

WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 10

Via FBG Website and Facebook

MidWeek Fellowship

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Bible Study: Wise Leadership During
Wearisome Times: A Study of Nehemiah

Sunday, February 14

10:30am

Transfiguration Sunday

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Learning Disobedience

Scripture: Mark 1:40-45

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<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/>

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here:
89.3-HD4, 89.7 FM, 91.9 FM

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video stream or have had trouble in
the past, please email

live@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

Include your name, email and
description of your problem.

Thank you for your continued support.
—Will D.

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

History has never been my strong suit. I understand its value. I hold a deep appreciation for those who retain and relay it for our benefit. However, the past is not my primary field of focus. I am also not much of a worrier. I have dreams, hopes, and plans on my calendar, but the future has limited influence on my daily actions. I have always tended to squeeze the day (exprime diem...carpe diem is overused). I like to experience life, in the moment, to the fullest. My story—and the people in my story—is the history to which I give the most attention.

Almost every morning, Cletus ate breakfast at my grandparents' home before my grandfather drove him to the sawmill for a day's work. My grandfather refused to buy a home on the right side of the tracks, but rather chose to live in the community with his employees. My seven-year-old-self enjoyed hearing Cletus' stories. Ray owned the record store in town. It was a somewhat renovated Jim Walter Home with black light posters and the constant smell of incense. I was forbidden to ride my bike—again, across the tracks—to the record store. He sold me my first 45 (Shambala by Three Dog Night) and

many subsequent albums. Johnette Wesley was my first teacher after desegregation. She often held my hand as she walked our class to the lunchroom. Her hand felt no different than any other hand I had held. To this day, I credit her for my love of writing and academics. June taught me 'The Bump' on the playground—my middle school crush. I went to visit her recently. She is now retired from the military...and still brilliant. I cried at Robert's funeral. As a seventh grader, I attended his baptism. (His church service was a lot longer than mine!) As a ninth grader, I attended his funeral. I knew I would miss him in band, the lunchroom, and the desk beside me. Nela was my date to a college homecoming dance. An international student from Ethiopia, no one else on our small, private, college campus looked or spoke like her...or danced like her! Mark and I were friends—colleagues—in graduate school. Sitting across a table in the library, he was the first to love me enough to say, "Jim, you don't think you are racist, but..." John, eyes wet with the tears of gratitude and pain, told me the history of our churches as we ate lunch together.

I wish I was more adept at recalling all the movers and shakers of our culture—the people who have shaped our common history. It's much easier to recall the movers and shakers of my life...the people who have shaped me.

—Jim

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes Drive-Through
February 17, 8-9am, Noon-1pm, 5-6pm

Stations of the Cross Meditations

Weekdays, February 17-April 1

Sign up for 30-minute slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4daaad2da2f58-chapel>

Celebrating Ash Wednesday

People experience life and absorb information in different ways. Some of us are aural learners; we retain what we hear. Some of us are visual learners; we retain what we see. Many of us are tactile learners; we understand best through touch and feel. Ash Wednesday is one celebration of the church that touches all these sensory modes. During the typical Ash Wednesday service, we hear words of confession and imposition, we see the sign of the cross upon the forehead of others, and we feel the touch of finger and ash on our foreheads.

As we navigate the necessary restraints of COVID-19, the practice of the church will look a little different this year, but the sensory experiences will be safely offered. For those who wish to receive the imposition of ashes (tactile experience), we will provide three different 'drive through' times. On Wednesday,

February 17, you and your family may drive through the Narthex Loop in front of the Sanctuary—8:00-9:00am, noon-1:00pm, or 5:00-6:00pm—and receive the imposition of ashes from one of our ministers. The ministers will be gloved, masked, and using single use cotton swabs for the imposition. If you only wish to hear the prayers, songs and meditation of Ash Wednesday, tune in that same evening to our internet broadcast of MidWeek Fellowship at 6:15pm. Finally, if you need a more visual, artistic interpretation of this holy day, watch the movie *Chocolat* (PG-13). The drama is set within the context of the Lenten season and prompts good thought about what it means to live a faithful life.



—Jim

Fitness Goals?

LET US HELP YOU REACH THEM HERE AT THE AYMC!

Do you have fitness goals or need help making those goals? The AYMC is the perfect place to bring those goals to reality – while staying safe and healthy at the same time!

Here at the AYMC we're committed to making your fitness experience safe and affordable while allowing you to achieve your fitness goals.

Home: You can achieve your fitness goals at home with our daily Virtual Fitness Classes, Yoga Classes, and Pilates Classes!

On-site: To continue our commitment to keep members safe, we encourage members to make an appointment to use our Fitness Room, new Cardio Space, and Walking Track by emailing aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com. We also have an app to make scheduling your appointment a breeze.

AYMC Hours

8:00am–noon: Monday–Friday

5:00pm–7:00pm: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

If you have questions about your fitness goals, classes/trainers or scheduling appointments, please contact me at 864.233.2527, ext 168.

—Caleb Avery,
AYMC Interim Director





Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Sometimes life gangs up on you, and you say, “Because of what I’ve been through or am going through or because of what’s coming, I could use some support—preferably someone outside my circle of friends and family, someone who can keep confidences, someone who can be there when I need them... but won’t over-stay!”

At First Baptist, we have a name for that kind of person. They are ministers with our Stephen Ministry; church members like yourself who have made an offering of their empathy and availability so that they can “companion” others through life’s transitions. They have undergone special training and participate in

regular meetings for continuing education. They are here for you! If you’d like to explore it, just let one of us ministers know that you’d like to interview a Stephen Minister, and they will contact you personally to discuss a good match.



Last Sunday, we welcomed Rhonda Girvin and Ken Kraft to their ranks—our newly minted Stephen Ministers! We welcome them, thank them for their service, and pray God’s blessing on their ministries among us!



If Stephen Ministry might be a way for you to explore your own ministry calling, know that the need tends to outpace the supply. If you feel a nudge to join their ranks and become a companion for others, please call Kendra or me, or contact one of our Stephen Leaders directly—Pat Booker-Christy, Wofford Green, Hazel Harris or Duke McCall—and learn more.

Let this be the year you take a step of faith in the direction of the ministry you need or the ministry you need to do!

—Kyle

Register Now for First Baptist’s Spring Basketball Experience

Registration: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CI8MYVDCQsphwH_OSLw1cdLjEnBDiLXOrt3mBEa3EN0/edit?ts=601875a8&gxids=7628

Schedule: Practices and games will be in March and April, details to be set by the Basketball Committee

Format: This will be determined by how many players register, but the goal is to have practices and an in-house season of officiated games

Ages: K4 through grade 12

Cost: \$50 per player, includes a reversible jersey

Safety protocols: More details will be provided by the Basketball Committee, but masks will be required for players, coaches and fans (attendance will be limited in order to abide by the church’s current COVID-19 guidelines)

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/>

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

—Matt, Nikki, and the First Baptist Basketball Committee

Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 2/10 4:45-6:00pm** Lenten/Easter
Kit Pickup for Preschoolers
and Elementary-aged Children
(Rotunda)
5:00pm Wednesdays for Youth
— Middle School
6:15pm (Virtual) MidWeek
Fellowship: Jim Dant—Wise
Leadership During Wearisome
Times: A Study of Nehemiah
- 2/14 10:30am** (Virtual) Transfiguration
Sunday
Communion
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 2/15** AYMC and Church Offices
Closed in Observance of
Presidents' Day
- 2/17 8:00-9:00am** Imposition of
Ashes Drivethrough
Noon-1:00pm Imposition of
Ashes Drivethrough
5:00-6:00pm Imposition of
Ashes Drivethrough
5:00pm Wednesdays for Youth
— All Youth
6:15pm (Virtual) Ash
Wednesday Service

- 2/21 10:30am** (Virtual) First Sunday
in Lent
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
5:00pm Sunday Night Live for
Youth— Middle School
- 2/24 4:00pm** Preschool Choir and
Missions(Zoom)
5:00pm Elementary Choir and
Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Wednesdays for Youth
—High School
6:15pm (Virtual) MidWeek
Fellowship: Camille Loomis
Rehnberg—Temptations of
Jesus: Introduction



Meals to Go

Uptown Catering continues to provide meals to go as well as Wednesday Night Specials at FBG pricing! Visit <https://theuptowncompany.square.site/s/shop> for menu options. Available for drive-thru pick up at the kitchen door!

Care List

Care List as of Morning, 2/8

Hospitals

St. Francis-Eastside: Harriet Major

Rehab

Patewood-Congaree: Brenda Ballard

Cascades: Claudia Caldwell

Clemson Downs: Woodie Williams

Discharged

Neil Cochran, Allison Erskine and newborn

Sympathy

...to the family of Shirley Young.

Congratulations

...to Caitlin and Grice Hunt on the birth of a daughter, Hollis Caroline Hunt, on January 29, 2021. Hollis' older sister is Helen. Her grandmother in our church is Rosemary New, and her great-grandmother in our church is Keeter Horton.

...to Aaron and Allison Duffie on the birth of a son, Connor Jackson Duffie,

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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 2/6
\$269,230

Receipts as of 2/5
\$290,025

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

February 8-14
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)

February 15-21
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."

on January 29, 2021 in Charlotte, NC. Connor's grandparents in our church are Bert and Mittie Taylor.

...to Kelly Williamson and Chris Herman on the birth of a daughter, Lily May Rebecca Herman, on February 3, 2021 in Charlotte, NC. Lily's grandparents in our church are Dan and Dianne Williamson.

February Focus on Missions: Greenville's Gift

FBG is collecting baby items for Greenville's Gift. You may place gifts in the crib in the Reception Area at the church, or send a gift directly to them from their baby registry, <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/greenvillesgift-september-2021-greenville/VC5KNPMB28VC>.

- Baby Clothing (size 0-12 months), new and gently used (washed)
- Hats and Socks
- Bibs and Burp Cloths
- Outerwear
- Blankets