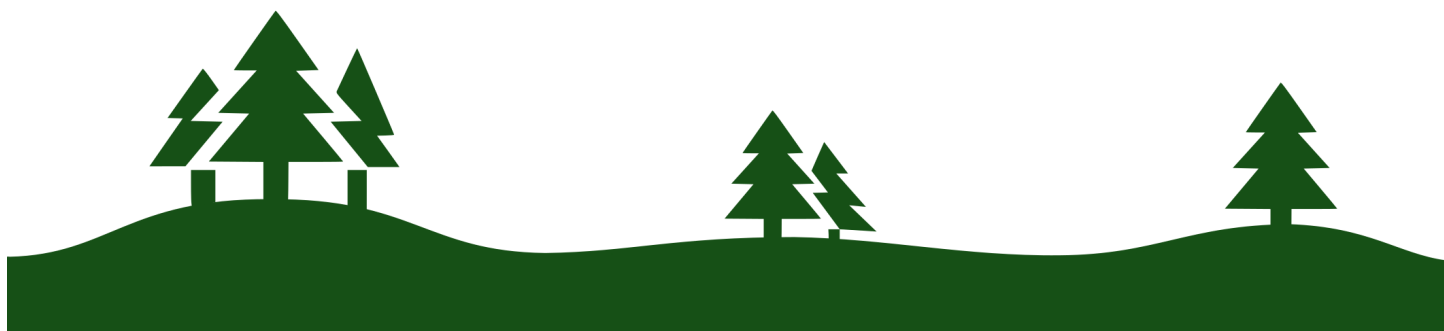




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an inclusive community of faith

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.



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Order of Worship

Third Sunday After Pentecost | Graduation Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Oh, How Blest Are You

arr. Healey Willan

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Presentation of the Ritter Scholarship

Katie Lockhart

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 92)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

People: To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Leader: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

People: And your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp,

People: To the melody of the lyre.

Leader: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

People: At the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree,

People: And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Leader: They are planted in the house of the Lord;

People: They flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: In old age they still produce fruit;

People: They are always green and full of sap,

Leader: Showing that you are upright;

People: You are my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in you

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(see page 4)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell-ing, joy of heaven to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all Thy grace re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
let us see Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee:

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Offertory Prayer

Chris Beal

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

Transcendent God, we bless your name,
Incarnate Christ, the risen one,
The Spirit with us, Immanent,
The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Brynn Oliver

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

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Rev. Efrid

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

Called Me Higher

All Sons and Daughters

I could just sit
I could just sit
and wait for all your goodness, hope to feel your presence
and I could just stay
I could just stay right where I am
and hope to feel you, hope to feel something again

And I could hold on
I could hold on to who I am
and never let you change me from the inside
and I could be safe
I could be safe here in your arms
and never leave home, never let these walls down

But you have called me higher
You have called me deeper
and I will go where you will lead me, Lord
You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
and I will go where you lead me, Lord
Where you lead me
Where you lead me, Lord
and I will be yours
I will be yours for all my life
So let your mercy light the path before me

Testimony

Hannah Meador
Ellie Beal

Charge to Graduates

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Hymn

This is a Day of New Beginnings

(see page 7)

Presentation of Gifts

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Benediction

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Postlude

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

arr. James Biery

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This is a Day of New Beginnings

Unison

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings, Time to re -
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, Step from the
 4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us To show and
 5. In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble To taste and

mem - ber and move on, Time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, Can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind Our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -

bring - ing, Lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - f'rence, As faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, Seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings; Our God is mak - ing all things new.
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Congratulations Graduates!



We are excited to congratulate our 2021 graduates from all manner of academic programs this year. We're eager to see what you do next!

Ellie Beal	High School Diploma	Athens Drive High School
Hannah Meador	High School Diploma	Apex Friendship High School
Bamise Ogundipe	Bachelor's in Business Administration	Villanova University
Brynn Oliver	High School Diploma	Cary Academy
Luke Rankin	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	UNC—Wilmington
Ava Ritter	Master of Science in Analytics	NC State University
Elizabeth Stacks	Master of Public Health	UNC—Chapel Hill
Virginia Winstead	Master of Science in Communication Science and Disorders	NC Central University
Justin Whaley	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: International Business	Elon University



Neighborhood Summer Program

food, friends, and fun!

Last year, we had to cancel the Neighborhood Summer Program because of the widespread transmission of covid-19 and the lack of a vaccine to protect against it. This year, we (along with the Kirk of Kildaire, Cary Presbyterian, Christ the King Lutheran Church, and Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, and others) are hosting the program which provides care, nourishment, and enrichment for kids during the summer. There will be numerous health and safety precautions in place, including (but not limited to):

- Masks will be required whenever indoors
- All vaccine-eligible participants (ages 12+) must be vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination
- Pre-registration will be required for participants and there is a hard cap on the number of participants
- All days of the program will take place at the Kirk of Kildaire rather than rotating between churches to avoid close-quarters transportation needs

We need your help to make this vital mission of our church and our partners happen this year! We need both **kitchen volunteers** and volunteers to **spend time with kids**. Youth volunteers welcome. Pastors from multiple congregations will be on site to assist and lead volunteers.

We are helping on these dates from 9am-1pm:

June 24 July 1 July 8 July 15 July 22 July 29 Aug. 5 Aug. 12

If you can volunteer for one or more of those dates, email Rev. Spears-Newsome at wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org! We can't make this happen without your help!

PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

► Prayer List*

Jim Allen
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Don Beal
Gilles Bikindou
Joyner Brooks
Bob and Alice Curti (Susan Beck's parents)
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
The Family of Annette King
Angela McGee
Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
Sylvia Morgan
Alice Price
Fred Seeger
Randy Soyars (Mark Soyars' father)
Marvel Wahrman
Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)
Jim Wigginton (Elizabeth Biser's uncle)
Alison Zieglmeier
Our partner church,
Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

► Prayer for the Week

Gracious God,
Remind us of those truths that last eternally:
That it is better to give than to receive,
That friendships last longer than facts,
That to be greatest we must be servants,
That the questions often tell us more than the answers,
That to be of the kingdom we must be like children,
That in saving our lives, we must lose them.
Amen.

Rev. Dr. Jim Barnette, from "A Baccalaureate Prayer"

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

► Ways to Tithe

- Set up an automated bank draft by filling out a form requested from the church office, attaching a voided check, and mailing it back to the church office.
- Set up auto pay through you bank using the "Bill Pay" function. Then, your bank will mail a check to the church weekly or monthly.
- Give online through the church website at gfbccary.org/give.

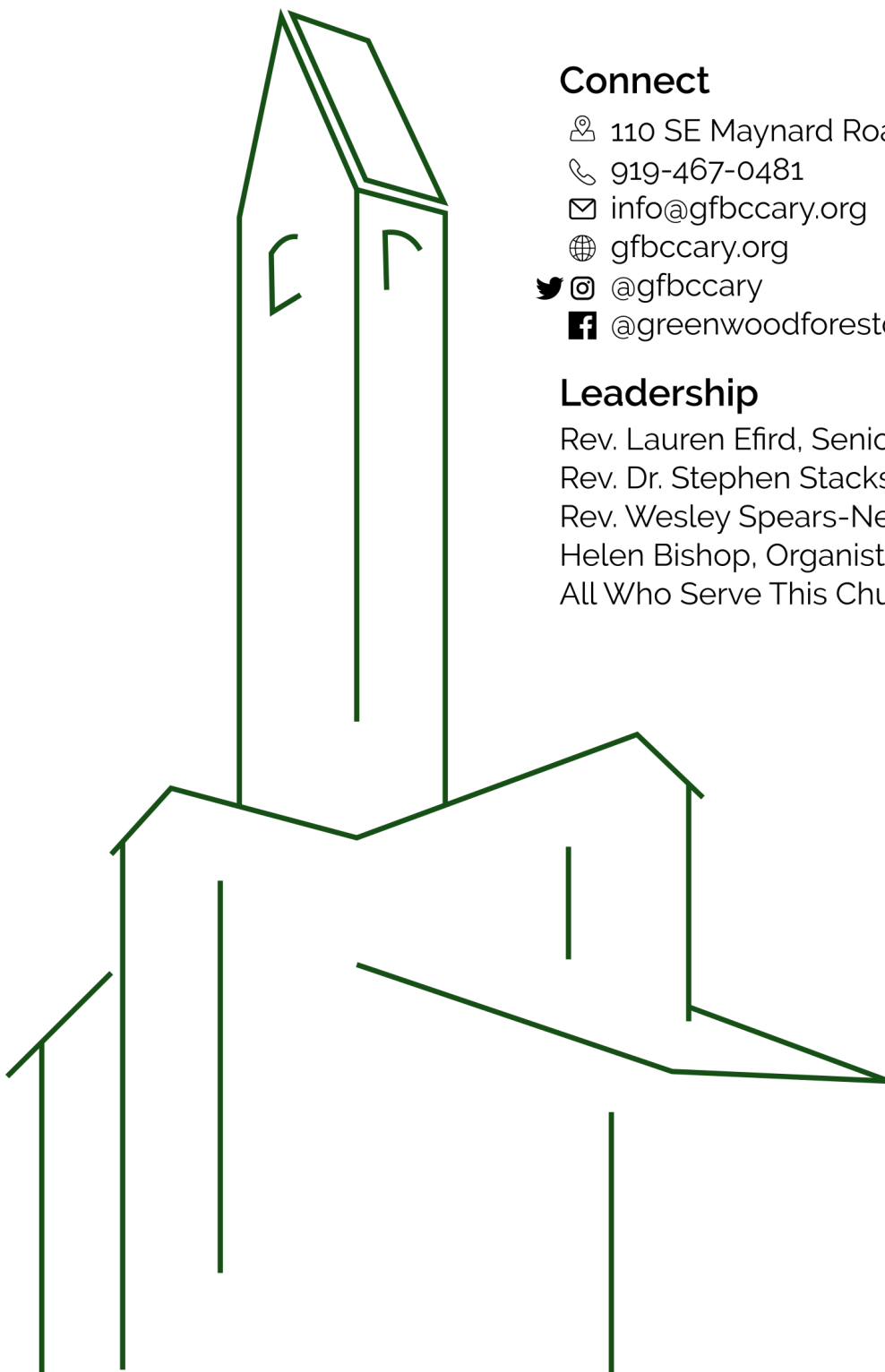
► April 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous month's books have closed.

	Apr. 2021	YTD
Congregational	\$57,574	\$442,132
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$473,692
Congregational Giving Under/Over	\$3,950	(\$31,560)
Other Receipts	\$1,730	\$16,076
Total Giving and	\$59,304	\$458,208
Total Disbursements	\$65,675	\$491,327
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$6,371)	(\$33,119)
Together We Build	\$5,658	\$98,653



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Rev. Lauren Efird, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church