

WORSHIP

Wednesday, October 28

MidWeek Fellowship Live

6:15pm via Livestream and
Facebook

Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of Jesus:
The Journey to Jerusalem

Sunday, November 1, 2020

10:30am via FBG Website, Facebook
and Radio

All Saints Day

Communion

Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12;
Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon: The Great Ordeal

Service Musicians: John Wickey, Harp;
Catherine Crowe, Violin; Sanctuary
Choir

Access Livestream here:

<https://livestream.com/fbcgreenvillesc>

Access FBG Website here:

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/>

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

From the beginning of this pandemic, I've known the arts would both suffer and sustain us. It is always that way with art. Artists struggle. In their struggle, they dream, create and share the nourishment of spiritual survival. When people ask what I've missed most during the pandemic, my quick answer is contact with family—biological family and faith family. On the heels of this confession, I always add...I miss the music. I miss attending the symphony, enjoying the Broadway shows, hearing a full choir, attending concerts, and slipping into small downtown venues to hear local bands.

From the beginning of this pandemic, First Baptist has recognized our need for the artistic expressions of faith and the needs of artists to have a venue for expression. In order to fund artists and nourish the famine of art in our own souls, we've consistently invited guest musicians to participate in our

broadcasted worship services. We sponsored a series of Saturday evening Facebook Live Concerts (which became a model for several other churches and artists). We have worked hard to find creative and safe ways to bring our own musicians together. All of these efforts have kept our worship meaningful, our artists affirmed, and our souls fed.

From the beginning of this pandemic, Shelton Ridge Love's presence at our church organ has been a staple. Whether presenting musical weeknight vespers, leading in worship, or rehearsing with choirs, we've come to depend on his artistry to sustain us. I hope you will join me this Thursday evening—via Livestream or Facebook Live—to enjoy Shelton's organ recital. This is one more gift Shelton is giving to our church and community. The recital will begin at 7:00pm. Tell your friends. Gather your family. Pour a glass of wine (or water or cola or decaf coffee or hot tea or whatever calms your spirit). Write an encouraging word in the chat box. Allow your soul to be nourished by the music we all miss.

—Jim

Sunday, November 8, 10:30am

Be at Peace

Worship in person at the Peace Center

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements of Advent/Christmas services and activities.

Happy Birthday!

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

November 1
Bobbie Schwiars
126 Smith Lane
Pelzer, SC 29669

November 11
Maye-Webb Tatum (96)
40 Southland Avenue
Greenville, SC 29601

November 19
Chris Bowden (101)
88 Tilbury Way
Greenville, SC 29609

November 28
Tom Oswald
Clemson Downs
150 Downs Blvd.,
Apt. B207
Clemson, SC 29631

November 10
Helen Mace
284 Henderson Road
Greenville, SC 29607

November 16
Woody Williams
35 Hickory Way
Clemson, SC 29631

November 21
Edgar McKnight
50 Arboretum Ln., Rm. 320
Greenville, SC 29617

AYMC Pulse

Fall...it's the perfect time of year to begin an exercise program. It's a new season to develop new habits. Why wait until the New Year? Start now, and you will develop new and better habits by the holidays. Here are some tips to help you get started.

- Take advantage of the weather. There's nothing better than cool, crisp air and the sound of leaves crunching under your feet.
- Think outside the box. Fitness isn't just about walking and lifting weights. Dance and jump rope are two things that quickly come to mind.
- Be an active TV watcher. While your favorite shows are on, do

some squats, pushups, sit ups or marching in place.

- Integrate exercise into your life. Walking is a great time to listen to a podcast and learn something new. Walk while your children are at practices and lessons.
- Rejuvenate yourself. Treat yourself to a massage, an art class or anything that rejuvenates your mind and spirit.
- Remember the 30-day rule. It takes about four weeks for the body to adapt to lifestyle changes, so don't give up. It gets easier.
- Strive for the 3 Cs. Exercise takes commitment, convenience and consistency. Find a place that's easy for you to get to whether it's a gym or your own home. Be consistent.

It's better to work out 10 minutes a day than one hour a month.

- Deal with darkness. It's gets darker earlier and stays darker longer. If you exercise outside during these times, be sure to wear reflective gear and carry a flashlight.
- Dress in layers. It may be cool when you first go outside, but it won't take long for your body to warm up. You want to be sure you can shed a layer or two if needed.
- Find your motivation. Do you want to lose weight, strengthen and tone, or prepare for a race? Have a specific goal in mind, something to work toward.

I hope these tips give you inspiration to try something new.

—Mittie

Shelton Ridge Love in Organ Recital

OCTOBER 29, 7:00PM

While the versatility of the organ could never be overstated, it has long been strongly associated with the paranormal and mysterious. With Halloween approaching, I will be playing a live-streamed recital of some of my favorite spooky and fun organ pieces. From big and bombastic to silly and circus-y, there is bound to be something to give you a thrill or a chill.

The 2020-2021 First Baptist Basketball Experience

On behalf of the First Baptist Basketball Committee and with the support and agreement of our church staff, I want to let you know that after many conversations and emails, and after considering various scenarios and options for how we might safely participate in the local Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY) season, First Baptist has unfortunately made the decision not to participate this year. The decision was not an easy one, but we feel that this is the safest course of action and the best way to keep everyone safe and healthy at this time.

However, the committee is still meeting and working on a way to provide a way for our children and youth to enjoy an organized basketball experience here at First Baptist, even if it is not in the context of competing with other churches. As is the case every season, the Basketball Committee's goals for this year will be to:

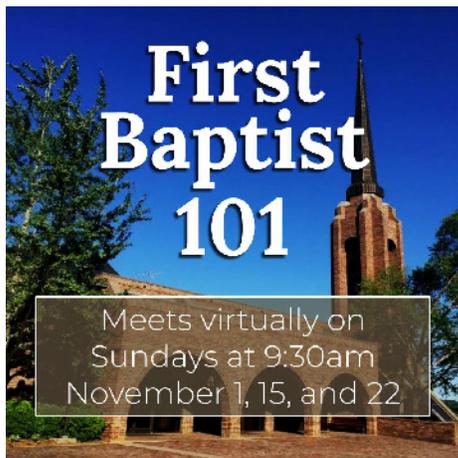
1. Provide an opportunity for our kids to learn, appreciate, and enjoy the game of basketball
2. Encourage friendship and teamwork in an athletic setting
3. Promote Christlike behavior in competitive situations

An additional goal for this particular year will be to do all of the above in a way that minimizes the risk of exposure to the corona virus and that adheres to the current guidelines and covenant put forth by the church's Reopening Taskforce (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/covid-19-covenant/>).

If you have questions, or if you would like to suggest ideas for us to consider as we plan an "in-house" basketball season, I would love to hear from you. You can email me at matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our basketball ministry, and we look forward to sharing our plans for the 2020-2021 First Baptist Basketball Experience with you soon.

Peace and Grace,
Matt, Nikki, and the First Baptist Basketball Committee



This series is for guests, visitors and newer members who want a broad overview of the life of the church, as well as a way to get answers to more specific questions. In addition, this is a great way to meet other newcomers, as there will be plenty of opportunity for dialogue and informal conversation. We will meet by Zoom from 9:25am to 10:15am. For more information about this class, contact me at matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com. No RSVP is necessary. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/fbg101> to connect to the Zoom meeting each time.

November 1: "The B Word" — Being Baptist at First Baptist

(November 8: No meeting; worship at the Peace Center)

November 15: "Church Life at First Baptist" — Community Groups, Serving, and Volunteering

November 22: "God at Work at First Baptist" — History of Big Decisions and How They Happened; How to Join the Church

— Matt

Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 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 Journey to
Jerusalem
- 10/29 7:00pm Shelton Ridge Love in
Recital (Virtual)
- 10/31 4:00-5:00pm Children's
Ministry Event: Halloween
Party for Grades 1-5
(Remembrance Garden)
- 11/1 10:30am All Saints Sunday
Communion
Kyle Matthews, Proclaimer
4:15pm Vocare (Sanctuary)
5:00pm High School Youth
(AYMC)
- 11/4 5:00pm Middle School Youth
(AYMC)
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of
Jesus: The Last Night

- 11/8 10:30am *Be at Peace* (Peace
Center)
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
4:15pm Vocare (Sanctuary)
5:00pm High School Youth
(AYMC)
- 11/11 5:00pm Middle School Youth
(AYMC)
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of
Jesus: The Way of Suffering
- 11/13 6:00-8:00pm Children's
Ministry Event: Movie on the
Lawn for Families
- 11/15 10:30am Children's Sabbath
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
4:15pm Vocare (Fellowship
Hall)
5:00pm Middle School Youth
(AYMC)
- 11/18 5:00pm High School Youth
(AYMC)
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
Jim Dant—In the Footsteps of
Jesus: The Death and
Resurrection
- 11/22 10:30am Christ the King
Sunday
Jim Dant, Proclaimer


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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 10/24

\$2,180,766

Receipts as of 10/23

\$1,958,563

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

October 26-November 1

Jim Dant
478-737-7298 (m)

November 2-8
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (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, 10/26

Hospitals

Prisma-Greenville Memorial: Kent
Brown, Hugh Hughes

Rehab

Patewood-Congaree: Brenda Ballard

Discharged

Al Bell

Sympathy

...to Phyllis Upchurch and family in the
death of her husband.

...to Diane Rhodes Thompson and
family in the death of her mother.

...to Tricia Austin and family in the
death of her mother.

Congratulations

...to Anna and Brantley Hodge on
the birth of a son, Steele Frances
Hodge, on August 5, 2020. Steele's
grandparents in our church are Betsy
and Brad Steele.



Meals
to Go

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

...to Sarah Miller on the birth of a
son, Ezra James Miller, on October
3, 2020. Ezra's grandfather in our
church is Brown Miller, and his great-
grandmother in our church is Judi
Rushton.

Introducing

...Erin Maguire, 112 E. Tugaloo Court,
Greenville 29609, joined FBG on
Wednesday, October 7, by profession
of faith and requesting baptism. Erin
is employed with Interim Healthcare
and is a member of the Koinonia
Class. She has two children, Maddox
and Landon.