

WORSHIP

MidWeek Fellowship Live

Wednesday, July 15

6:15pm via Livestream and
Facebook Live

Kendra Plating—Book of Job : Listening
beyond Words—What is right?
(Chapters 38-42)

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2020

10:30am via Livestream, Facebook Live
and Radio

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Growing Together

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;
Matthew 13:24-43

Soloist: Sara Kathryn Coates

Access Livestream here:

<https://livestream.com/fbcgreenvillesc>

Access Facebook Live here:

[https://www.facebook.com/
fbcgreenvillesc/](https://www.facebook.com/fbcgreenvillesc/)

**Access Radio (Sunday morning only)
here:**

89.3-HD4, 91.9 FM, 92.9 FM



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Time is relative. It has never felt more relative—at least for me—than in recent months. As schedules are adjusted and normal activities are abated, the days and weeks seem to glacially drag by. (With South Carolina temperatures in the 90's this week, 'glacially' may not have been an apt descriptor... but you get the point.) At the same time, it's the middle of July! Where has 2020 gone?

Time is relative with regard to learning curves. Technology has never been 'my thing.' Fellow employees know I am the last person to call if there is a computer problem, video problem, or sound problem. I'm not intimidated by much, but I have always found it hard to keep up with the ever-mounting number of knobs and buttons and pads and screens and bytes and pixels and all other things related to technology. It typically takes me a long time to orient to any new technological standard. And of course, by the time I'm somewhat

comfortable, the technology has changed again. Sigh. During these last few months, however, time and the learning curve has been relative. Like many of you, I've quickly adapted to cameras, microphones, Zoom, Google Meets, and a host of other techy tools.

Some of these technological paths have become so common for us that we forget there are those who lack access to these wonders. As a church, we do not want anyone to be left out of our gatherings. If you are reading this (hard copy) and you do not have access to a radio, iPad, computer, internet or other tools necessary to at least join us for worship on Sunday mornings, please let us know. If you know someone who does not have technological access to Sunday morning worship, please call the church office and let us know. We want to do our best to ensure everyone has the opportunity to remain engaged with their faith family... especially during a time when loneliness and separation is prevalent. Let's be intentional about staying connected—in our prayers, in our phone calls, in our cards and letters, and through the technology that is available to us.

— Jim

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.

Meet the Staff

In the coming weeks, we will be introducing our church staff to the congregation. While many of these staff members have served First Baptist Greenville for years—even decades—newer members may not be familiar with them, and new responsibilities may not be known by the greater congregation. Knowing your church staff helps you know whom to contact when a particular need arises in your life. Today we meet...



Kyle Matthews

Minister of
Pastoral Care



Kendra Plating

Minister of Pastoral
Care and Counseling



Ryland Brown

Pastoral Care
Administrative
Assistant &
Church Receptionist

OUR PASTORAL CARE STAFF

Any pastoral care need (ie. illness, hospitalization, death or other prayer concern) can be reported to any one of these three staff persons. As a team, our Pastoral Care Staff guides other ministers and lay volunteers in meeting the needs of our parishioners. Upon request, Kendra Plating also offers 'pastoral counseling.'

—Jim

Invitation to Senior Adults & Neighborhood Partnership Friends

TCBY Frozen Yogurt Party

Friday, July 24, 3:00-4:00pm

First Baptist Church

The senior adults at First Baptist have very much missed our times of fellowship during meals, trips, classes and events that we are used to doing together. We can't wait until we can do all of our routine activities together again, but until then, we will become creative with virtual and socially and physically distanced events.

We are hosting a drive-through TCBY frozen yogurt party on Friday, July 24, at 3:00 in the afternoon for First Baptist Senior Adults and Neighborhood Partnership friends. The party will be set up at the sidewalk outside the Fellowship Hall/Rotunda drive through. The servers will be wearing masks and gloves and using clear bin containers to serve. Guests will be allowed to park in the spaces just ahead lining the toddler and preschool wings (and on the far side of the

preschool playground if necessary) with cones blocking every other spot. Guests will also be allowed to roll down windows and speak to people from inside your car. We look forward to seeing you on July 24 at 3:00pm. We hope this Friday afternoon cold summer treat will warm your heart and help you connect with First Baptist and friends in the Senior Adult Ministry.

—Shanda

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By participating in this event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Please continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask in public, and stay home if you feel sick.

Doing Our Part—Moving Together

The week of June 20-27 is not one I will soon forget. Amidst all of the craziness that 2020 brings us, 162 people, forming 47 teams, walked, ran, swam, biked and did a host of other activities to say *enough* to racial injustice. The challenge was for each team to move at least 54 miles during the week which was the length of the Selma to Montgomery march in 1965. Boy, did everyone move with total miles for the week equaling 4,604.60, an average of 98 miles per team. The winning team was Girvin Fam (Doug, Rhonda, Ashley, Rachel) with a total of 378 miles. We had daily challenges and those winners were:

Ubuntu—Best Team Name
(Debbie Paden Mobley, Sarah Mobley, Carson Kirby, Sydney Beason)

Jim Childress—Most Determined

Doug Girvin—Most Active

Harry Culpepper—Most Pictures Posted in One Day

Josiah Smith—Most Fun Activity Outfit

Sarah Byars—Best Recovery Pic

Laurin and Charles McDonald—Sweatiest Selfie

Baxter Wynn—Most Scenic Picture

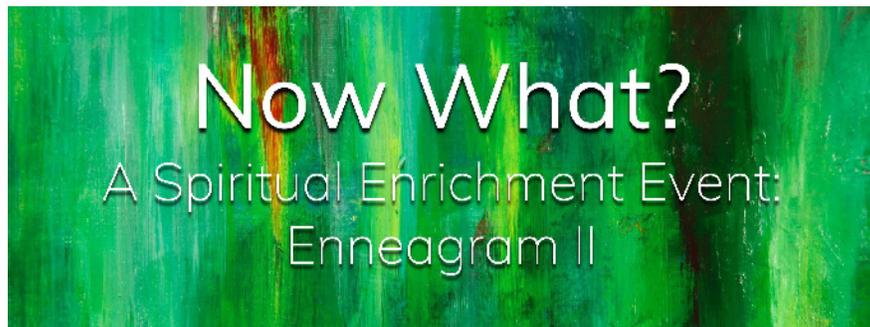
See the winning challenge pictures at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/fbgwinpics>. You can also see other pictures posted on Facebook at <https://tinyurl.com/fbgfbpics> and by searching #54orMore on Facebook and Instagram.

Also during the week, resources were posted that allowed us to read, watch and learn about racial injustice and how we can do our part. Here is a comprehensive list of resources which includes ones we posted plus additional ones: <https://tinyurl.com/fbgracialjustice>.

The week would not have been what it was without the input and help of Mary Carol Anderson and Becky Ramsey. I am so grateful for them. Their knowledge of social media and resources is incredible. Many, many thanks for each person who chose to participate by moving, following along and/or praying. Don't stop now...keep going and be part of the solution.

—Mittie

AMMC



Furman University, led participants through a discovery and exploration of their 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 on Tuesday, August 4, 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* if you don't already have one.

Class size is limited, so register today at firstbaptistgreenville.com/enneagram.

—Matt

Tuesday, August 4, 6:00-8:00pm

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 Tuesday, June 23, Rolyn Rollins, an Enneagram workshop facilitator for the Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection at

SEE

Upcoming Internet Events

(links on church website)

- 7/15 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study
Kendra Plating—Book of Job: Listening Beyond Words—What is right? (Chapters 38-42)
- 7/19 10:30am Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 7/20 Virtual Vacation Bible School for Rising 2nd-6th Grades
- 7/22 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study
Kendra Plating—Book of Job: Listening Beyond Words—What is generosity? (closing thoughts and questions)
- 7/26 10:30am Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 7/27 Virtual Vacation Bible School for Rising 2nd-6th Grades
- 7/29 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study—Jim Dant



Meals to Go

Uptown Catering continues to provide meals to go as well as Wednesday Night Specials at FBG pricing! Visit their website (<https://theuptowncompany.square.site/s/shop>) to view their menu options. 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!



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LIVING GENEROUSLY Financial Needs as of 7/11

\$1,401,921

Receipts as of 7/7

\$1,238,581

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

July 13-19

Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

July 20-26

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

Care List as of Morning, 7/13/2020

Hospitals

Prisma/Greenville Memorial: Joan Garrett

St. Francis-Downtown: Brenda Ballard

Rehab

Woodlands: Pat Stephens

Recently Discharged

Gene Morin, Becky Bouton, Glenda Ehrmann

Sympathy

...to Ann Quattlebaum and family in the death of her cousin.

...to the family of Mavis Bodie.

...to Dale Sutton and family in the death of her sister.

...to the family of former pastor Hardy Clemons.

...to Jenny Hewitt and family in the death of her mother-in-law.

...to Carrie Nettles and family in the death of her grandmother.

...to Cindy Craig and family in the death of her cousin.

Congratulations

...to Isaiah and Hannah Quigley on the birth of a son, Walter Jacob Quigley, on February 25, 2020, in Lynchburg, Virginia. Walter's great-grandparents in our church are Bill and Janet Albert.

Introducing

Teri King, 145 N. Barton Road, Taylors, 29687, joined FBG on June 28 by promise of letter from another Baptist church. Teri is a retired Army chaplain.

AYMC Walking Track

AYMC walking track hours, by appointment only, Monday-Friday, 8am-12noon. Email aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com for appointment.