

WORSHIP

Sunday, April 11

10:30am

Via FBG Website, Facebook and Radio

Second Sunday of Easter

Proclaimer: Matt Rollins

Sermon: Across the Great Divide

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

Access FBG Website here:

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/>

Access Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/fbcgreenvillesc/>

Access Radio (Sunday morning only here:

89.3-HD4, 89.7 FM, 91.9 FM

If you are having trouble viewing the 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. Email aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com for appointment.



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

YouTube has become the new DIY (Do It Yourself) manual. In my early days of playing bass guitar, I accessed tutorial videos on YouTube to learn songs like “I Want You Back,” “Red House,” “The Weight,” “Girl from Ipanema” and “Silly Love Songs.” I have a friend who tiled his bathroom via video lessons. I’ve known young people who learned to tie a tie and older people who learned to program their smart phones using this media venue. For visual learners, it is a favored path to reading a manual. For those who hate being put on hold, it beats the customer service line. Our present culture learns a lot via video.

Our church’s COVID-19 Leadership Team (Deacon officers, Chairs of Personnel, Finance and Property Committee, Senior Minister and Church Operations Coordinator) have decided to reopen the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 18, for masked, socially distanced, limited seating, multiple in-person worship services. The building is ready. Pews are marked, air circulation and filtration have been approved, cleaning equipment for use between services have been purchased, and safety protocols have been determined. Rather than communicate all this information to

you in written form alone, we have created a new ‘welcome video’ for the homepage of our website to both welcome worshipers to First Baptist and give detailed instructions about our gathering protocols. The protocols include registering for the worship service of your choice, entering the buildings through appropriate doors, socially-distanced seating in the Sanctuary, participating in worship with limited parameters, and exiting the Sanctuary safely. This video will be posted on the homepage of the church website this Thursday, April 8. More detailed written instructions will be emailed to parishioners next week. If neither the video nor written instructions make sense to you (I never make assumptions regarding my communicative skills), feel free to call the church office next week, and we will help you register and prepare for these worship gatherings.

Your patience during this past year has been a gift to our church community and our broader community. We will never know the illness, death and pressure on the medical community we avoided. At no time did First Baptist become the source of a viral spread, and we want to keep it that way. We are much more interested in spreading the idea that love of neighbor is a priority in our faith. We have loved well this past year. Thank you...

—Jim

Canned Fruit Collection

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS THROUGH UNITED MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY

With in-person worship starting back in a few weeks, First Baptist will continue collecting canned fruit for the United Ministries Food Pantry. We'd like to encourage you to bring canned fruit donations to three drop-off locations on our campus:

- Front Desk (Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm)
- Fellowship Hall Lobby (Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm)
- AYMC Lobby (Mondays-Fridays, 8am-Noon)

Please also consider bringing fruit donations when you visit campus for worship on Sundays and Wednesdays beginning April 18. You may also order online and ship directly to United Ministries through their Amazon wish list (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1MNF6VPVU487F?ref_=wl_fv_le).

We have continued to collect fruit throughout the pandemic, thanks to a wonderful team of volunteers who gathered the fruit donations each month and delivered them to United Ministries on behalf of our



congregation. If you are interested in joining this Fruit Collection team, please email clayHgilbert@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for your continued generosity in providing canned fruit for our neighbors through the United Ministries food pantry! For more information about the impact this organization is making in our community, visit united-ministries.org/crisis-assistance.

—Catherine “Clay” Gilbert
Missions & Affiliations Committee

Flower Gifts

An Easter lily was given

...in memory of Bill Godsey by his family—Carolyn, Kenneth and Karen.

...in honor of Anne Simmons on her birthday by Ashley McHugh, Margaret McHugh, Mac McHugh, Al Henderson and Laurie Henderson.

...in honor of John and Jeanette Cothran by their children and grandchildren.

...in honor of the Herring Choral Scholars by Stephen and Nancy Cothran.

...in memory of Dr. Edgar McKnight from Foreign Study

students he took to the four corners in 1985: Jon, Kyle, Russ, Stan and Steve.

...by the Snyder and Pyett families in memory of their brother, Stanley Pyett.

...in memory of Larry Berry by his daughter, Laurie.

...in loving memory of Nancy Crater by her niece Hailey Caldwell and family.

...in loving memory of Joan Thomas by her niece Hailey Caldwell and family.

...in memory of Harriet Major by Julie Treu.

...in memory of Helen Milla Haselden—beloved aunt, mother, sister and friend—by the Milford family.

...by Gail House in memory of her husband, Dr. Thomas Edward House.

...by Gail House in memory of her parents, Grady and Louise Toney; her sister, Sharon T. Newton; and her niece, Lisa M. Carpenter.

...by Gail House in honor of her son, Eric R. Daniel.

...in memory of Lisa Smart Stamm by Carol and Larry Cobb and family.

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Rethinking Help

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP, APRIL 14 THROUGH MAY 26

All you want is to show your out-of-town friends Falls Park. It's a beautiful day, and everything is going according to plan. Suddenly a woman—filthy and with a stricken look on her face—is standing at your side mumbling a request for money.

Your first instinct is to buy your way out of the situation, but the moment you reach for your money you think: Didn't someone tell you never to give them money? You're supposed to buy them food (right?), but you don't have time for that; you've already made your charitable donations, and besides, you didn't ask to be blindsided like this. You say you're sorry and keep moving. You make a mental note to ask somebody what it was you were supposed to do in that situation... *again*. *Ugh*.

This encounter ruins your mood for the rest of the afternoon. You can't shake the misery you saw in her eyes, which makes you think about why you work so hard to make money, pay your bills, and avoid risk so that you never have to be in such a

vulnerable position. In fact, you make yourself a vow: *I will never ask anyone for help unless I have no other choice...*

Over lunch, your out-of-town guests ask if you've found a church you like in Greenville. You hear yourself say, "You know, I just find that church doesn't meet my needs."

People who study human behavior say we have a deeply dysfunctional relationship with asking for help, receiving help, offering help and helping helpers. It comes at a cost: We don't get the help we need, and we rob one another of our deeply felt need to be a helper.

In spite of this, there's a lot of good news we need to hear! Let's come together over scripture, interview the experts, and get the help we need to have a better relationship with...well... *help*. Invite a friend and join us!

—Kyle

Flower Gifts, continued from page 2

...in memory of Sue Pillow Burt by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.

...in memory of Donny Woods by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.

...in memory of Bill and Ruby Stoddard by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.

...in memory of Thomas and Pauline Pillow by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.

...in memory of Ruth Reid and Rachel Martin.

...in loving memory of Henry and Ruth Little by their family.

...in memory of Bill Hunter by Lib Hunter.

...in memory of Ned and Marie Clay by Rob and Mary Pyett.

...in loving memory of Ned and Marie Clay by their children, Buddy Clay and Marie Hall, and their families.

...in loving memory of Benje Willingham by Debbie.

Two lilies were given

...in memory of Gerald Stroud by his wife, Lois.

...in memory of Tom and Edna Hartness by Becky and Bobby Hartness.

Four lilies were given

...in memory of Dr. Duke, Marguerite and Winnona McCall and church members lost to COVID-19 by Duke and Cathy McCall.



Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 4/11 10:30am (Virtual)
Second Sunday of Easter
Proclaimer: Matt Rollins
- 4/14 4:00pm Preschool Choir and Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Wednesdays for Youth — Middle School
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: Rethinking Help with Kyle Matthews (Virtual)
- 4/18 8:30am and 10:30am Third Sunday of Easter (Sanctuary)
Proclaimer: Jim Dant
1:00–2:00pm Yoga for Kids Class
5:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth — Middle School
- 4/21 4:00pm Preschool Choir and Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Wednesdays for Youth — Middle School
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: Rethinking Help with Kyle Matthews (Sanctuary)
- 4/25 8:30am and 10:30am Fourth Sunday of Easter (Sanctuary)
Proclaimer: Jim Dant

- 4/25 5:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth — Middle School
5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/28 4:00pm Preschool Choir and Missions (Zoom)
5:00pm Wednesdays for Youth — Middle School
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: Rethinking Help with Kyle Matthews (Sanctuary)



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!


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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 4/3
\$699,998

Receipts as of 3/29
\$541,325

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Week-ends

April 5-8
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

April 9-11
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)

April 12-18
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."

Care List

Care List as of Morning, 4/5

Hospitals

As of the morning of 4/5, there are no hospitalized church members of whom the Pastoral Care Ministry is aware.

Rehab

Brenda Ballard, Claudia Caldwell,
Anne Simmons

Discharged

Elizabeth Jemison & newborn

Sympathy

...to the family of Tom Tuten Sr.

...to the family of Emily Boyd.

April Focus on Missions

Soteria CDC helps formerly-incarcerated men to get on a successful path. We are collecting the following for "First Day Kits":

- Bibles
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Socks
- Dental floss
- Washcloths

Bring to the church Reception Area Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm, or any Sunday morning in April that we gather in person (currently planned for April 18 and 25).

OR Order online and ship to:

First Baptist Greenville
c/o Amy Joye
847 Cleveland Street
Greenville, SC 29601

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

—Kate Anderson, Missions
Committee