

## WORSHIP

MidWeek Fellowship Live

Wednesday, August 26

6:15pm via Livestream and  
Facebook Live

Vivian Hamilton—Recorded Sanctuary  
Choir Music

Sunday, August 30, 2020

10:30am via Livestream, Facebook Live  
and Radio

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Jeremiah 15:15-21;  
Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon: Writing Someone Else's Story

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

## August Missions Focus

Visit the School Tools website (<https://tinyurl.com/schooltools20>) to learn more about this year's School Tools program and how to get involved.

## Protecting Our Children

Review the policy and find the screening form and DSS Consent form at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/protecting-our-children>.



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

The COVID Crisis has certainly stymied some routines and rituals. On the other hand, at First Baptist Greenville it has been a catalyst for creativity. Nowhere is this more vivid than during our MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study and Prayer service. Typically, we take a break from MidWeek gathering from Memorial Day to Labor Day. However, the present pandemic kindled an internal need for us to continue to virtually gather throughout the Summer months. During these virtual sessions we: completed the Book of Ruth, engaged a 'second look' at the teachings of Jesus, explored the Book of Job, and dug into Paul's letter to the Philippians.

The creativity has not ended. In fact, we've got some wonderful weeks ahead of us. This Wednesday, August 26, Dr. Vivian Hamilton (our Minister of Music and Worship) will share with us a retrospective and reflections on choral music at First Baptist. As part of the midweek service, we will hear her interpretation of particular anthems

and then watch videos of past choral performances. Even on video, it will be a delight to see and hear our Sanctuary Choir!

Then, on Wednesday, September 2, I will present *An Introduction to Pilgrimage: Why Walk Where Jesus Walked?* This overview of Jesus' life and the subsequent spiritual discipline of pilgrimage will prepare us for the Wednesday evenings to follow! For ten Wednesday evenings (September 9 to November 11), I will lead you on a virtual pilgrimage of the Holy Land. This series of lessons will be called *In the Footsteps of Jesus*. We will follow the life of Jesus from Nazareth (the site of the angel's annunciation of Jesus' birth to Mary) to the empty tomb in Jerusalem. Claudia Borchart—certified tour guide in the Holy Land—will send videos of the sites you would see during each stop of a Holy Land pilgrimage. I will incorporate these videos into each week's lesson. We can't travel to the Holy Land this year, so Claudia and I are bringing the Holy Land to First Baptist!

Yes...COVID-19 has prevented some of life's pleasures, but it hasn't kept us from the meaningful moments provided by our MidWeek Fellowship.

—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.

# Merge 2020

A small portion of the Youth Family was finally able to gather approximately a week ago. After months of dreaming and planning, the youth staff were successfully able to host and lead our annual Merge retreat. Merge is a special retreat because it is for rising sixth graders and seniors only. It allows for the youngest in the Youth Family to be introduced to the youth staff, the senior class, and Youth Ministry without being overwhelmed by the sheer amount of people and excitement around them. Usually, we spend the night at Asbury Hills; however, this year we spent the weekend in the AYMC gym. Everyone wore their masks, and we socially distanced ourselves by positioning hula hoops six feet apart from each other. It felt different, but somehow we were all still able to connect and begin building relationships with one another. To top it off, Jim invited the sixth graders into the Sanctuary to be a part of our special Sunday service with Kyshona Armstrong and Ryan Madora. It was a fantastic weekend, and it was much needed after a long hiatus over the summer.

—Will Raybon



# AYMC Pulse

We all know that we need to be fit, active and healthy, but why? Why can't we just sit in our recliner, eat snacks and watch TV all day? Binge watching our favorite shows is way more fun anyway, right? The excuses to not exercise are endless, too. I know. I've used them all. It's too hot, it's too cold, it's raining, there's not enough room in my house, I don't have any equipment, I don't have anybody to do it with. I encourage you to get up and move if you aren't already doing that. Being active doesn't mean it has to

be a rigorous, dreaded workout either. Do things you enjoy. Walk, play with kids, swim, hike, work in your yard, etc. You can always call me and make an appointment to come to the AYMC. You won't be by yourself, and the weather is always perfect! I promise there are benefits.

Being active...

- Improves your sleep.
- Keeps you mobile.
- Helps you perform daily tasks more easily.
- Helps prevent disease.

- Helps alleviate digestion issues.
- Improves your mood.

Keep fit because it will improve your quality of life and allow you to keep doing things you love. Fitness, activity, exercise, whatever you want to call it – this movement is how our bodies were meant to function.

—Mittie

# Sunday School Class for Newcomers Meeting Online

A newly formed community group, The Connections Class, is the first Sunday School class at First Baptist to be created in the “Zoom era.” The members, made up of newer members and recent visitors looking for community, have met several times over the past few weeks, getting to know each other’s stories and collaborating on decisions such as lesson styles and a class description (see below).

“The Connections Class was created to establish a community within the Church. We are a diverse group of individuals seeking to increase our faith, knowledge and understanding through sharing and studying Christian resources. We welcome you to join our faith journey, no matter who you are, where you’re from, who you love or who your family is.”

As you may have seen in an earlier article I wrote about this possibility—or in the description above—

the idea for this new class is to provide an option for relatively new members looking both to create community in smaller circles and to become more involved in the greater church, which can be daunting in a large church like ours even in normal times.

Today, I am pleased to report to you the progress that has been made by those who responded with interest and are working together to create the kind of community that is both supportive to its members and welcoming to visitors and newcomers—an environment for which all of our adult Sunday School classes strive.

If you are interested in visiting this class (or any other class), please email me at [matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com), so that I can help you find the right fit.

—Matt

## Happy Birthday!

Please remember these members of our congregation celebrating birthdays in September:

### September 2

Newt Stall  
Rolling Green  
3 Hoke Smith Blvd.  
Apt. E306  
Greenville, SC 29615

### September 3

Miriam Faress (97)  
102 Stonehaven Drive  
Greenville, SC 29607

Lore Johnson (95)

7 Hathaway Circle  
Greenville, SC 29617

### September 4

Sharon Lewis  
316 Claybrooke Drive  
Greer, SC 29650

### September 5

Darrell Corder  
103 Lancelot Court  
Simpsonville, SC 29681

### September 6

Sallie Grant  
3 Hoke Smith Blvd.  
Apt. E202  
Greenville, SC 29615

Jim Keller

Rolling Green  
3 Hoke Smith Blvd.  
Apt. D102  
Greenville, SC 29615

### September 11

Wayne Weaver  
Woodlands at Furman  
50 Arboretum Lane  
Apt. 308  
Greenville, SC 29617

### September 12

Gene Morin  
36 Stillwood Drive  
Greenville, SC 29607

### September 23

C. Tommy Gallman  
NHC Laurens  
379 Pinehaven St. Ext.  
Room 319  
Laurens, SC 29360

### September 26

Jessie Godshall  
107 Rockingham Road  
Greenville, SC 29607

### September 29

Wilma Frese  
Greenville Glen  
1101 Garlington Road  
Room 103  
Greenville, SC 29615

### September 30

Barbara Christopher  
7 Warwick Road  
Greenville, SC 29617

## Upcoming Internet Events

(links on church website)

- 8/26 FBDS Students Return  
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship  
Vivian Hamilton—Sanctuary  
Choir Music Recordings
- 8/30 10:30am Proclaimer: Jim Dant  
1:00-5:00pm Blood Drive—  
Cleveland Entrance  
Horseshoe
- 9/2 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship  
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of  
Jesus: Introduction
- 9/4-6 Youth Fall Kickoff Event
- 9/4-7 AYMC Closed
- 9/6 10:30am Proclaimer: Jim Dant
- 9/7 Church Offices Closed in  
Observance of Labor Day
- 9/9 4:00pm Preschool Choir/  
Missions (Zoom)  
5:00pm Elementary Choir/  
Missions (Zoom)  
Youth (AYMC)  
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship  
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of  
Jesus: The Annunciation
- 9/13 10:30am Communion



## 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!

## AYMC Walking Track

AYMC walking track hours, by appointment only, Monday-Friday, 8am-12noon. Email [aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com) for appointment.

  
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### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 8/22

\$1,713,459

Receipts as of 8/18

\$1,571,911

### Pastoral Care

#### On Call Nights and Weekends

August 24-30

Matt Rollins

346-0971 (m)

August 31-September 6

Jim Dant

478-737-7298 (m)

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, 8/24

#### Hospitals

St. Francis-Downtown: Brenda Ballard

#### Rehab

Rolling Green: Glenda Ehrmann

Gables on Pelham: Fran Jones

NHC-Greenville: Joan Garrett

Woodlands at Furman: Doris Clanton

#### Discharged

Frank Webb, Cherry Marshall, Grace Landis

#### Sympathy

...to the family of Rosalind Tedards.

...to Leslie Rodwell and family in the death of her grandmother.

...to Barbara Watson and family in the death of her cousin.

## Congratulations

...to Carmen and Max Gravlee on the birth of a son, Jack Houston Gravlee, on August 5, 2020.

... to Cara and Jason Craig on the birth of a son, Christopher Jacob Craig, on April 14, 2020. CJ's older siblings are Anson and Carter. His grandparents in our church are Cindy Craig and Michael Craig.