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## Baptist Church





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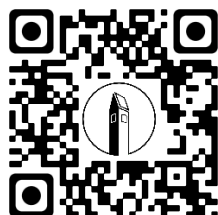
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# an inclusive community of faith

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.

*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.*



# Order of Worship

Deacon Ordination Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Bock

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Efird

Call to Worship (Psalm 139)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

Leader: You discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue,

People: O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before,

People: And lay your hand upon me.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

People: It is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

People: You knit me together in my mother's womb.

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

People: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret,

People: Intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Leader: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

People: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me.

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

People: How vast is the sum of them!

Leader: I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

People: I come to the end—I am still with you.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Gathering Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

*(see page 5-6)*

Offertory Prayer

Leta Huntsinger

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

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

*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 6:1-6

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

*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.

I heard him once, the risen Christ,  
 and as he did so long ago,  
 to those who walked beside the sea,  
 he turned and said, "Come follow me."

And as he did so long ago,  
 to one who sat beside a pool,  
 he turned and said,  
 "Is healing what you want?"

"But who am I?" I whispered back,  
 And as he did so long ago,  
 to those who sat upon a hill,  
 he turned and said, "You are the light."

And then, confronted by the One who  
 knew my name,  
 and sensed my aimlessness,  
 I drew a fitful breath,  
 "Yes, Lord, make me whole,  
 and I will come and follow you."

I froze, unable to respond,

Deacon Testimonies

Chris Cook, Andy Jarrell, Katie Lockhart

Deacon Ordination

Laying on of Hands

Deacon Installation

Commissioning of the New Deacon Board

Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

*(see page 7)*

Benediction

Rev. Efird

Postlude

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice

arr. Phillips

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*Teri Edwards is our pianist this week.*

# Here I Am, Lord

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,  
 they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My  
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My  
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
word to them. Whom shall I send?  
life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Parts (optional)*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You call - ing in the night. (in the night.)

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

# Spirit of the Living God

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The musical score is written for a two-part setting in 4/4 time, featuring a soprano and bass line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The score is divided into three systems, each with a soprano and bass staff. The first system ends with a repeat sign. The second system ends with a repeat sign. The third system ends with a final double bar line.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,

fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.





## Covenant of Deacons

*Be shepherds of God's flock under your care,  
looking after them not because you must  
but of your own accord, as God desires.*

1 Peter 5:2

We believe that we are called by God to contribute our time and talents in servant leadership to the body of believers of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church. Through the divine grace and mercy found in Christ Jesus, we solemnly covenant with each other:

- to work in community with one another
- to pray for each other and for the ministry of our church
- to offer gratitude and appreciation to God and to each other
- to lighten each other's burdens
- to honor the confidentiality of individuals and the group alike
- to respect alternate views and ideas
- to share our opinions with a Christ-like love
- to act in ways that exhibit our sincere trust in one another
- to listen with a curious heart and an open mind
- to make our participation a priority in our busy lives
- to strive as one to support and fulfill the mission of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

We the Deacons of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church affirm and support this Covenant with one another and with God.

(Covenant Adopted October 2006)



### ► The Wonder Room Now Open!

*Last week, we opened The Wonder Room, our new space for children (K-5) during Faith Formation. Below is an interview with Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, who designed the space:*

#### **Q. What led to the development of The Wonder Room?**

**Wes:** For a long time, we've wanted to fashion an experience for children on Sunday morning that was both engaging for the kids and sustainable for adults. The Wonder Room is a kid-driven, exploration-focused room that can accommodate all kinds of learning and adult engagement. Kids with different learning styles and abilities will all find something for them in The Wonder Room and adults don't need to plan a lesson every week. The room and its stations teach on their own in some exciting ways!

#### **Q: Why is it called The Wonder Room?**

**Wes:** At my ordination, we did a similar thing that Greenwood Forest does at our deacon and clergy ordinations where

you get individual messages from those in attendance. One of my professors in children, youth, and faith formation told me at my ordination the saying that's on the materials for The Wonder Room: "wisdom begins in wonder." I believe the wonder that exploration and play give to kids is essential for their development and their maturity. It's through wonder that we uncover many of the most important truths in life. That discovery is part of what church is for, especially in The Wonder Room.

#### **Q: How did the first week go?**

**Wes:** It was so much fun! Our youth joined a few adults in showing the kids around the room. We rotated between the four sections (Play, Reading, Crafts, and Church) and the kids never wanted to leave the section they were in! It's almost as if we needed to remind them, "You'll be here every week, don't do everything today!"

#### **Q: Can adults enjoy The Wonder Room, too?**

**Wes:** They certainly can! We tried to design The Wonder Room to accommodate a spectrum of ages and abilities of adult volunteers. There's seating throughout the room and no requirement to be on your knees with the kids. All you need is a heart open to our children and a spirit open to wonder about God.

*Feel free to stop by The Wonder Room and explore a bit for yourself on your way out after worship today!*

## PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

### ► Prayer List\*

Jim Allen  
 Nell Allen  
 Peter Barboriak (*Valerie Brooks' friend*)  
 Gilles Bikindou  
 James Mark Frazier (*Sue Hughes' brother*)  
 Dennis Gilpin (*Elaine Dodson's friend*)  
 Mac Graham  
 Janet Merriman (*Roz Slawson's friend*)  
 John Miller  
 Sylvia Morgan  
 Zelma Palmer  
 Betty Patterson (*Doris Martin's sister*)  
 Ken Scott (*at the death of his brother, Dan Scott*)  
 Fred Seeger  
 Elaine Whisnant  
 Marta Whitehouse (*Al Whitehouse's mother*)  
 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.*



Save the Date: 9/27

# Ministry Monday



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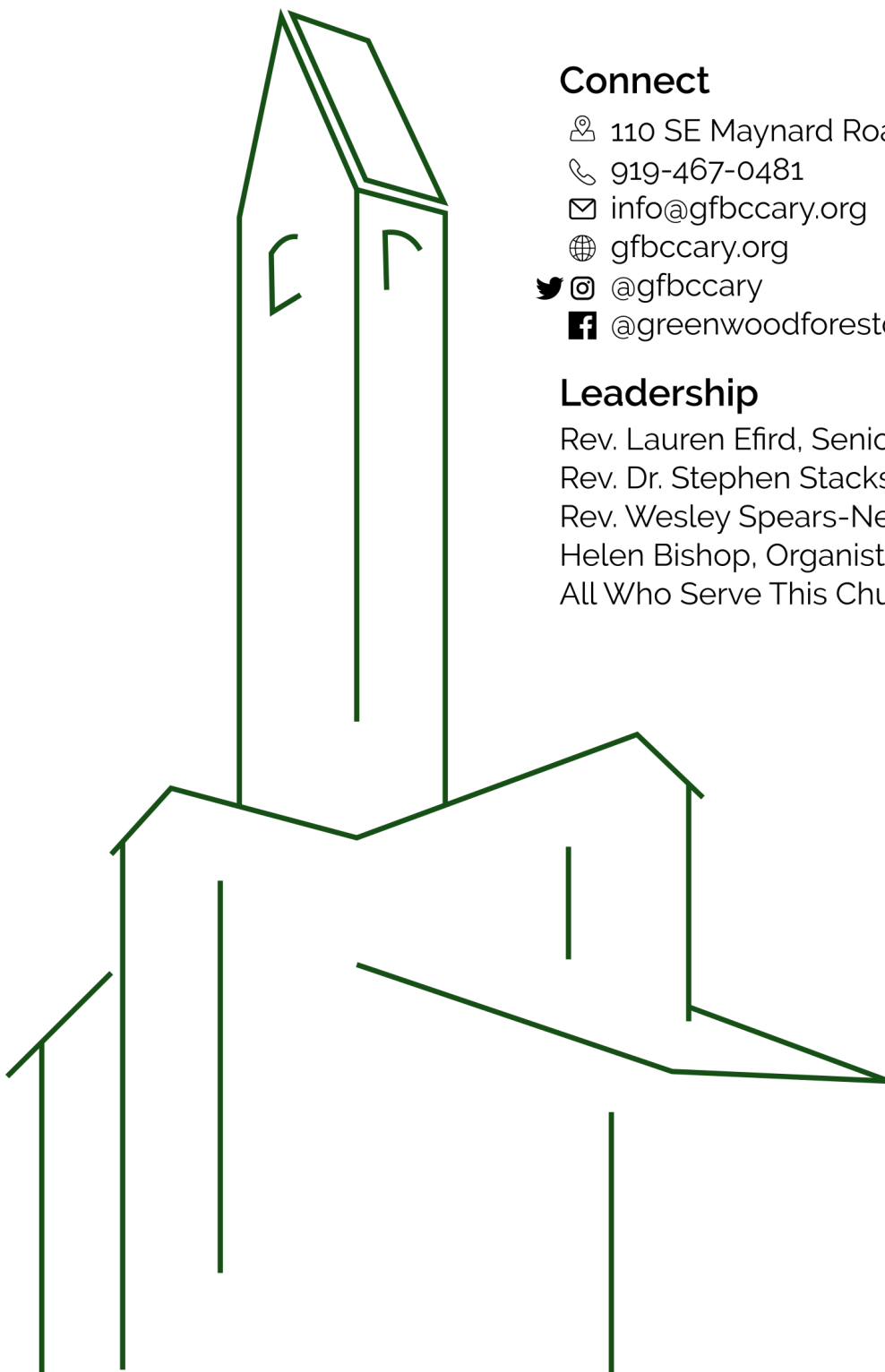
### ► Ways to Tithe

- 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](http://gfbccary.org/give).

### ► Aug. '21 (Preliminary) Finance Update

*Updated when the previous month's books have closed.*

	Aug. 2021	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$46,097	\$644,738
Congregational Giving Target	\$67,030	\$715,000
Congregational Giving	(\$20,933)	(\$70,262)
Other Receipts	\$47,178	\$150,702
Total Giving and Receipts	\$93,275	\$795,440
Total Disbursements	\$86,237	\$773,992
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$7,038	\$21,448
Together We Build Giving	\$29,463	\$148,314



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## Leadership

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