

WORSHIP

Wednesday, May 5

6:15pm

Sanctuary by Reservation and
via FBG Website and Facebook

MidWeek Fellowship
Rethinking Help! Help Seeking—
Kendra Plating with Andrea Helm &
Joel Koontz

Sunday, May 9

8:30am and 10:30am

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Family Dedication

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Recognizing the Spirit of God
Scripture: Acts 10:44-48

Musicians: Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

Access FBG Website here:

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/>

Access Facebook here:

[https://www.facebook.com/
fbcgreenvillesc/](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 New Hours

AYMC Walking Track and Fitness Room

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday,
8:00am-8:00pm

Wednesday and Friday, 8:00am-2:00pm



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

*“If the prophet had commanded
you to do something difficult,
would you not have done it?
How much more, when all he
said to you was, ‘Wash, and be
clean’?”—2 Kings 5:13*

Naaman, the commander of
the armies of Israel under King
Aram, had contracted leprosy. He
implored the prophet Elisha to heal
him. Elisha commanded him to dip
seven times in the Jordan River,
and he would be healed. Naaman
was offended...

In recent days, our church has
worked behind the scenes to
ensure the COVID-19 vaccine is
accessible to as many people as
possible. Our Minister of Youth
and Recreation—Mary Carol
Anderson—collaborated with Pride
Link to bring vaccinations to our
campus for the LGBTQ community
and any populations who have
had difficulties accessing the
vaccine. Frank Smith, our Minister
of Neighborhood Partnership
and Christian Fellowship was

an encouraging voice for
local healthcare to establish a
vaccination site in Nicholstown.
Our Pastoral Care Team—Kyle
Matthews, Kendra Plating, Ryland
Brown—and the rest of our staff
have offered assistance to church
members in registering for and
transportation to vaccination
appointments.

While we are not allowed to
require persons to receive the
vaccine, it has been my role
to encourage our staff and
encourage the congregation to
get vaccinated. Our vaccinations
contribute to the increased safety
of our gathering, the promotion
of the general welfare of our
community, and the tenacity of our
witness in the world. We truly want
to love our neighbors as best we
can.

Get vaccinated, wear a mask,
stay socially distanced, and wash
your hands. I’m wondering why so
many have balked at such simple
measures? If God had asked us to
make some great sacrifice to care
for our world, we would have done
it. Maybe we’re more like Naaman
than we think. Please...do these
simple things and help heal our
world.

—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>

Special Needs Events

LAP BUDDIES AND PUTT PUTT

Even though 2021 has continued our pandemic present, exciting things have been happening in the world of special needs for our church—both on and off the church campus!



On March 8, the Lula Whilden Missions Circle got together in the Parlor and created six “weighted lap buddies” for the St. Francis Class

(“home base” class for those with special needs). These weighted stuffed animals will be available for those who would like calming sensory input when participating in church activities!

Friends and family from the St. Francis class got together for a game of putt putt outside at



McPherson Park on March 6. It was so great to get together in person, masked and outside, for some fellowship! We also collected gifts of fruit for United Ministries. A fun time was had by all!

As we are able to gather in person more and more, volunteers will be needed in the coming weeks! If you are interested in being a “buddy,” please contact me at sarah.ramsey-smith@firstbaptistgreenville.com. Thank you!

—Sarah

McCall Hospice House

MAY FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Losing a loved one is never easy, but quality end-of-life care can alleviate at least some of the stress for all involved. Since 1999, this aim has been the core mission of McCall Hospice House, a residential hospice facility here in Greenville. It has been designed to offer respite for both its patients and the caregivers of those patients, who are often quite exhausted themselves. Further, the McCall Hospice House is equipped to handle even more complex medical needs through its facilities, equipment and dedicated staff. To continue to meet these needs successfully, however, they rely on donations from various individuals and organizations. Therefore, throughout the month of May, we will be collecting the following new or unused items so that we may assemble them into care bags for the patients who are currently staying at the McCall Hospice House:

- Body Wash (full size)
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Skid-Proof Socks
- Deodorant (men’s or women’s)
- Lotion (travel size)
- Mouthwash (travel size)
- Brushes/Combs
- Crossword Puzzles/Word Search Games
- Pens
- Small Notepads for Journaling
- Individually-Wrapped Hard Candy
- Individually-Wrapped Snacks: Crackers, Cookies, Chips, Snack Cakes

Donate using either of these options:

1) Bring these items to the church Reception Area any time throughout the month on Monday–Friday (9am–5pm), or any Sunday morning in May.

2) Order online and have them shipped 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 & Affiliations Committee

Easter Bag Deliveries

WITH THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Easter came a little early this year for our homebound and members in assisted living when church members delivered candy bags straight to their doors! This year, 15 church members volunteered to deliver more than 70 Easter bags prepared by the Congregational Care team, driving as far as Clemson and Pelzer to make sure recipients knew they were loved and remembered this season.

A huge thank you to the team of organizers, delivery drivers, and warm hearts who rose magnificently to the occasion. What a delight it is to be part of a community that cares for one another!

If you are interested in helping with the next round of home deliveries (late summer), please contact Ryland at ryland.brown@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-



PASTORAL CARE

233-2527. The Congregational Care team always welcomes volunteers interested in showing God's love to members who may not be able to attend worship on Sunday through home visits, calls, cards, and gift deliveries.

—Camille



New Card Writing Ministry

Do you love to keep in touch with friends via snail mail? Have a fancy calligraphy pen you need an excuse to use? You might be a perfect fit for the new card writing ministry at FBG!

This past year has shown us how important friendships and church relationships are to keeping us spiritually and emotionally healthy. Receiving a personalized card in the mail reminds us of all the people praying for us and that we are loved. The card writing team intentionally writes to two groups of FBG members: those who are homebound

and those who reside in assisted living or nursing homes.

Cindy Showman (member since 2019) is organizing a team of card writers to extend God's love to these church members through snail mail. Are you interested in ministering to our church family through pen and paper? Cindy would love to have you on the team! If you would like to put your writing skills to work encouraging others, or if you are interested in receiving cards from this team, please let Ryland know (ryland.brown@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527), and Ryland will get you in touch with Cindy.

—Pastoral Care Ministry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP YARD SALE

Contact Frank (frank.smith@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or Amy (amy.joye@firstbaptistgreenville.com)

5/7-8: Place tarps on floors in practice gym.
5/9: Following worship, move tables into practice gym.
5/10-14: Price donated items and move them into gym.
5/15, 8:00am-1:00pm: We need 40+ volunteers to price everything, move items from storage and place them on

tables in the gym.
5/17-21: Price items as they are dropped off each day.
5/21, 4:00-7:00pm: Workers needed to open for public sale. We need 10 cashiers, 6 to help with sales, and 6 to assist with loading.
5/22, 8:00am-2:00pm: We will need 10 to 12 cashiers, 10 to

help with sales, and 8 to help with loading.
5/22, 1:00-2:30pm: We need a new group to come in to assist the donation centers with loading everything we did not sell into trucks and to clean the practice gym to make it ready for the next group to use.

Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 5/5 **5:00-7:00pm** Middle School End of Year Party (AYMC)
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* Help Seeking 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 Graduate Recognition Sunday Proclaimer: Jim Dant
- 5/19 **6:15pm** MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* Helping Helpers — Kyle Matthews (Sanctuary)
- 5/23 **8:30am and 10:30am** Day of Pentecost Proclaimer: Jim Dant

- 5/23 **5:00pm** LGBTQ & Friends Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 5/26 **6:15pm** MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* God’s Help — Kyle Matthews (Sanctuary)
- 5/30 **8:30am and 10:30am** Trinity Sunday Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews
- 5/31 AYMC and Church Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 6/4-9 High School Senior Trip
- 6/6 **9:30am** Joint Adult Sunday School: Know Your Mothers (Fellowship Hall)



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 pickup at the kitchen door!


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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 5/1
\$915,382

Receipts as of 4/30
\$778,690

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

May 3-9
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

May 10-16
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, 5/3

Hospitals

Tee Tuten

Rehab

Hoke Black, Brenda Ballard, Claudia Caldwell, Barbara Alexander

Discharged

Shelton Ridge Love, Joanne McCoy

Introducing

Gary Davis and Debbie Meadows, 105 Ridge Glen, Simpsonville 29680, joined FBG on Sunday, April 18, by previous profession of faith from another denomination. Gary is employed with Nachman, Norwood, Parrott, and Debbie is retired.

Amy Elkins, 925 Cleveland St., Unit 272, Greenville 29601 joined FBG on Sunday, April 25, by transfer of letter from another Baptist church. Amy is employed with Burr & Forman, LLP.

Chris and John Hoover, 306 River Bend Road, Greenville 29617, joined FBG during worship on Sunday,

May 2, by transfer of letter from another Baptist church. John is employed with Sandvine.

Rethinking Help!

MidWeek series available on the church website and in person!
 Signup: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4daaad2da2f58-worship

- 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 SEEKING** *How do I seek 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?*