

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, November 29**

10:30am via FBG Website, Facebook  
and Radio

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Hanging of the Green**

**Proclaimer: Jim Dant**

**Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9**

**Sermon: The Attic**

**Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir;  
Raleigh Cothran and Amy Joye,  
Soloists; Bell Tower Ringers Ensemble**

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<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/>

**Access Facebook here:**

[https://www.facebook.com/  
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**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](mailto:aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com)  
for appointment.



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Green and red are the primary colors of the Christmas season. Burl Ives might have disagreed—arguing silver and gold. For today's literary purposes, however, I'm going to land on green and red.

This Sunday, November 29, is the First Sunday of Advent. It is also the traditional time for our Hanging of the Green service. The Sanctuary will not be full of people. Processions of children will be absent from the aisles. However, evergreens will adorn the walls, poinsettias will surround the pulpit, the Chrismon tree will tower above the baptistry, Advent candles will adorn the Lord's supper table, wreaths will hang over the entryways, and I'll be wearing my first Christmas tie of the season. Via our internet and radio broadcasts, you will hear readings, prayers and scriptures that illuminate the meaning of each of these decorations (well, except for my Christmas tie). Cameras will capture each symbol and send it into your home and heart.

Don't miss an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of this holy season by virtually participating in the Hanging of the Green during morning worship.

After morning worship, from 12:30-5:00pm, the Bloodmobile will be in the church parking lot. (Yes, this is the red part. I know it's a bit yucky and bloody, but it is what it is.) Red is a primary color of this season, and giving is a primary act. I want to encourage you to register today and begin the season of giving by giving life to another member of our human family. Blood supplies are currently in short supply. Healthcare workers are overwhelmed with multiple concerns. Everyone who enters a hospital carries multiple worries. This is one concern—one worry—we can eliminate. The last time the Bloodmobile was on our campus, we exceeded their expectations and donated the maximum amount blood possible in that period of time! Let's be that generous again! Go to <https://tinyurl.com/fbgblooddrive1120> to reserve your time for donation.

Green and red... Celebrate both colors on Sunday, November 29, and start your season right.

—Jim

**Sunday, November 29**

**9:30-10:15am**

**Joint Advent Sunday School: A  
Conversation with Our Seminary  
Students—Dread, Hope and Other  
Extremes in the Seminary**

Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/fbgadventss>

**12:30-5:00pm**

**Blood Drive at First Baptist Greenville**  
Sign up for a time to donate here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/fbgblooddrive1120>

# Happy Birthday!

Please remember these homebound members of our congregation celebrating birthdays in December:

December 1  
Margaret Faile  
Rolling Green  
4 Hoke Smith Blvd  
Room D125  
Greenville, SC 29615

December 13  
Brooks Stuart  
227 Enoree Circle  
Greer, SC 29651

December 18  
Dee Buford  
Woodlands at Furman  
1231 Trailhead Ct  
Greenville, SC 29617

## College Winter Break Events, Retreat and Missions Day!

**The Bridge College-Aged & Young Adult White Elephant Exchange**  
Thursday, December 10, 6:00pm  
AYMC Terrace Level

All Bridge and college students are invited to our Christmas event to play a spirited White Elephant exchange game. All you need to bring is a wrapped present in the \$5-\$10 range to play. Feel free to be creative and funny! Remember to wrap your present!

Help us pack "Survival Backpacks" as a service project for Pendleton Place Teen Center. Pendleton Place serves teens and young adults ages 17 to 24 who are experiencing homelessness. Their greatest need in the colder months is "survival backpacks." Each backpack includes: winter-friendly accessories (gloves, beanie, hot hands), hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap) and nonperishable, individually-wrapped food. We hope you will help us by donating these items. Please bring your donations to our Christmas gathering.

**College Christmas Party**  
Friday, December 18, 6:00pm  
FBG Fellowship Hall

All college students are invited to our annual Christmas party. We hope you will join us for a fun time of fellowship and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped gift. RSVP by Monday, December 14, and let us know if you can attend. Visit <https://goo.gl/forms/rsETxbDFqtoyj95F2> to sign up.

**Fellowship Fun**  
Wednesday, January 6, 11:00am-2:00pm  
AYMC Terrace Level

All college students are invited to come enjoy a time of fellowship with one another. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a great time with our college family. Please RSVP so we know how many to expect.

Visit <https://goo.gl/forms/dOkjZMAm4wLiWhYF2> to sign up.

**College Retreat & Missions Day**  
Saturday, January 30  
FBG

We always look forward to our annual college retreat that offers us time away from our regular schedules and responsibilities. This year we will meet in Greenville for a day of fellowship, community service and discussion. We would love for you to join us on Saturday, January 30, for this event. More details to come!

# Youth Family December Events!

## High School Christmas Decorating Party Wednesday, December 2, 5:00-7:00pm AYMC Terrace Level

The Youth Family high school students are invited to our annual Christmas Decorating Party. We will select our senior tree, play Christmas-themed games, and enjoy a variety of Christmas crafts.

## Middle School Christmas Decorating Party Wednesday, December 9, 5:00-7:00pm AYMC Terrace Level

The Youth Family middle school students are invited to our annual Christmas Decorating Party! We will decorate the senior tree, play Christmas-themed games, and enjoy a variety of Christmas crafts.

## High School Christmas White Elephant Game Sunday, December 13, 5:00-7:00pm AYMC Terrace Level

This year the Youth Family high school students are invited to participate in an exciting game of “classic” White Elephant. Youth are asked to bring a wrapped, \$5-\$10 gift in order to play. Feel free to be creative and funny!

## Middle School Christmas White Elephant Game Wednesday, December 16, 5:00-7:00pm AYMC Terrace Level

This year the Youth Family middle school students are invited to participate in an exciting game of “classic” White Elephant. Youth are asked to bring a wrapped, \$5-\$10 gift in order to play. Feel free to be creative and funny!

# Advent Sunday School

Have you ever wondered what Seminary is like for the budding ministers we bless and send off every once in a while? Is it theological boot camp—“Drop and give me ten...commandments!”—or more like a series of semester-sized spiritual retreats? What classes do they take? What does seminary do to their faith, to their understanding of the gospel?

If you have ever been curious about who our current seminary students are and what they are doing in their studies—or even if you’ve never thought about it until now—you

are invited to participate in our Advent Sunday School Series: A Conversation with Our Seminary Students. Across three of the four Sundays in Advent, I will be interviewing our seminary students, letting them tell their stories of pursuing their theological education in the light of Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know them and to get a sense of the ups and downs and emotional and spiritual extremes they have experienced along the way.

—Matt

## Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/fbgadventss>

November 29: Dread, Hope and Other Extremes in Seminary

December 6: The Joy of Feeling Overwhelmed

December 13: Worship at the Peace Center—No Advent Series

December 20: Learning to Love Again



Advent 2020

## Advent Booklets

Please visit the church website homepage slider for the new in-house 2020 book of Advent meditations. If you would like a paper copy, let me know ([kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or 233-2527 ext. 128), and we can arrange a pick-up time for you.

—Kimberly

## Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 11/25-27** AYMC and Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/29 9:30-10:15am** Joint Advent Sunday School Series: A Conversation with Our Seminary Students—Dread, Hope and Other Extremes in the Seminary (Zoom) <https://tinyurl.com/fbgadventss>
- 10:30am** (Virtual) First Sunday of Advent  
Hanging of the Green  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 12:30-5:00pm** Mobile Blood Drive Sign up for a time at <https://tinyurl.com/fbgblooddrive1120>
- 12/2 4:30-6:00pm** Preschool and Children Family Christmas Kit Pick Up (<https://forms.gle/YyWbbT3AiUY5QExg8>)
- 5:00-7:00pm** High School Christmas Decorating Party (AYMC Terrace Level)

- 12/6 9:30-10:15am** (Zoom) Joint Advent Sunday School Series: A Conversation with Our Seminary Students—The Joy of Feeling Overwhelmed <https://tinyurl.com/fbgadventss>
- 10:30am** (Virtual) Second Sunday of Advent  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 11:45am-12:30pm** (Virtual) Children's Ministry Christmas Zoom Partypalooza!
- 12/9 5:00-7:00pm** Middle School Christmas Decorating Party (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 12/13 10:30am** (Peace Center and Virtual) Third Sunday of Advent  
Be at Peace  
Service of Lessons and Carols
- 5:00-7:00pm** High School Christmas White Elephant Game (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 12/16 5:00-7:00pm** Middle School Christmas White Elephant Game (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 6:15pm** Longest Night Service (Virtual)

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### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 11/21

\$2,388,458

Receipts as of 11/19

\$2,153,218

### Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

November 23-29

Jim Dant

478-737-7298 (m)

November 30-December 6

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, 11/23

#### Hospitals

Prisma-Greenville Memorial: Kent Brown

#### Rehab

NHC-Greenville: Hugh Hughes

Patewood-Congaree: Brenda Ballard

St. Francis-Downtown: Claudia Caldwell

#### Discharged

Floyd Surlis

#### Sympathy

...to Lora Johnstone and family in the death of her aunt.

...to Herlane Edwards and family in the death of her father.

...to Reg Greer and family in the death of his father.

...to Chandler Greer and family in the death of his father.

...to Susan Merritt and family in the death of her father-in-law.

### Congratulations

...to Steph and Val Rodriguez on the birth of a son Santiago James Rodriguez, on November 3, 2020.

...to Chris and Kathryn Atkinson Uberti on the birth of a daughter, Ellen Bridges Uberti, on October 28, 2020 in Brighton, Michigan. Ellen's grandparents in our church are Kathy Atkinson and Tom Atkinson Jr. Her great grandparents in our church are Sherry and Tom Atkinson Sr.



### 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!