



*THERE IS A CRACK IN
EVERYTHING THAT GOD
HAS MADE.*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

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Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church

**an inclusive
community
of faith**

Welcome

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 exactly as you are.

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REMINDERS

- Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers. There is also a glider in the back of the sanctuary if you need to rock your little ones.
- Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary along with a transcript of the sermon.
- Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.
- Gender-neutral, single-occupant bathrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary in the Narthex.



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WELCOME BACK, REV. EFIRD!

We are excited to welcome back our Senior Pastor, Rev. Lauren Efird, from her sabbatical this summer! Take some time to welcome her back this week. Thank you to all our guest preachers from the congregation who helped fill the pulpit this summer and Revs. Spears-Newsome and Stacks for taking on Rev. Efird's duties while she was away.

Charity Golf Tournament

You can register for our annual charity golf tournament (September 12) at gfbccary.org/golf. Sign up your team and come join us!

Please register and pay by September 5. Proceeds benefit the GFBC Organ Fund this year.

If you cannot play, but would like to become a sponsor for the event, please contact Rev. Stacks at stephen.stacks@gfbccary.org!



Deacon Ordination

On September 11, we will welcome our new Deacon Board and thank the outgoing deacons for their service to the church. We will ordain Carol Carter as a first time deacon in worship and the whole deacon board will go on an afternoon retreat following worship. Please be in prayer for our new church leaders!

Ministry Monday

Save the Date!

Our regular meetings of church committees will resume for the fall on September 26 in the evening. If you're on a committee that's meeting, you'll receive an email from your committee chair. We can't wait to begin the work of this new year!

Community Notes Prayer Requests and Giving



PRAY

Please keep in prayer these members of our community and their friends and family. To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Gilles Bikindou
Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
Elaine Dodson
Vanna Fox
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Sharon Guenther
Karen Peter (Virgil and Gail Jones' friend)
Harold Ritter
Fred Seeger
Greg Upchurch
Nancy Watson
Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)

Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist in Cuba



GIVING

All of the ministries of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church are supported by members of our community like you. Thank you! Supporting us is easy. You can:

- Give online at gfbccary.org/give
- Place your gift in the offering plate before or after worship.
- Set up an automated bank draft through the church office.
- Set up a recurring gift through your bank's "bill pay" function.

A monthly finance update is available in the weekly church email. If you're not receiving our weekly email and would like to, please contact the church office.

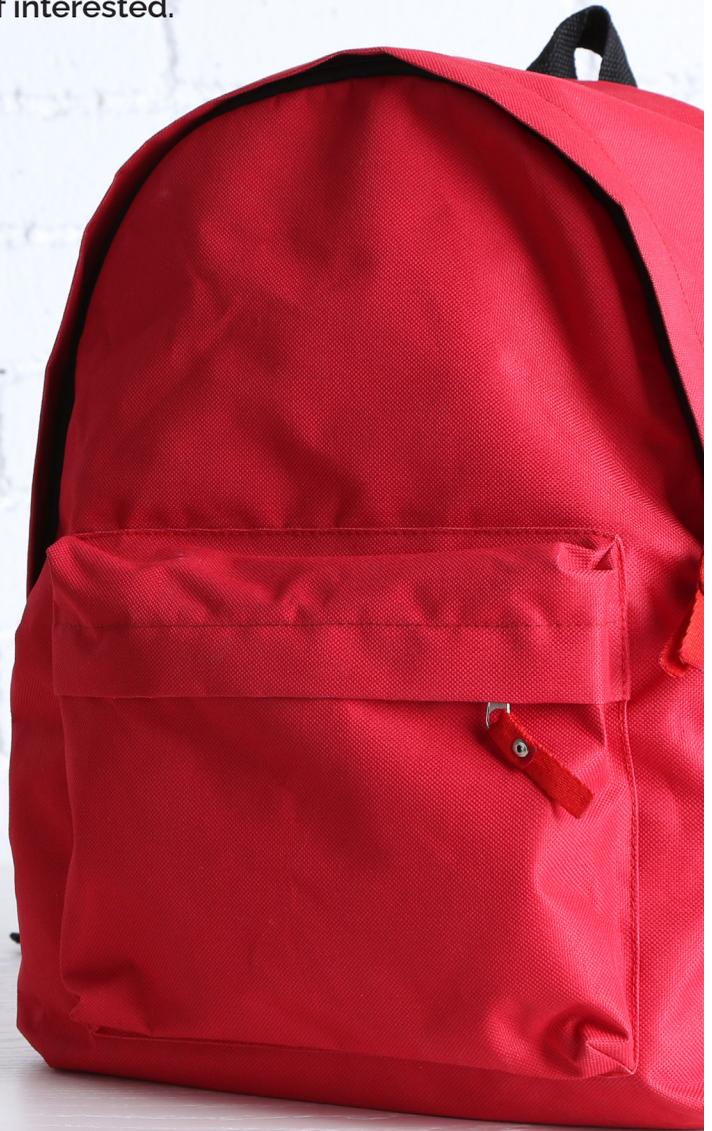
Monthly Ministry Highlight:

Backpack Buddies

One of the children who receives food from us each week told his teacher that Friday is his favorite day because he gets his pack for the weekend. During this long period of hardship, you have made a difference in over 100 kids' lives each week. Consider becoming a Backpack Buddies recurring donor at gfbccary.org/give and selecting Backpack Buddies from the dropdown list. If you can help sustain this program with a \$5, \$10, or \$25 a month gift, we can keep helping this child's favorite day of the week happen.

What can you do for our neighborhood kids?

- Join a GFBC Backpack Buddies packing group on the first Tuesday of each month at 11am (masks required). Contact Judy Vaccaro at judyvaccaro@gmail.com if interested.
- Becoming a sustaining donor for Backpack Buddies by setting up a recurring donation at gfbccary.org/give, selecting Backpack Buddies in the funds list.
- Pray for our kids and their teachers as they go back to school this year.
- Fund classroom supplies for our neighborhood schools. Ask your nearest school if they have teachers with wishlists with supplies they still need.
- Start getting informed about the local school board race for our area schools (District 9). Candidates for our seat include Tyler Swanson and Michele Morrow. The election is in November.



Order of Worship 12th Sunday after Pentecost

✝ This icon indicates an invitation to stand or express reverence however you see fit.

📖 This icon indicates a worship aid is available in the righthand column.

🎵 Hymns and song lyrics are available in the songbook following the Order of Worship.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude | *As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus* | arr. Hayes

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship | Rev. Efird

Leader: It is a blessing to be back in worship with the people of God here at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church.

People: We thank God for you and welcome you back!

Leader: I return with a body that is rested and refreshed.

People: We welcome you back with open arms!

Leader: I return with vision that is sharpened and focused.

People: We welcome you back with open minds!

Leader: I return with a spirit that is full and ready for God's good future.

People: We welcome you back with open hearts!

Leader: May God move among us like never before.

People: Hallelujah!

Today's color is **green**, symbolizing the creation and growth that takes place in the season after Pentecost.

The Passing of the Peace

The passing of the peace is a symbolic enactment of the reconciling love and mercy of God in our midst. We express it through a peace sign, a handshake, a wave, or many other expressions of peace. Be mindful and considerate of others' desire for physical space or distance.

Prayer in Worship

We use many kinds of prayers in worship. The Call to Worship is a communal prayer using call and response. The Invocation is a single individual inviting (or invoking) God into our worship this morning. The Prayers of the People uses intercessory prayer to ask God to come to the world's aid. The benediction is a blessing offered over those gathered in worship.

Invocation | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

† **Gathering Hymn** | *Come Away from Rush & Hurry (pg. 7)*

Offertory Prayer | *Chris Beal*

† **Doxology** | *Tune: 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.

The Prayers of the People | *Rev. Spears-Newsome* 📖

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

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.

† **Hymn** | *As the Deer (pg. 8)*

Scripture Reading | *Jeremiah 2:4-13* | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

The word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem | *I Will Arise (pg. 10)*

Sermon | *There's a Crack in Everything* | *Rev. Efird*

† **Hymn** | *Come Thou Fount (pg. 9)* 📖

Backpack Blessing | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

Benediction | *Rev. Efird*

Postlude | *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* | *arr. Warford, Jr.*

The Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People are when we ask God for help in our world. The prayer typically has five parts: a confession, prayers for the earth, prayers for the world, prayers for the church, and prayers for those with needs in our own community.

You can find the list of people in need of prayer in the "Prayer" section of the bulletin.

Final Hymn: An Invitation

During the final hymn, if you'd like to join our community at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, we invite you to come forward to the altar. When you come forward, you'll be greeted by a minister and a deacon who will then introduce you to the congregation after the hymn. Welcome!



The flowers are given today by the Beal Family in memory of Don Beal.

Songbook

Come Away from Rush & Hurry

Unison

1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's
2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our
3. Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens — life's con - fu - sions, fears, and

peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re -
soul. From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made
pain. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead His king - dom's

lease. Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied
whole. At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly
reign. Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them — He a - lone will sat - is -

pace; come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's grace.
fed. With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.
fy. All our long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

As the Deer

1. As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter
2. You're my friend, You are my broth-er, e-ven though You are a
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly You can sat-is-

Thee. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I
King. I love you more than an-y oth-er, so much
fy. You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er, and the

long to wor-ship Thee.
more than an-y-thing. You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to
ap-ple of my eye.

You a-lone may my spir-it yield.

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship Thee.

Come Thou Fount

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

sing Thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I'm come; and I hope by Thy good plea - sure
strained to be! Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise.
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. I am bound for the king - dom, will you
bind my wan - dering heart to Thee.

go to glo - ry with me? Hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord.

Anthem I Will Arise

Shaw/Parker

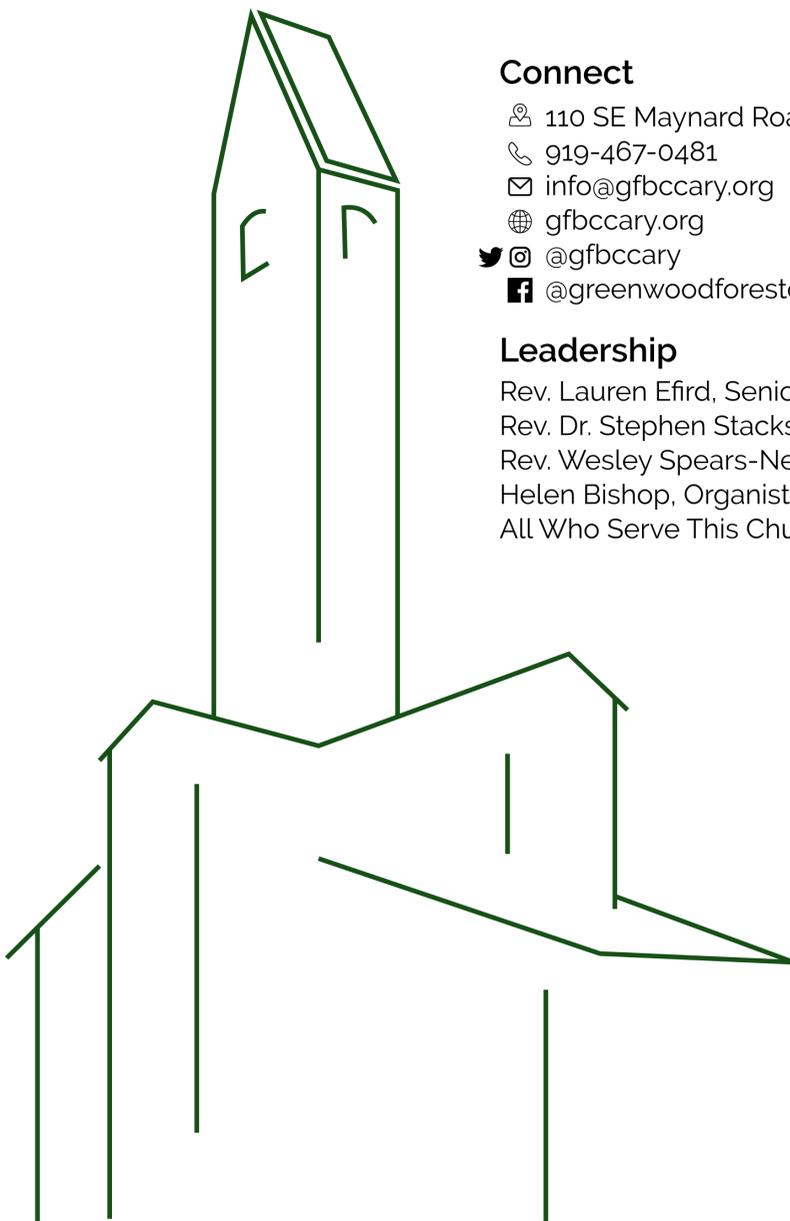
I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms!

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love!

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise!

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms!

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All Who Serve This Church
