

## WORSHIP

Sunday,  
April 28, 2019

10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Second Sunday of Easter

Baptism

**Proclaimer:** Jim Dant

**Scripture:** John 20:19-31

**Sermon:** Behind Locked Doors

**Service Choirs:** Archangel, Treble and  
Sanctuary Choirs

**Anthems:** "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen"  
– arr. TAYLOR; "Laudate Dominum"  
– MOZART

**Soloist:** Amy Joye

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mary and John Ellison by their daughters – Judi Rushton, Peggy Good and Jane Milford – and their spouses, children and grandchildren. If you would like to enhance our worship space by placing flowers for one of our services, please contact Kimberly Coates at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 128.



### Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Whether we/I like it or not, I am often the public face of First Baptist Greenville. At times, this makes me the target of anger, hate and the judgment of self-appointed modern-day Pharisees. At other times, however, I find myself receiving accolades rightfully belonging to you – the congregation as a whole – such as...

On Thursday, April 4, I was inducted into the College of Preachers at Morehouse College's Martin Luther King Chapel. Inductees are selected for having made significant contributions in the arena of civil rights. When notified of my nomination and selection, I told the Dean of Chapel, this truly belongs to First Baptist Greenville and not just me.

Monday afternoon, April 29, I will attend the world premiere of *Gay Chorus, Deep South* as a VIP guest at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York. In the coming months, this documentary is being featured at 17 film festivals on multiple continents. The film documents the

San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus Lavender Pen Tour of the South. The final ten minutes of the film – the cinematic climax – is the chorus's visit to First Baptist Greenville. I'm honored to be included in this world premiere and have the opportunity to represent our church. You will want to see this film. The southern premiere will be at 5:00pm, Sunday, June 9, at the Peace Center! Tickets are on sale now at [www.peacecenter.org](http://www.peacecenter.org). I encourage every member of FBG to purchase a ticket and attend. This film celebrates our church. I will be happy to be your face in New York and happy to see your face at the Peace Center.

Finally, three weeks ago I 'slipped into' a meeting (away from our church at another venue) where hygiene packets were being assembled for homeless persons. It was part of my 'anonymous social service' during Lent. I was standing at the table in sweat pants, a hoodie and my running shoes. Four strangers were at the table on my packing team. Finally, one of my cohorts leaned over and said, "I know you think you're incognito, but we all know who you are. Thank you for what your church is doing for Greenville." I smiled and received one more word of praise on your behalf. It's an honor being 'that church' with you.

— Jim

## Reminders

MidWeek Fellowship  
*Children's Choirs and Missions Showcase*  
May 1, 6:15pm  
Fellowship Hall

Make Reservations for  
Wednesday Night Supper  
*Enjoy Family Time*  
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/>

# Middle School Missions



Twenty-nine youth, eight adults, four work sites, and one fantastic weekend! The youth family recently traveled to Asheville, NC, for our annual Middle School Missions Blitz. We served at a variety of places including a children’s home, a community garden, a rescue mission, and a campus ministry house. At the children’s home, we cleared a creekside for an upcoming beautification project. At the community garden, we planted beautiful plants and learned what it takes to make them grow. At the rescue mission, we served lunch to a vast variety of people whose stories often go unheard. At the campus ministry house, we weeded and mulched flower beds in order to provide a more welcoming place for college students who are seeking a refuge from the chaos of school.

The weekend was extraordinary. I watched as our church’s youngest youth grew by leaps and bounds as they were presented with a variety of challenges. For some, this was their first mission trip, and there was a significant learning curve as they experienced what it means to live out their faith in the service of others. We concluded our weekend by attending worship at First Baptist Asheville, the church I attended when I was the age of our youth, and were treated to a beautiful Youth Sunday service. Mack Dennis, First Asheville’s pastor, presented a challenge to any youth present upon the conclusion of the service: “You might have felt a spark this morning. Know that every minister here once felt that same spark.” I do not know the futures of any of our youth, but I like to think that several of them felt some sort of spark after our incredible weekend.



— Will

## Summer with our FBG Youth Family

Our Youth Family summer calendar provides weekly Bible studies, mission opportunities, lunch clubs and retreats! Check out our youth page [www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/youth](http://www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/youth) to learn more!

— Sarah

### FBG YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

We never want money to be the reason a youth cannot attend a retreat or participate in an event. We are grateful for the distributions of our Foundation and our church members who have graciously contributed to our Youth Scholarship Account. Funds from this account are used to help supplement trip costs for those youth who might need assistance. For further information about receiving financial assistance or contributing to our Youth Scholarship Account, please contact Mary Carol Anderson.

### UNIVERSITY YOUTH CAMP

Maryville, TN | Maryville College  
Monday, July 22 – Saturday, July 27

Who: Youth finishing grades 6-12 from over 20 CBF/Alliance congregations

University Cost: \$300/youth

Register Online: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/university2019/>

Registration Deadline: Registration after June 2: \$325/youth

### MERGE RETREAT

Cleveland, SC | Asbury Hills Camp and Retreat Center  
Monday, August 12 – Tuesday, August 13

Who: FBG youth beginning grades 6 and 12

Retreat Cost: \$50/youth

Register Online: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/merge2019/>

Registration Deadline: Sunday, July 7

### ROCKMONT

Black Mountain, NC | Rockmont Camp  
Saturday, August 31 – Monday, September 2

Who: FBG youth beginning grades 6-12

Rockmont Cost: \$100/youth

Register Online: Registration to Come!

Registration Deadline: Registration after August 4: \$125/youth

# Join Us for Lunch!



The college ministry of which I was a part at Appalachian State was the spark that ignited my call into vocational ministry. First Baptist Boone, in conjunction with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina, provided a place for any sojourning student to come and fellowship, learn and grow. It was my college minister who married Celine and me last October after we met while attending weekly Wednesday night Bible studies. It was my college Sunday school class that got me through the difficulties that came with growing up. It was where everyone chuckled when I declared that I was going to seminary instead of taking my dream job with a law enforcement agency – they had figured out that truth long ago. It was a place that I will always remember as my home while I made the leap into adulthood.

First Baptist Greenville is the perfect environment for a thriving college ministry. In fact, there is already a lot of collegiate programming being offered throughout the year: Pasta and Fellowship with Jim Dant, a Winter Retreat, summer Bible studies and lunches, and our Christmas Party. What more

can we do? It has come to our attention that there are many college students coming through our doors every week that are not able to connect with one another. We want to make that connection happen.

On Sunday, April 28, our College Committee will be hosting a free lunch for college students in the Fellowship Hall following worship. All college students are welcome, and we invite you to bring a friend. There is no programming attached. We simply want to meet you and connect you to the other college students active in our church. We hope you will join us!

– Will

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## A Weird Wednesday Night

It happens every once in a while. There's an odd day – a weird day – on the church calendar. This year, it's Wednesday evening, April 24. It's just sitting there...right in the middle of everything...but with no specified purpose. On the Wednesday evenings of January and February, we journeyed through the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous together. During March and early April, we spent Wednesday evenings hearing from our mission affiliates and missionaries. During Holy Week (April 17), we canceled MidWeek Fellowship. On Wednesday, May 1, our children will lead us in a service of music and mission education to end the academic year. Each of these Wednesdays were thematically significant, but there's this one Wednesday...April 24...that seems to have no purpose. It's a weird Wednesday.

MidWeek Fellowship on April 24 will be held in the Parlor. (Our children will be rehearsing in the Fellowship Hall.) I will be leading a very provocative and informative session about the future of the church – First Baptist and the Christian church at large. I am struggling between three titles: *Why It's Important to Be a Different Kind of Baptist...or...Stuff the Church is Going to Have to Deal with If She Wants to Keep Moving Forward...or...The Dichotomous Landscape of Modern Faith and Culture*. (I've been told no one will attend if I use the last title.)

Join us on Weird Wednesday, April 24, in the Parlor and hear this intriguing presentation about how our church plans to faithfully navigate a complex future.

– Jim

## For Your Calendar!

- 4/24 *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship:  
Jim Dant (Parlor)
- 4/25-28 Alliance of Baptists Annual  
Gathering (Calvary in  
Washington, DC)
- 4/25 5:00-10:00pm Fundraising  
Event for Puerto Rico at Jason's  
Deli (824 Woods Crossing Road)
- 4/26 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of  
SC General Assembly (FBC-Aiken)
- 4/28 9:15-11:30am Preschool VBS  
(A312)
- 10:30am Second Sunday of Easter  
Baptism  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 11:30am Free Lunch for College  
Students (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00-5:00pm Vocare Rehearsal  
(Choir Room)
- 5:00-7:00pm Final Sunday Night  
Live for Youth of the Season  
(AYMC)
- 5:00pm LGBTQ and Friends  
Support Group (Parlor)
- 5/1 Final *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
of the Season  
MidWeek Fellowship: Children's  
Choirs and Missions Showcase

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 4/20  
\$830,768  
Receipts of 4/15  
\$665,152

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

April 22-28  
Matt Rollins  
346-0971 (m)

April 29-May 5  
Frank Smith  
268-3890 (h)

If you are unable to reach this  
minister at the above number,  
please call the Church Office,  
864-233-2527, and leave a  
message by pressing the number  
"199" for "Pastoral Care  
Emergencies."

## Wednesday Supper

Required reservations for the meal must  
be made by noon on Monday by visiting  
the church website or calling the church  
office. Permanent reservations are  
available. Serving lines are open  
4:45-6:00pm.

### Menu April 24

**Adults:** Pulled Roast Beef au Jus,  
Corn Casserole, Seasoned Green Beans,  
Heirloom Tomato Salad, Rolls, Dessert  
**Kids:** Meatballs, Mac and Cheese,  
Fruit, Cookies

### May 1

**Adults:** Veggie Lasagna, Meat Lasagna,  
Gluten Free Pasta with Marinara, Salad,  
Italian Green Beans, French Bread, Dessert  
**Kids:** Mini Pizza, Buttered Noodles,  
Fruit, Cookies

### Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

- 3:00pm Youth Hang Time and Supper  
4:45-6:00pm Serving Lines Open  
5:30-7:00pm Children's Missions  
and Choirs  
6:00pm Youth Bible Study  
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship  
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal

## Care List as of 4/22/19

### Hospitals

**St. Francis – Downtown:** Maude Maddox,  
Dan Williamson

**Greer Memorial:** Bill Jett

### Rehab

**NHC-Greenville:** Joan Garrett

### Returned Home

Delores Bingham, Meg Causey, Infant  
William E. Brown Greer, Brooks Israel,  
Walter Lundy, infant Lena Dillon

### Sympathy to...

...Hannah Rigg and family in the death of  
her grandmother.

...the family of Betsy Bob Miles.

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## Facilities Personnel Opening

First Baptist Greenville is adding a full-  
time facilities person to its staff. If you,  
or someone you know, have interest in  
giving attention to building maintenance,  
mechanical systems and the cleaning of  
our facilities, please contact Jimmy Paul  
([jimmy.paul@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:jimmy.paul@firstbaptistgreenville.com)).

## Need a Ride to the Doctor's Office?

The Medical Appointment Transportation  
Committee, a part of Ministry to Families,  
offers rides for members to and from  
medical appointments. Requests  
made a week in advance will be  
appreciated. Those in need of this service  
may contact Committee Chair Mary  
Rankin at [rankinma@yahoo.com](mailto:rankinma@yahoo.com) or  
630-2894.