

WORSHIP

Wednesday, April 28

6:15pm

Sanctuary by Reservation and
via FBG Website and Facebook

MidWeek Fellowship

Rethinking Help! Help Giving— Kyle
Matthews and Tony McDade

Sunday, May 2

8:30am and 10:30am

Sanctuary by Reservation and
via FBG Website, Facebook and Radio
(10:30am only)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Family Dedication (10:30am)

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Understanding the Story

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Special Guest Musical Artist:
Kyshona Armstrong

Musicians: Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

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 have trouble streaming video, 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

Rogers and Hammerstein, Elvis
Presley, The Mamas and the
Papas, The Cranberries, The
Everly Brothers, Gary Wright, and
many other musical artists have
given us music about dreams. I
guess my favorite is voiced by
Fleetwood Mac,

*“Now here you go again, you say
you want your freedom.
Well, who am I to keep you
down?”*

After a year of differing degrees of
pandemic sequester, many of you
are dreaming of travel again. Many
are desiring the freedom to cross
state-lines, cross TSA security
scanners, and cross oceans. Many
of you have been asking, “When is
the next pilgrimage?”

We obviously did not feel safe
traveling in 2020, and very
few countries were allowing
non-resident guests. This
year—2021—has been a year of
gradual reopening and watching
and hoping for many pilgrimage

destinations. It has not been a
year that feels overwhelmingly
safe or prudent for overseas
travel. I have decided to schedule
a pilgrimage for March 17-28,
2022. It will obviously be
dependent upon open borders
and significantly reduced risk with
regard to COVID-19...but hey,
we’ve got to keep planning. We
can dream. This pilgrimage will be
the ‘Cruise the Bible Pilgrimage.’
I will teach, and we will sail to
three different continents following
the trek of our Judeo-Christian
roots. Beginning with a lecture on
world religions in Athens, Greece,
we then sail to Egypt (the land
of Israelite slavery) to Israel (the
land of promise), and to Turkey
and Greece (the sites of the early
church). If you feel this pilgrimage
might be a welcome chapter
in your spiritual journey, please
attend our ‘interest meeting’ on
Sunday, May 2 @ 12:00 noon in
the church sanctuary. I will share
the details of the pilgrimage with
you. You are under no obligation
to go. It’s just an information
meeting. After all, we can dream...
can’t we?

—Jim

Sign Up and Instructions for In-Person Worship Services

First Baptist Greenville has returned to in-person worship on Sundays at
8:30am and 10:30am and Wednesdays at 6:15pm. In accordance with COVID protocols,
services take place in the Sanctuary, masked and socially distanced.

Register to attend Sunday and Wednesday worship services here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4daaad2da2f58-worship>

What's Ahead at MidWeek?

This Wednesday night, April 28, we welcome special guest Dr. Tony McDade for the third installment of our series *REthinking Help!*

In previous weeks (available online), we talked about our difficulty in asking for and receiving the help we need. Now we turn to helping others, drawing on the wisdom of professionals with much experience to share. This week we'll interview Tony McDade, recently retired Executive Director of United Ministries, about best practices for helping the stranger. On May 5, Kendra Plating will interview Canterbury Counseling therapists Andrea Helm and Joel Koontz about how to help people who are resistant to getting the help they need and what the counseling experience is really like. On May 12, we'll interview our own Jim Dant about the role of saying "no" and setting boundaries in our efforts to help others.

I'm deeply convicted about the importance and the timeliness of these topics for the church. Each of us is engaged in the spiritual struggle to actually receive help and to help others in liberating, not codependent, ways. Let's learn all we can together so we can love—and help—one another well!



Tony McDade



Andrea Helm



Joel Koontz

Rethinking Help!

MidWeek Series: April 14 - May 26



- 4/14: **HELP SEEKING** *Why don't we ask?*
- 4/21: **HELP RECEIVING** *Why is it so hard?*
- 4/28: **HELP GIVING** *What do I do when approached?* (Interview Tony McDade)
- 5/5: **HELP GIVING** *How do I help people who are hard to help?* (Kendra Plating interviews Andrea Helm and Joel Koontz)
- 5/12: **THE GUIDING EFFECT of "NO"** (Interview Jim Dant)
- 5/19: **HELPING HELPERS** *How do I care for caregivers?*
- 5/26: **GOD'S HELP** *What is it, and what is it not?*

—Kyle

Special Musical Guest in Worship May 2



We are excited to host Kyshona Armstrong as guest music artist in our Sunday morning services on May 2! Kyshona and Jim will co-preach, sharing the message in word and song.

Kyshona Armstrong is a musical therapist and solo artist who gives her voice to those often

silenced and forgotten. She is also a familiar voice during Fall for Greenville. Kyshona began her career as a music therapist, writing her first songs with her patients—the students and inmates under her care. She soon found the need to write independently and find her own voice, an endeavor which led her to the fertile ground of the Nashville creative community and songwriting culture. Since then, she has learned how to balance her music career with her passion to heal the hurting. Audiences will find a common thread of empowerment, overcoming adversity, and finding hope in her work.

In February, Kyshona released *Listen*, co-produced with Andrija Tokic (St. Paul & The Broken Bones, Alabama Shakes, Hurray For The Riff Raff) and recorded mostly at his famed Nashville studio The Bomb Shelter. Kyshona blends roots, rock, R&B, and folk with lyrical prowess to uplift the marginalized and bring awareness to the masses. It's for every silent scream, every heavy load, every fearful thought, and the simmering sense of anger that the silenced, the lost, and the forgotten try to hide from the world. Concertgoers often ask, "What can I do?" Her response? "Listen."

—Vivian

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please remember these members of our congregation celebrating a birthday in May who are not always able to be out and about:

May 1

Joan Garrett
Westminster
11 E. Augusta Place
#132
Greenville, SC 29605

May 2

Corrinne Stewart
720 Hudson Road
Greenville, SC 29615-3426

May 5

Betty King
2 Flamingo Drive
Greenville, SC 29609-3207

May 9

David Evans
224 Dupont Drive
Greenville, SC 29607-1107

May 11

Rachel Mullinax
Rolling Green
8 Creekdale Court
Greenville, SC 29615

May 12

Doris Clanton
Woodlands at Furman
50 Arboretum Lane
Room #106
Greenville, SC 29617

May 13

Janelle Rogers
2838 Fork Shoals Road
Piedmont, SC 29673-8650

Winnie Williams

35 Hickory Way
Clemson, SC 29631-2058

May 18

Claudia Caldwell
Cascades
30 Springcrest Court
Greenville, SC 29607

May 24

Maude Maddox (104)
Sarah Gossett
27 Conestee Avenue
Greenville, SC 29605

May 31

Mareon Stall
Gardens at Eastside
275 Commonwealth Drive
Apt. B-11
Greenville, SC 29615-4814

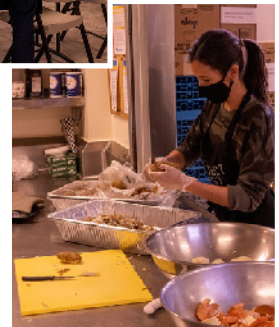
Diaconate at Project Host

In late March a group of FBG deacons joined long-time members John and Mary Braeunig at Project Host to prepare and serve lunch for Greenville's homeless community. We sliced onions and potatoes and mixed up a great breakfast casserole all while being distanced and masked. Over 75 men and women were served a bagged lunch to take away because the dining room is still closed. They also had a chance to reconnect with old friends. John, Mary and Tony McDade know many of the community served by Project Host and enjoyed catching up after a year away.

In addition to celebrating a return to service, the deacons participated in the ribbon cutting for a new commercial dishwasher donated by FBG. Project Host purchased the dishwasher with grant funds from the Missions and Affiliations Committee. This grant was funded by annual distributions from the FBG Foundation.

Many of our small groups will be serving at Project Host during the remainder of the year. It was a great morning of serving our community with our fellow deacons. If you have the opportunity, consider spending a Sunday morning enjoying community!

—Stephanie Wright, Diaconate Chair



Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 4/28 4:00pm Preschool Choir and Missions (Zoom)
 5:00pm Wednesdays for Youth —High School
 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* Help Giving— Kyle Matthews and Tony McDade (Sanctuary)
- 5/2 8:30am and 10:30am Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Proclaimer: Jim Dant
 Special Guest Musical Artist: Kyshona Armstrong
 11:30am-1:00pm Children's Ministry Event: Fifth Grade Celebration
 1:00-2:30pm Children's Ministry Event: Hike to Ice Cream Party
 4:00pm Vocare (Sanctuary)
 5:00pm Youth Ministry Junior/ Senior Night (Hampton Station)
 5:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth—High School
- 5/5 5:00-7:00pm Middle School End of Year Party (AYMC)

- 5/5 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* Help Giving Kendra Plating, Andrea Helm and Joel Koontz (Sanctuary)
- 5/9 8:30am and 10:30am Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Proclaimer: Jim Dant
 4:15pm Vocare (Sanctuary)
- 5/12 5:00-7:00pm High School End of Year Party
 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* The Guiding Effect of "No"— Kyle Matthews and Jim Dant (Sanctuary)
- 5/16 8:30am and 10:30am Ascension Sunday



CREATIVE. FROM TABLE TO BAR.

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 4/24
 \$861,536

Receipts as of 4/21
 \$710,184

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Week-ends

April 26-May 2
 Frank Smith
 268-3890 (h)

May 3-9
 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, 4/26

Hospitals

As of the morning of 4/26/2021, there are no hospitalized church members of whom the Pastoral Care Ministry is aware.

Rehab

Hoke Black, Brenda Ballard, Claudia Caldwell

Discharged

Joe Roberts, Dianne Williamson, Jenny Hewitt, Ed Lattimore, Margaret R. Allen

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 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