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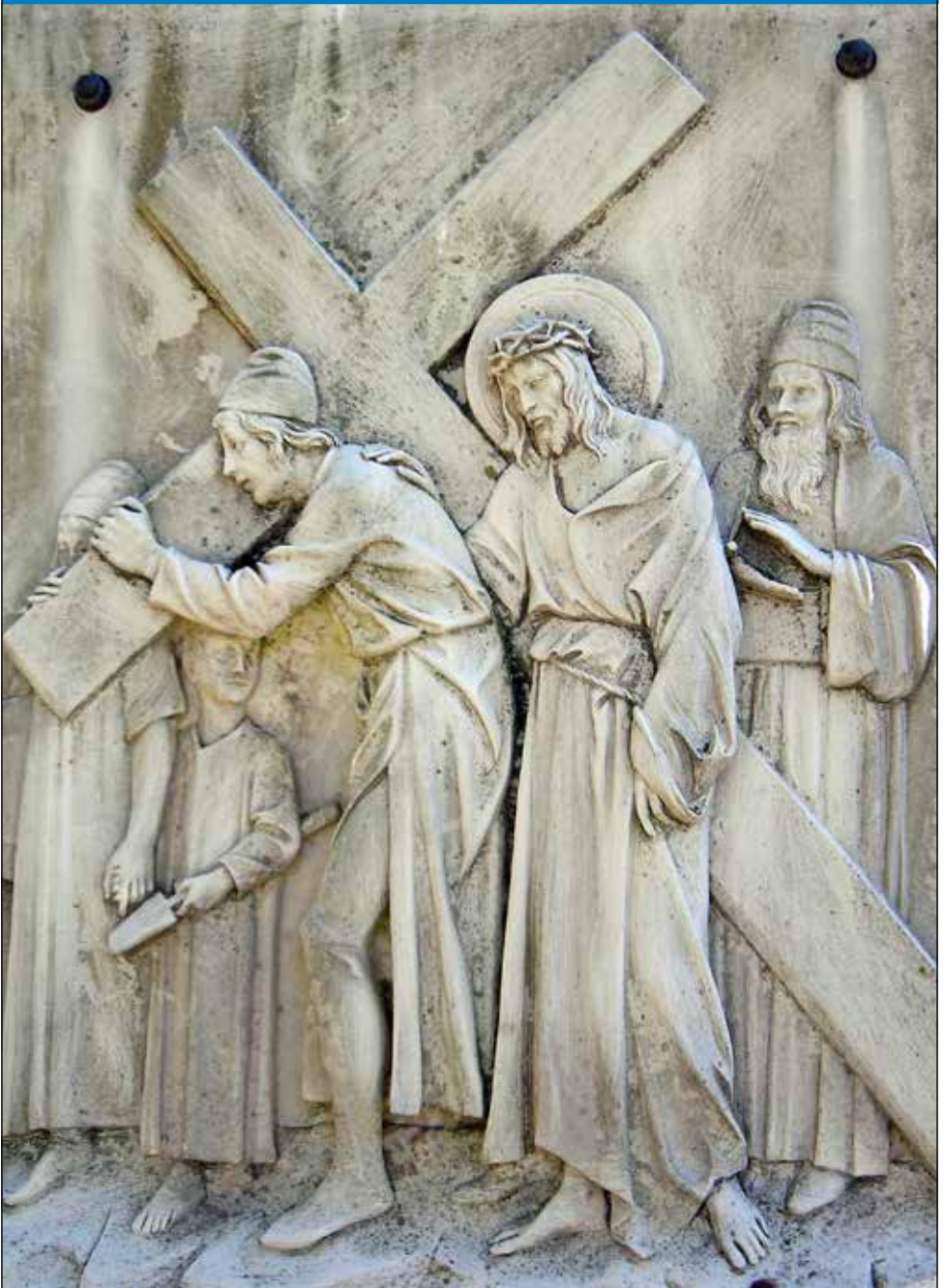
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*Welcome to Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. You may find additional information at either of the Information Centers or on our website at [www.bsumc.com](http://www.bsumc.com). One center is in the office lobby by Sisk Hall, and the other 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

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

### Greeters

8:45 AM Mike Maston, Christine Maston, Ken Troutman, Earl Grubbs, Gary Daniels, Muriel Taylor, Molly Maloney, Avon Smith

11:00 AM Dawn Brown, Sue Tompkins, Michael Middleton, Mel Middleton, David Merline, Barby Merline, Ivan Brewington

### Ushers

8:45 AM Ken Troutman, Steve Thraillkill, Dottie Pittman, Joel Brandon

11:00 AM Chip Fogleman, Jim Bannister, David Koontz, Miles Loretta

### Offering Tellers

Nathan Robirds, James Whitlock, Trevor Allen

### Offering Steward

8:45 AM Jane Lukker

11:00 AM Elaine Gentry

### Crucifer

8:45 AM Elizabeth Taylor

11:00 AM Mary Marlowe Scott

### Acolytes

8:45 AM Benjamin Taylor, Mary Kathryn Moyd

11:00 AM Layton Powell, Emily Scott

### 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](mailto: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.accesssacs.com/access/login.aspx>).

## HOSPITAL LIST

**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 18, 2018

Total Morning Attendance..... 914

Sunday School Attendance..... 709

Wednesday Evening Attendance..... 354



Consider making a gift to your church to fund an endowment in memory of a family member or special friend. Feel free to discuss with your pastor or other appropriate church leader any special programs or projects you would like to be supported by this endowment. For more information about **BSUMC's Endowment Fund**, contact Julia Sibley-Jones (864-720-1634; [julia.sibley-jones@bsumc.com](mailto:julia.sibley-jones@bsumc.com)), or visit the church website.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

*Trust in the Lord, and do good; so that you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.* (Psalm 37:3-4)

## THIS WEEK AT BSUMC

### Sunday, February 25, 2018

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

10:00 AM Confirmation Class (217)

10:00 AM Young Adults (District Office)

4:00 PM Wedding Music Consultation (Sanctuary)

5:15 PM Confirmation Class (Sisk, 217)

5:15 PM Sprouts (210)

### Monday, February 26, 2018

9:00 AM MOPS (Various)

10:00 AM Worship Staff (115)

12:00 PM Emmanuel's Hammer (102)

12:00 PM Ministries Leadership Team (217)

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

6:00 PM Men's Basketball (Drake)

6:15 PM Rushingbrook Singers (Sanctuary)

6:30 PM Revival Bible Study (Trinity)

### Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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

10:30 AM CDC Chapel (Memorial Chapel)

11:00 AM Foster Family Support Group (115)

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

6:00 PM Foster Family Support Group (115)

7:00 PM Young Adults Dinner (One Plaza)

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

### Wednesday, February 28, 2018

7:00 AM FCA Breakfast (Sisk, Drake)

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

10:00 AM MOPS Exercise Group (Drake)

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

12:00 PM CDC Board (102)

4:00 PM Psalms Bible Study (Truluck)

5:30 PM Carillon Choir (Handbell Room)

5:30 PM Circles (Sisk, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217)

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

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

6:00 PM Poverty Simulator (Drake, Sisk)

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, March 1, 2018

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

10:00 AM Entrusted Study (215)

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

12:00 PM Stewardship Committee (102)

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

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

5:30 PM Crop Walk Meeting (102)

6:30 PM Eagle Review Board (Various)

### Friday, March 2, 2018

4:00 PM CDC Afterschool Music (Choir Room)

5:00 PM Weber/Herron Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

### Saturday, March 3, 2018

4:00 PM Worship Set-Up (Sisk)

5:30 PM Weber/Herron Wedding (Sanctuary, Orders Parlor, 102)

*To learn more about future events planned at BSUMC, visit our website at [www.bsumc.com](http://www.bsumc.com) and click on the calendar link.*

## MIDWEEK DINNER — FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Chicken Alfredo, Linguini, Asparagus Parmesan, Bread Sticks, Broccoli Soup, & Cake. Cheese Sandwiches for the Children. Servers: Grace Class.

## FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Douglas West** by his family.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Beginning this **Sunday** through **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.

This month's **Parent Hot Topic** will be held **tonight** from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on the Youth Hall. Parents will meet with Dr. Kerstin Blomquist, a clinical psychologist, to discuss "B.O.: Body Obsession" in teens. The Youth will enjoy a mystery night activity.

BSUMC is looking for a **Communications Director** to be responsible for fostering effective communications and public relations within the congregation and the community to advance the ministries and reach of the church. Visit the church website for a complete job description ([www.bsumc.info/resources/employment](http://www.bsumc.info/resources/employment)).

A **Poverty Simulation** will be offered on **Wednesday, February 28**, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM in Sisk Hall. The unique learning resource creates insight into the state of chronic crisis that consumes many working poor families. For more information, contact Judy Brown ([judybrown5975@gmail.com](mailto:judybrown5975@gmail.com)).

Our **Lenten offering** will go to BSUMC Missions and Zoe Ministries (<https://www.wearezoe.org>). Checks can be made out to Buncombe Street UMC, with "Lenten Offering" in the memo line. You can also give online by specifying "Lent Offering."

Children's Ministry is seeking donations of travel size shampoo, conditioner, and lotion for the **Sprouts S.O.S. bags**. Please leave them in the church office for Gayle Quay or Stephanie Horowitz.

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.)

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**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 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](http://www.bsumc.info/prayer-training)).

BSUMC will field a **Men's Softball Team** in the City League on Monday nights. Play begins **March 19** and continues through June. To sign up, 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. Camp information and registration forms are available on the church website ([www.bsumc.info/childrens-ministry](http://www.bsumc.info/childrens-ministry)). Contact Stephanie Horowitz with questions ([stephanie.horowitz@bsumc.com](mailto:stephanie.horowitz@bsumc.com); 864-371-6104).

The **Open Doors tours of historic downtown Greenville churches** is on **Saturday, March 24**. The tour will begin at 9:00 AM at Christ Church Episcopal, where parking will be available. It will then proceed to First Presbyterian, where parking will be available in the lots between First Pres & BSUMC. At approximately 11:00 AM, the tour will move to the BSUMC Sanctuary. **We need greeters to welcome guests to BSUMC.** Contact Archives Committee Chairperson Bill Adkins (864-979-0640; [wwadkins@charter.net](mailto:wwadkins@charter.net)).

Leisure Ministry and the Music and Arts Ministry will offer a trip to the **Living Gallery at Bob Jones University**. Bus transportation 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. Sign up online, or contact Tom Buchanan (864-373-6461) or Rosemary Hughes (864-371-6092) to reserve your seat.

A **Family Picnic for Youth families** will be held at Legacy Park on **April 29** from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. This event brings the current families of the youth together with the recently graduated confirmands and their families. B-Street Youth will provide barbecue, paper goods, and utensils. We ask that everyone bring a two-liter or gallon beverage and either a side, salad, or dessert to share. Please use the Sign-Up Genius to let the planners know what you will bring (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054eacab2ca5f85-family>).



Please join the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in welcoming **Mr. Andy Fox** who will fill the **Director of Youth Ministries** position. Andy, his wife Heidi, and their two girls, Lucy (9) and Rosie (7), will be moving to Greenville from New Orleans. Andy's official start date is June 1. Andy has 21 years of youth ministry experience, a degree in youth ministry, and has worked in large churches in Louisiana (both UM and PCUSA), and was Director of the Center for Student Missions in the San Francisco Bay area. Contact Rev. Roy Mitchell for additional information (864-371-6096; [roy.mitchell@bsumc.com](mailto:roy.mitchell@bsumc.com)).

# 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 Consolator setting, Carlson

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

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN The God of Abraham Praise UMH 116

*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

**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Pew Bible, OT p. 13

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 And Are We Yet Alive UMH 553

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY Sarabande en Rondeau Bach

\*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

Devotion

setting, John Ness Beck

*I am thine, O Lord -- I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.  
Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in thine.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;  
draw me nearer, nearer to thy precious, bleeding side.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

Pew Bible, NT p. 44

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Where Is Your Head?”

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.**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

UMH 424

*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

Postlude on “Foundation”

setting, Hamlin



**8:45AM & 11:00AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICES**

*All are welcomed for worship in Sisk Hall*

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**Rev. Kristin Dollar**

Mark 8:31-38

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**JOURNEY**

*TO THE CROSS*

