

WORSHIP

Wednesday, March 3

6:15pm

Via FBG Website and Facebook

MidWeek Fellowship

Proclaimer: Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Bible Study: Temptations of Jesus:
Luke 4:5-8

Sunday, March 7

10:30am

Third Sunday of Lent

Family Dedication

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: A God Who Dwells in Foolishment

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Guest Artist: Rudy Currence

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Rudy Currence Musical Guest March 7

Grammy and Dove Award winning producer, Grammy nominated writer

and #1 Billboard Gospel recording artist Rudy Currence is to be our musical guest in worship on Sunday, March 7. The son of a pastor, Rudy is a native of Rock Hill, SC, and a

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Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Jeff was my best friend in high school and a groomsman in my wedding. He and I shared a passion for life. We jumped at opportunities that allowed us to expand our horizons and enrich our life experience. Jeff was an Eagle Scout, a Gulf War hero (shot down in a plane over the ocean, survived and rescued). He worked for the CDC, practiced forensic medicine, and today is a Baptist minister—perhaps the greatest, most perilous adventure of all. (I'm laughing.) One collegiate summer, Jeff traveled to Panama City to work as a sailor. He took tourists on Hobie Kat excursions. Intrigued by this new skill, I asked him to explain how he gets back to shore if the wind is against him. His long answer was an explanation of tacking. His short answer was, "It doesn't matter which way the wind is blowing, you learn to sail safely to the shore."

When I was interviewing to become Senior Minister at First Baptist Greenville, the search committee asked me to describe my style of ministry. I remember telling them, "I easily embrace the roles of priest, prophet and pastor, but I'm a lousy politician." I have never been one to stick my finger up, check the wind, and go with the clouds

or the crowds. Rather, I gather the people, garner their corporate wisdom and energy, and then do what's right. It shouldn't matter which way the wind is blowing. Our goal is safely arrive at shore.

In prior months, we have set two different target dates for regathering for in-person worship. Each time, COVID-19 infection rates have surged causing us to postpone. The Leadership Team (Core Committee chairpersons and deacon officers) has set a new target date for regathering. We are hoping to gather for worship in our Sanctuary in multiple services by reservation, masked and safely distanced, on Sunday, April 18. We also hope to gather in-person on for MidWeek Fellowship Bible Study and Prayer on Wednesday, April 21. Worshipers would be able to register via the church website for either one of the Sunday services or the Wednesday evening service. This will keep numbers low in each service, but give everyone access to at least one service. More details will follow as we approach these dates. Of course, regathering is dependent upon the continued decline of COVID-19 infection rates and increase of vaccine reception.

The wind is blowing in all directions with the discussion of regathering, but we are committed to getting safely to shore. Let's continue to hope and pray together as we responsibly care for one another and our community.

—Jim

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.

Chapel Visits

Weekdays, February 17-April 1
Come to sit, meditate, pray or visit the Stations of the Cross.
Sign up for 30-minute slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4daaad2da2f58-chapel>

Palms and Easter Lilies

To celebrate Easter, an arrangement of lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary as both honorary and memorial gifts. These gifts will also provide the palms used the week before on Palm Sunday. All lily gifts will be published in the newsletter. We have a new option for giving this year—online! If you are interested in providing an Easter lily gift, visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/easter-lilies/> and follow



the instructions to submit your dedications. You may even pay online! If you would prefer, you may still mail the following information and your payment (checks payable to First Baptist Church) to me at church or drop it off in person. Orders and checks (\$30 each) should be received by Monday, March 22. If you would like to make a gift toward this arrangement, send the following information to my attention at the church (First Baptist Church, Attn: Kimberly Coates, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC 29601),

along with your contribution of \$30 per dedication:

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address (if applicable):

Number of Gifts (\$30 each):

In honor of:

In memory of:

Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

Orders should be received by March 22 to allow time to order palms and lilies.

—Kimberly



Susan D'Amato

COVID Conversations for Lent

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT—MARCH 7, 2021

Psalm 19

S: So fun fact, we had COVID at Xmas. I had my antibodies tested and they r positive.

M: So what does that mean?

S: It's a blood test to

confirm you have COVID antibodies and u only have them if u had it.

M: Wow, amazing, because they said you were negative right?

D: So glad y'all were proactive and quarantined just in case!

S: Yeah, but at this pharmacist, they make you swab your own nose, and I just don't really think I did it right.

D: Makes sense. Thankfully it wasn't worse. M, did you schedule your vaccine appointment?

M: Not yet, because my dr wants me to get it from him because I have reactions sometimes. But I'm not sure I should wait.

D: How long would you have to wait?

M: I don't know. I guess i'll have to go to the store and sign up. They're not answering the phone. I'll let you know.

Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork. One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known. Of course, there's no speech, no words—their voices can't be heard—but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth. God has made a tent in heaven for the sun. The sun is like a groom coming out of his honeymoon suite; like a warrior, it thrills at running its course. It rises in one end of the sky; its circuit is complete at the other. Nothing escapes its heat.

(Psalm 19:1-5)

O God of Healing and Presence, Although a new year has begun, a pandemic looms still, overloading hospitals, disrupting lives, and leading to death for loved ones who otherwise would still be with family. We pray for your presence to be felt by those grieving, for your healing hand to be active in the vaccine's potency, and for your wisdom to shape decisions we make in the name of health and safety for those around us. Amen.

Cookie Time

Enjoy these photos from the Children's Ministry's outreach to honorary grandparents within our church family! The children sure enjoyed baking and decorating cookies for their new friends, and everyone had the opportunity to share notes and get to know each other. Cookies and friendship! What could be better?

—Becky

CHILDREN



March Focus on Missions

Our congregation will serve as “virtual hosts” to United Ministries Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) families the week of March 21–28. Throughout the month of March, we will partner with UM to provide IHN participants much-needed cleaning supplies. Typically, IHN involves various religious organizations in the Greenville community taking turns to provide emergency shelter, food

and fellowship to families who are experiencing homelessness. Though our church members normally contribute to this effort providing meals and staying the night with our guests, the structure of IHN has been forced to shift temporarily to avoid endangering anyone involved. Rather than using our church and other congregation partners' buildings for emergency housing, those seeking emergency shelter are instead in separate apartments for the time being. Many of these families lack the

necessary cleaning supplies to maintain these spaces well. This is where we would like to invite our whole congregation to help out by donating any of the following items throughout the month:

- Paper towels
- Multi-surface cleaners for kitchens and/or bathrooms
- Toilet bowl cleaner (such as Ajax® or similar products)
- Duster kits (such as Swiffer® or similar products)

Options to donate:

- 1) Bring to the church Reception Area Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm.
- 2) Order online and ship to:
First Baptist Greenville
c/o Amy Joye
847 Cleveland Street
Greenville, SC 29601

Contact Laura Stout (laura.stout@firstbaptistgreenville.com) with any questions.

—Kate Anderson, Missions and Affiliations Committee

MISSIONS

Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 3/3 4:00pm Preschool Choir and Missions (Zoom)
 5:00pm Elementary Choir and Missions (Zoom)
 5:00pm Wednesdays for Youth – Middle School
 6:15pm (Virtual) MidWeek Fellowship: Camille Loomis Rehnborg – Temptations of Jesus: Luke 4:5-8
- 3/7 10:30am (Virtual) Third Sunday in Lent
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer
 4:15pm Vocare Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 5:00pm Sunday Night Live – High School
- 3/10 4:00pm Preschool Choir and Missions (Zoom)
 5:00pm Elementary Choir and Missions (Zoom)
 5:00pm Wednesdays for Youth – Middle School
 6:15pm (Virtual) MidWeek Fellowship – Temptations of Jesus: Luke 4:9-15
- 3/12-14 All Youth Spring Retreat

- 3/14 10:30am (Virtual) Fourth Sunday in Lent
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer
 2:00-3:00pm Children's Ministry Event: Bring Your Bike to Church Day
 4:15pm Vocare Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 3/17 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 Rehnborg – Temptations of Jesus: Luke 22:39-46
- 3/21 10:30am (Virtual) Fifth Sunday in Lent



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, 3/1

Hospitals

As of the morning of 3/1/2021, there are no hospitalized church members of whom the Pastoral Care Ministry is aware.

Rehab

Patewood-Congaree: Brenda Ballard
 Cascades: Claudia Caldwell

Discharged

Dann Kirby

Sympathy

...to the family of Ron Buff.
 ...to the family of Marie Clay.
 ...to the family of Harriet Major.
 ...to Pamela Davis and family in the death of her mother.

Introducing

Lois Foster, 204 Wild Turkey Way, Greenville 29617, joined FBG on November 23, 2020, by transfer of letter from another Baptist church. Lois is employed with ALF Promotions.

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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 2/27
 \$430,768

Receipts as of 2/24
 \$373,838

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

March 1-7
 Frank Smith
 268-3890 (h)

March 8-14
 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."

Rodney Foster, 117 Sunderland Drive, Greenville 29611, joined FBG on November 24, 2020, by transfer of letter from another Baptist church. Rodney is self-employed as a nutritional health coach.

Currence, *continued from page 1*

graduate of Furman University with a degree in music. He has written for and worked with Quincy Jones, Lecrae, David Banner, Karen Clark Sheard, Donald Lawrence, Byron Cage and more. He has performed on stages with artists like Kirk Franklin, Koryn Hawthorne, Marvin Winans, Keke Wyatt, Regina Belle and Jasmine Sullivan. His recent release "I Belong Here" remained at the top of the Billboard Gospel Radio Chart for two consecutive weeks. He has also been named Billboard's No. 1 Gospel Songwriter, too. Find more information at www.RudyCurrence.com and follow him on Instagram/Clubhouse/Facebook/YouTube: @RudyCurrence and Tik Tok/Twitter: @Rudy_Currence.