

WORSHIP

Sunday,
May 24, 2020

10:30am via Livestream, Facebook
Live and Radio

Ascension of the Lord Sunday

Proclaimer: Matt Rollins

Scripture: Psalm 68:1-10; Acts 1:1-11

Sermon: What Comes Next

Access Livestream here:

<https://livestream.com/fbcgreenvillesc>

Access Facebook Live here:

[www.facebook.com/pg/
fbcgreenvillesc/videos](http://www.facebook.com/pg/fbcgreenvillesc/videos)

Access Radio (Sunday morning only)
here:

89.3-HD4, 91.9 FM, 92.9 FM

Viral Vespers

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
at 7pm

[https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/
viralvespers](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/viralvespers)

MidWeek Fellowship Live

Wednesday, May 20

6:15pm via Livestream and
Facebook Live

Teacher: Jim Dant—
The Book of Ruth

Saturday Night Facebook Live
Concerts

Saturday, May 23

7:00pm via Facebook Watch Party
Pat Terry

[www.facebook.com/pg/
fbcgreenvillesc](http://www.facebook.com/pg/fbcgreenvillesc)



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Three years ago, our church evaluated its seminary/pastoral internship program. We discovered the model used through the prior decades did not adequately integrate with current seminary models or the needs of current seminary graduates. After much study and prayer, we embraced the 'Residency Model.' In the residency model, a seminary graduate is hired for a 2-year residency for the practical experience in the breadth of pastoral ministry. Our first resident was Dylan Rigg. Dylan learned, served well, and moved on to be the Associate Pastor of Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church in San Francisco, California.

Our next Pastoral Resident has been identified and invited to join us! Numerous qualified candidates applied for this unique opportunity. The selection committee's prayerful consideration decided upon Camille Loomis. Camille and her husband, Matthew, will be moving to Greenville in late July, and she will begin her residency with us on August 1. Her first year will be divided into three primary blocks of study and

supervised practical experience: church administration, pastoral care, then worship and preaching. She will fully integrate these areas in her second year of service. It will be a delight and great benefit to have her ministerial skills and perspective in this community. Here's a short note from Camille. If you have a moment, send her a warm email welcome...

— Jim

Hello, FBG! I am thrilled to be joining the community as your next Pastoral Resident. I'm originally from Virginia (go Hoos!) but have spent my professional life in Mississippi and North Carolina. This spring, I graduated from Duke Divinity School with concentrations in Baptist Studies and Theology and Arts. I feel most at home with God while singing in a choir, sharing meals with friends, discussing Scripture, or working on an embroidery piece. My husband, Matthew, and I are very excited to learn from and alongside all of you over the next few years. Please feel free to contact me on social media or at camilleloomis@gmail.com. I would love to hear from you!



United Ministries Needs Fruit

Thank you for your continued generosity in providing canned fruit for our neighbors through the United Ministries food pantry! You may now order and ship from home by shopping from the United Ministries Amazon wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/uminfruit>. We will continue collecting on Wednesdays 10am-6pm until further notice in the covered drive-through between the Rotunda and the Fellowship Hall. You may also deliver directly to United Ministries from 8am-noon Monday-Friday at 606 Pendleton Street.

May Update for Youth Ministry

The youth staff has been in close and thoughtful communication throughout the ever-changing progression of this pandemic. We were hopeful that this virus would slowly fade away and allow us to safely gather for our beloved summer trips and events; unfortunately, there is no clear answer. I am heartbroken that we must cancel our Senior Trip, High School Mission Trip, and Unidiversity Youth Camp. Having to give such sad news over Zoom was not anything I have ever imagined doing as a youth minister.

Gathering each summer for trips and events is a highlight of our youths' and youth staff's year. Summer offers our Youth Family time to get away from our usual school year routines to laugh, explore, and spend time together. While there are special moments all year long within our Youth Family, summertime has always been marked by memories.

We are working hard to brainstorm how to creatively reshape our ministries. Please help reassure your youth that all is not lost! These cancelations are hard to hear, but they do not define us as a community. We will celebrate our seniors, reclaim what has been canceled, and continue to reach out to our Youth Family the

best way we can during these challenging times.

As we continue to explore diverse and creative ways to connect with one another during our time apart, we want to update you all on how we will meet moving forward. It can be difficult for the Youth Family to experience meaningful time together when we are all on the same Zoom call. All youth are now meeting on Sunday at 7pm for a brief time of "Rocks." Here we celebrate our highs and acknowledge our lows. We are also meeting daily for virtual lunches at 12:30pm with each grade. We believe that these small groups will allow for everyone to feel included and welcome as we continue to meet virtually. We hope

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More Tips for Worshiping from the Couch

Staying home has forced us to learn to worship in new ways and in new spaces—from the couch, on the porch, in front of an empty sanctuary... A few weeks ago, I offered some tips for things you can do BEFORE the service to help you get your hearts and minds ready to worship. Today's tips are suggestions to enhance your worship experience DURING any worship service any time, not just from your couch!

1. Use the worship order as a necessary part of the service, not simply as a convenience.
2. Experience worship as an active participant, not as the audience.
3. Think of the ministers, the worship leaders, and musicians as the choreographers of the service. They prompt the action and set the flow, but they are no more of a participant than anyone in the pews.
4. We worship because God calls us to worship. Consider God as both the initiator and consumer of worship—the executive producer and the audience.
5. Be prepared to hear a word from God. This could come during the scripture reading, a prayer, a litany, the welcome, the sermon, the music or all of the above!

6. Think of everything after the sermon—the offering, communion, welcoming new members, announcements about the coming week, the doxology, the benediction—as response.
7. Your worship experience should not depend on the quality of the worship service. God is present, and your heart, mind and soul should be open to an encounter whether or not the music is beautiful or the sermon makes sense!
8. Engage with the things you hear during the service, comparing them to your understanding of theological principles and evaluating them against how you see God's spirit moving in the world today.
9. Worship should invite discomfort, often in the form of a conversation that can continue through prayer, reflection and discussion with family and friends.
10. Resist the temptation to evaluate worship by asking "what did I get out of it?" Instead focus on 1) what you brought to worship yourself, 2) what you heard from God, 3) how you responded, and 4) what you are taking back out into the world.

Happy worshipping!
Matt

Spiritual Enrichment Event: Enneagram I & II



The Enneagram is a psychological and spiritual tool that uses the framework of nine distinct personality types to describe the preferred ways we make our way through the world. On Sunday,

October 13, Rolyn Rollins, an Enneagram workshop facilitator for the Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection at Furman University, led participants through a discovery and exploration of our own Enneagram types, including healthy ways to use this new information in daily interactions with others. Now we are planning another offering of the retreat in early June (date TBD) for anyone who was unable to participate the first time around, as well as for those already familiar with the Enneagram looking

for a deeper understanding of it and how to use it to become more self-aware and to better understand the perspectives of others. The cost to participate is \$10, which includes a copy of The Essential Enneagram, which will serve as a guide during the retreat and a personal resource for you in the future.

In light of the uncertainty during the pandemic, the details for the retreat have yet to be determined, but we are looking at both virtual options and in person options, depending on health and safety guidelines that will be in place in early June, which is when we hope to have it. To get on the waiting list and to be notified of the details of the retreat when they are set, please visit <https://forms.gle/mBtDfjUdQPfKqz8Q7>

—Matt

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Deacon Nominating Committee Election

FBG members are requested to submit nominations for the 2020 Deacon Nominating Committee:

- Charles McDonald will serve as the 2020 Deacon Nominating Committee Chair.
- In the fall, Deacon Nominating Committee members will contact deacon nominees equal to the number of vacancies on the Diaconate as to their willingness to serve.
- Once the slate of new deacons is complete, it will be submitted to the church for a vote.
- Installation and ordination of new deacons will be in early January.

There are three ways to submit recommendations for the eight positions on the Deacon Nominating Committee:

- Print and complete the ballot below, sign it and mail it to the church to “Attention: Jenna Manning”
- Click the CONTACT US button at the top of the website homepage, complete the fields and include your recommendations
- Email recommendations to Jenna

The deadline for recommendations to be received is Friday, May 29, 2020.

Because the persons on the committee are ineligible to serve again for two years, do not nominate any of the following:

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| Carol Ann Bell | Charles McDonald |
| Mary Bolt | Neil Rabon |
| Dan Dorroh | Todd Ramsey |
| Eleanor Dunlap | Mary Rankin |
| Charmaine Fuller | Nancy Strange |
| Rhonda Girvin | Henry Watkins |
| Sara Herbert | Michael Williamson |
| Roy Janse | Jamie Womack |
| John Long | |

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NOTE: This is NOT a ballot to nominate Deacons, but to nominate members of the Deacon Nominating Committee. Ballots must be signed.

Ballot for members of the Deacon Nominating Committee

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Signed: _____

Upcoming Internet Events

(links on church website)

- 5/18 7:00pm Viral Vespers
 5/19 7:00pm Viral Vespers
 5/20 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
 Bible Study: Jim Dant
 presents Ruth
 5/21 7:00pm Viral Vespers
 5/22 7:00pm Viral Vespers
 5/23 7:00pm Saturday Night
 Facebook Live Concert:
 Pat Terry
 5/24 10:30am Seventh Sunday of
 Easter
 Matt Rollins, Proclaimer
 Tim Varner, Soloist
 5/25 7:00pm Viral Vespers
 5/26 7:00pm Viral Vespers
 5/27 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
 Bible Study: Jim Dant
 presents Ruth
 5/28 7:00pm Viral Vespers
 5/29 7:00pm Viral Vespers
 5/30 7:00pm Saturday Night
 Facebook Live Concert:
 Phil Snyder
 5/31 10:30am Day of Pentecost

Wednesday Supper

Our caterer, Uptown Catering, will continue to provide Wednesday Night Supper for us. Visit their website (<https://theuptowncompany.square.site/s/shop>) to view their “to go” menu options. There are individual meals as well as family meals from which to choose and look for the Wednesday Night Special choice. This option is available at our regular FBG Wednesday night pricing! The special pricing only applies to Wednesday night meals, but their services are available all the time. All meals will be available for drive-thru pick up at the kitchen door— you don’t even have to get out of your vehicle! Make your reservation by noon Wednesday.

May 20

Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Fried Apples,
 Salad, Dessert

May 27

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green
 Beans, Salad, Dessert



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LIVING GENEROUSLY Financial Needs as of 5/16

\$987,537

Receipts as of 5/13

\$885,858

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

May 18-24
 Kyle Matthews
 551-0829 (m)

May 25-31
 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.”

Care List as of 5/18

Hospitals

Prisma-Greenville Memorial: Brenda
 Ballard, Sallie Grant

Rehab

Brookdale-Greenville: Betty King

Recently Discharged

Sallie Grant

Sympathy

...to Susan K. Shelley and family in the death of her uncle.

...to Laurin Landis and family in the death of her grandfather.

...to Patti Landis and family in the death of her aunt.

...to David Hamilton and family in the death of his aunt.

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that this new schedule allows for the many factors our youth are experiencing as they navigate their new routines.

Monday, 12:30pm, Grade 6
 Tuesday, 12:30pm, Grades 7/8
 Wednesday, 12:30pm, Grades 9/10
 Thursday, 12:30pm, Grades 11/12
 Sunday, 7pm, Rocks, ALL YOUTH

Parent Drop-In on Zoom

Parents, please know we are continuing to think of each of you. If you or your youth have concerns and need to talk, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. If a drop-in Zoom with our youth staff and/or other parents may be of interest to you, please fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/fbg-youth> to let us know. We would love to host a time for you to vent and learn from one another.

—Mary Carol