

WORSHIP

Wednesday, October 14

MidWeek Fellowship Live

6:15pm via Livestream and
Facebook

Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of Jesus:
The Retreat

Sunday, October 18, 2020

10:30am via Livestream, Facebook and
Radio

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: Qualifications for a
Conversation

Access Livestream here:

<https://livestream.com/fbcgreenvillesc>

Access Facebook 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

AYMC Hours

AYMC Walking Track and Fitness
Room are open by appointment
only, Monday-Friday, 8am-12noon.
Additionally, on Monday, Tuesday and
Thursday, appointments are
available 5-7pm.

Email aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com
for appointment.



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

As we step into the last quarter of 2020, I'm keenly aware of what and who we have lost this year. Weekly, your ministers counsel with members of the church and community who are grieving the loss of events, milestones and, even worse, souls that have been close to us and important to us. In the larger arena of life and culture, we've seen losses as well. This past week, Eddie Van Halen died of cancer. In one interview, a fellow rocker said of him, "Every night of every tour, he always left it all on the stage." In weeks prior, our nation lost Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It was said of her, "She gave us—the American people—all that she had. She couldn't have given any more." In a year where we have lost so much, it is inspiring to know those who choose to give.

In these months of COVID-19, Senior Ministers, Executive Directors of non-profit agencies, and Development Officers of art and academic institutions have spent a lot of time chatting and assessing the health of our respective

organizations. As I mentioned this past Sunday, a non-profit agency director in our area told me, "Jim, I'm amazed that during a time when most agencies and churches are pulling back, gearing down, and experiencing numeric losses, First Baptist has increased its gifts to partners, continued to meet budget, gained members, and kept a vibrant presence. This is quite a testimony to the commitment and love your congregation has for their church." (That is as close to an exact quote as I can get.) It was the last line that caught my attention and—quite honestly—brought tears to my eyes.

Thank you for your generosity of time, energy, patience and yes, monetary resources during these strange days. We have been able to fully fund the work in our annual mission and ministry plan (budget). We have been able to deepen our commitment to our mission partners and affiliates. We have been able to assist numerous individuals and families in our church and community.

If it's not too much to ask...let's end this year strong. Let's continue to be faithful in our giving and make it possible for us to continue to be a positive witness and example in our world.

—Jim

Fall Programming Has Begun in a New Way

Children's Choirs and Missions are on Zoom—Preschool @4pm, Elementary @5pm. Register age 3-grade 5 to receive links: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/preschool-children-registration/>

Middle and High School Youth are alternating Wednesdays and Sundays.

MidWeek Fellowship is shared via Facebook and Livestream.



Hosting in a Pandemic

It's a dilemma: how do we provide hospitality at our church for families experiencing homelessness during a pandemic? One of the ways our church is involved in our community during "normal times" is to participate with the United Ministries IHN program in providing temporary shelter for these families in our church facility. The team at United Ministries provides support for families in their search for affordable housing as well as help with employment readiness and financial counseling.

Since we couldn't be together in-person to make the connections with families as we normally do four weeks each year, we showed generosity with a shower of gift cards for meals, school supplies,

school clothes, and baby clothes. Some in our church wrote notes of encouragement to each family, and our Missions Committee approved \$1500 from the Local Relief Account to help United Ministries with the expenses of hosting families during the pandemic.

My eight-year-old granddaughter, Ainsley, says that she is really missing the time she enjoys spending the night at church and playing with the children! We are looking forward to our future hosting dates when we hope to be back with in-person hosting!

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, Lizzie Bebber (United Ministries executive director) and Alexandra Harris (IHN Co-Program Manager) share information in this video: <https://youtu.be/ej5bRCAwrml>

—Cam McDade
First Baptist Greenville IHN Team Coordinator

A Small Box of Our Love and Prayers

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY

Sometimes, there's nothing like receiving some good ol' snail mail, particularly when you are away at college. Students always enjoy receiving care packages from home as a little reminder that they are remembered by those who love them. These small boxes packed with love and prayers, in the form of goodies and personalized notes from our Youth Family, can really brighten up a student's day! Care packages are especially appreciated during those particularly stressful times of midterms and final exams. Having extra snacks and sweet goodies usually makes the long nights and exhausting days of studying for upcoming exams a little easier.

Our church family has participated in our College Care Package ministry for many years. If you

were a college student, or have raised a college student in this church family, then you know how meaningful our care package ministry is for all those who receive. Our care packages are packed by our Youth Family and include study supplies, snacks, handwritten notes and best of all... homemade treats donated by you, members of FBG's congregation. This ministry helps us to maintain contact with our college students, remind them of our prayers during this stressful time of the year, and send our love and care to them while they are away from home.

We are asking for our church family to help with donations of non-perishable snacks and treats, as well as baked sweets! Our college students love Rice Krispy® treats, pretzels, chips, gum,

candy/suckers (not chocolate), fruit snacks, & popcorn. Please be sure these are individually wrapped items, so they can be divided up for care packages. Non-perishable snacks and treats are due by: Sunday, November 8. Items can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm at the front desk.

Need College Addresses! Please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/smwhcVSaTpHc5R1g2> to submit your college students' mailing addresses or email them to Sarah Carter at sarah.carter@firstbaptistgreenville.com. We do not want to leave anyone out, so please check to make sure we have your college student on file.

*We can only send care packages to those students for whom we have addresses.

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Protecting Our Children

In 1998, First Baptist Church took proactive steps to create a program called Protecting Our Children. This was a preventive measure to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse occurring in our church. When our program began, volunteers were asked to sign a covenant that they had never and would never abuse children, but a lot has changed in our world since 1998, especially regarding child sexual abuse. Through the years, we have revised our program to include training classes, screening forms and background checks. Recently, we made significant enhancements to our program, and I want to give you an overview of Protecting Our Children as it stands today.

The policy document has been rewritten to include best practices for protecting all children in our care whether they are attending a program within the church walls or traveling for a mission trip or retreat. The new policy document is available by visiting <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/protecting-our-children/> I urge everyone to review the document

whether or not you work with children.

- All employees of the church, no matter their position, will complete this process prior to employment and thereafter, every 3 years.
- Anyone who volunteers, in any capacity which involves children, is required to complete this process prior to beginning their volunteer service. Certification will be renewed every 3 years.
- The first step is to fill out a screening form and DSS Consent form found at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/protecting-our-children/> and return them to me:

Juli Morrow
 First Baptist Church
 847 Cleveland Street
 Greenville, SC 29601

If you prefer, you may leave them at the reception desk in the church office or scan them and email to me at juli.morrow@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

- After receiving your forms, I will create an account in your

name for our online training classes and send you the login instructions. There is a short quiz at the conclusion of each video. Results from the quizzes will automatically be sent to me.

Only those persons who have successfully completed the screening process will be allowed to work with children.

Prior to any activity the managing staff member will review instructions and best practices with all volunteers and chaperones.

If you are currently volunteering with children, we need to get started with your recertification right away. Please access the links above or go to the website, print and complete the forms, and send them to me. If you need printed copies, just let me know, and I will send them to you. As you can imagine, this is a huge undertaking, and your prompt attention to sending the forms to me will be a tremendous help.

—Juli

A Small Box of Our Love and Prayers, *continued from page 2*

Homemade Treats Needed! Go to <https://goo.gl/forms/8cZGN2I55ROFjnOr2> to sign up to donate homemade treats for our college care packages. All homemade goodies are due on Sunday, November 29. Donations may be dropped off on Sunday, November 29, 12-2pm at the front desk. Youth Staff will be present to accept donations. Please divide your treats into sealable Ziploc® bags with 2-4 items per bag.

—Sarah Carter



Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 10/14 4:00pm** Preschool Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Elementary Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Middle School Youth
(AYMC)
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of
Jesus: The Retreat
- 10/18 10:30am** Proclaimer: Jim Dant
4:15pm Vocare (Fellowship
Hall)
5:00pm High School Youth
(AYMC)
- 10/21 4:00pm** Preschool Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Elementary Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm High School Youth
(AYMC)
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of
Jesus: The Journey to
Jerusalem
- 10/25 10:30am** Reformation Sunday
Proclaimer: Jim Dant

- 10/25 4:15pm** Vocare (Fellowship
Hall)
5:00pm Middle School Youth
Halloween Party (AYMC)
5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends
Support Group
- 10/28 4:00pm** Preschool Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Elementary Choir/
Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm High School Youth
Halloween Party (AYMC)
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of
Jesus: The Last Night
- 10/29 5:00pm** Shelton Ridge Love in
Recital
- 10/31 4:00-5:00pm** Children's
Ministry Event: Halloween
Party for Grades 1-5
(Remembrance Garden)



Meals
to Go

[https://theuptowncompany.square.
site/s/shop](https://theuptowncompany.square.site/s/shop)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 10/10

\$2,076,920

Receipts as of 10/9

\$1,873,149

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

October 12-18

Frank Smith
268-3890 (h)

October 19-25

Matt Rollins
346-0971 (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, 10/12

Hospitals

Prisma-Greenville Memorial: Hugh
Hughes

St. Francis-Downtown: Al Bell

St. Francis-Eastside: Dottie Bryan

Rehab

Patewood-Congaree: Brenda Ballard

Discharged

Mike Parker, Harriet Major, Phil
Thompson, Barbara Watson

Sympathy

...to Roy Janse and family in the death
of his mother.

...to Carolyn Cloaninger and family in
the death of her aunt.

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Kimberly Coates, Editor.

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Introducing

Linda Caillet, 616 Pawleys Drive,
Simpsonville 29681, joined FBG
on Wednesday, September 16, by
previous profession of faith and
baptism from another denomination.
Linda is a member of the Johnson
Sunday School Class.

Kate Laffitree, 65 Forest Land,
Greenville 29605, joined FBG on
Friday, September 18, by transfer of
letter from another Baptist church.
Kate is employed with Fox Rothschild
LLP. She and her husband, Othniel,
have a daughter, Frances.

Bryce Safrit, 212C Trade Street,
Greer 29651, joined FBG on Tuesday,
September 22, by previous profession
of faith and baptism from another
denomination. Bryce is employed with
Greer Relief—AmeriCorps Upstate
and is a member of the Gayle Price
Class.

Beth Burrell, 5 Lowther Hall Lane,
Greenville 29615, joined FBG on
Tuesday, September 29, by statement
of previous profession of faith and
baptism.