



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





EASTER

an inclusive community of faith

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Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest Baptist Church is an inclusive community of faith, which means we welcome, affirm, and include all God's people in their diversity of genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church this morning exactly as you are.

If you need a hearing assistance device, they are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera if in attendance.



← You can scan with your phone's camera to give online!



Order of Worship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Brethren, We Have Met to Worship arr. John Ferguson

Welcome to Worship Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship & Invocation Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn It Is Well arr. Teri Edwards

We invite you to participate by listening, clapping, or meditating on the text.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Offertory Prayer

Anthony Warren

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

We affirm each prayer with the following response:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

We conclude the Prayers of the People with 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Rev. Spears-Newsome

We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Allison Krauss

As I went down in the river to pray

Studying about that good ol' way

And who shall wear the starry crown

Good Lord, show me the way

O sisters, let's go down

Let's go down, come on down

O sisters, let's go down

Down in the river to pray

O brothers, let's go down ...

O mothers, let's go down ...

O fathers, let's go down ...

O sinners, let's go down ...

Sermon

Can Anyone Withhold the Water?

Rev. Lauren Efrid

Hymn

Come Thou Fount

Benediction

Rev. Efrid

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

arr Wilbur Held

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Come Thou Fount

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise:
 and I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home:
 Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to Thee:

teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.



Pray

Prayer List*

The Aeppli Family <i>(at the death of Emma Aeppli)</i>	Janet Merriman <i>(Roz Slawson's friend)</i>
Jim Allen	Sylvia Morgan
Nell Allen	Alice Price
Peter Barboriak <i>(Valerie Brooks' friend)</i>	Holden Warren
Gilles Bikindou	Marta Whitehouse <i>(Al Whitehouse's mother)</i>
Bill Bishop	Alison Zieglmeier
James Mark Frazier <i>(Sue Hughes' brother)</i>	Our partner church, Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

**To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.*

Prayer for this Week

Consider these beautiful words about God's welcome, inclusion, and persistent love, which were the winner of the Scripture Madness tournament this year:

"I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39 (NRSV)



Act



**4TH ANNUAL
BE A HERO
BLOOD DRIVE
JUNE 4**

Blood Drive on June 4: Two Ways You Can Help

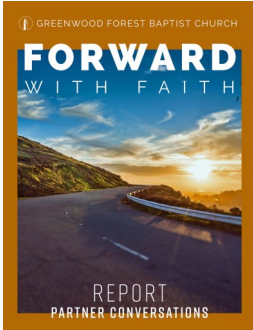
Our annual "Be a Hero" Blood Drive is one month away and we need your help! On June 4, you can help in a two different ways:

- You can make an appointment to give blood at redcrossblood.org and search using the keyword "greenwood."
- You can volunteer to help check people in between 1 and 5:30 pm on June 4.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to save a life!



Connect



Report on Partner Conversations Available

The second report on property repurposing has been released at gfbccary.org/repurposing. There are limited copies available in the narthex. We gathered to discuss the report in a Town Hall on April 26, but you can still email your thoughts on the report to the discernment committee.



Ministry Monday
(May 17 on Zoom)

- Team A @ 6:30pm
- Team B @ 7:45pm
- Team A: Children, Congregational Care, Finance, Missions, Outreach, Worship, Fellowship
- Team B: Discipleship, Personnel, Properties, Youth



Give

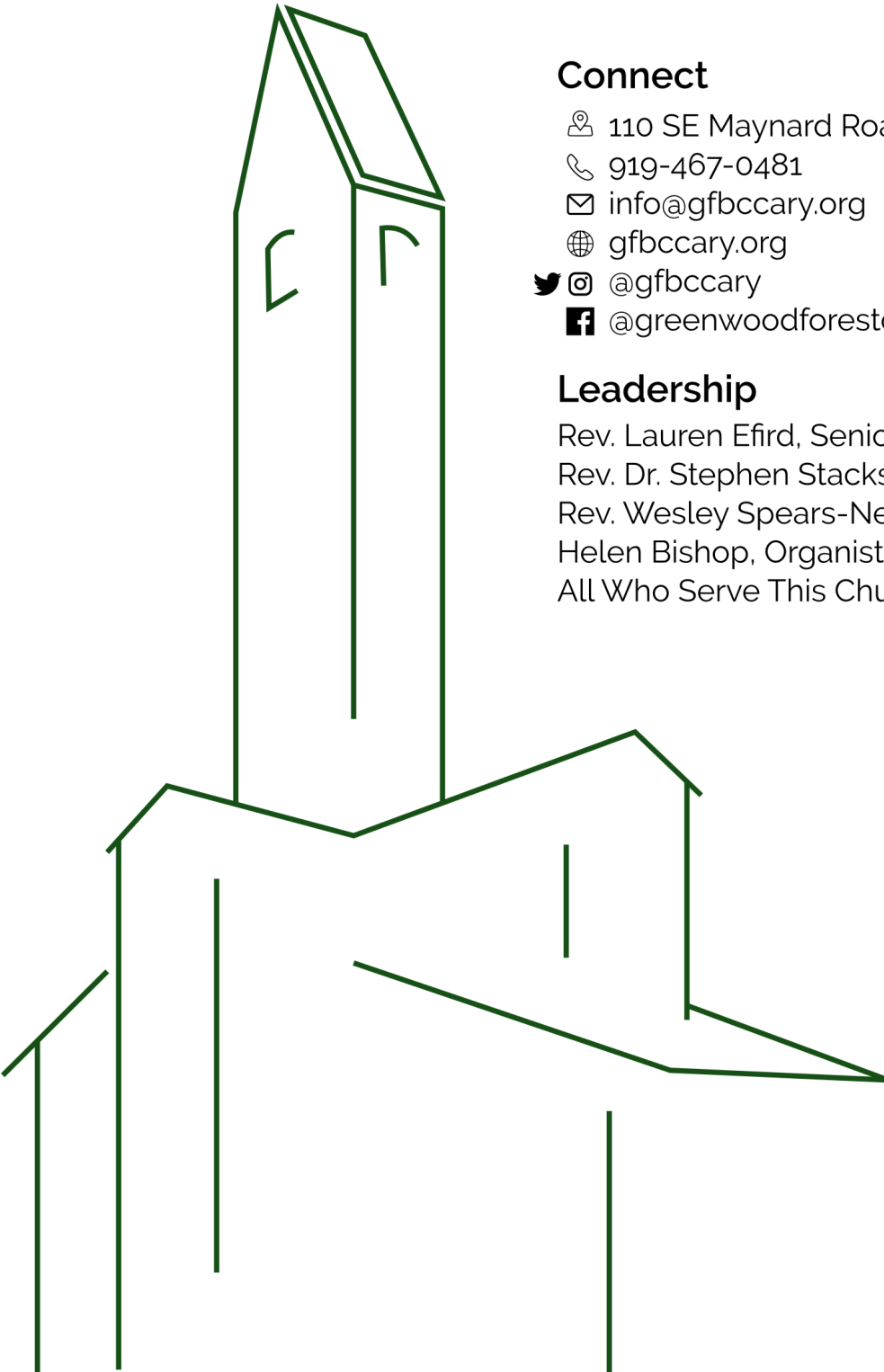
March 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous month's books have closed.

	Mar. 2021	Year-to-Date
Congregational Giving	\$51,302	\$384,558
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$420,068
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$2,322)	(\$35,510)
Other Receipts	\$1,686	\$14,326
Total Giving and Receipts	\$52,988	\$398,884
Total Disbursements	\$62,817	\$425,651
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$9,829)	(\$26,767)
Together We Build Giving	\$12,668	\$92,995


Ways to Tithe

1. Set up an automatic payment through your bank using the "Bill Pay" function. This results in your bank mailing a check to the church weekly or monthly.
2. Give online through the church website. Simply go to gfbccary.org/give to access the online giving module.
3. Set up an automated bank draft by filling out the form requested from the church office, attaching a voided check, and mailing it back to the church office.



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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
