00 PM CDC Afterschool Music (Choir Room)

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

Saturday, February 24, 2018

B-Street Women's Annual Retreat (Lake Junaluska)

4:00 PM Worship Set-Up (Sisk)

To learn more about future events planned at BSUMC, visit our website at www.bsumc.com and click on the calendar link.

MIDWEEK DINNER — FEBRUARY 21, 2018

Lasagna, Salad, Bread Sticks, Tomato Basil Soup, & Brownies. Pizza for the Children. Servers: Connections/Young Adults Class

8:45AM & 11:00AM TRADITIONAL SERVICES

As you begin your worship, you are invited to study the bulletin for persons and activities to include in your silent prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. Remember the volunteers and staff members who make our corporate action possible: ushers, acolytes, custodial and support staff, musicians, clergy, and yourself, so that in our common worship, God may be glorified.

PRELUDE

GREETING

CHIMING THE HOUR

VOLUNTARY

Ah, Holy Jesus

setting, Linker

We ask for your prayerful silence during the Voluntary as you prepare your hearts for worship.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

UMH 108

The cross symbolizes the Gospel message, Christ crucified and risen.

Fire and light are Biblical symbols for the presence of God, here present with his people.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

Pew Bible, NT p. 155

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE LORD'S 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

KIDS.COMM (11:00 AM)

*kids.Comm is for children K5/6 through 2nd grade and is held in Memorial Chapel.
Parents meet their children in the Chapel following the service.*

*OFFERTORY HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

UMH 252

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Ornamented Offertory on "Forty Days and Forty Nights" setting, Callahan

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

ANTHEM

Call to Lent

adapted, Williams

Rosemary Hughes and Abbie Schlichtmann, *mezzo-soprano*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul; what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul; what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

Pew Bible, NT pp. 34-35

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Repent”

Dr. Howell

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ our Lord calls all who love him earnestly to repent of their sin and live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. (Time of silent confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: “Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 AM)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

We’ll Understand It Better By and By

UMH 525

The cross and light lead us out — God’s presence going with us to proclaim the Gospel.

*BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Prayer For a New Heart

McRae

*Give me a pure heart that I may see thee; give me a humble heart that I may hear thee;
give me a heart of love that I may serve thee; give me a heart of faith that I may abide in thee. Amen.*

*CHIMING THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Psalmodia Evangelica

setting, Burkhardt

