

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 5

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,
Facebook and Radio

Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews

Sermon: Thin Ice

Scripture: Mark 7:24-30

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Soloist: Amy Joye

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers return to worship on
September 12. Contact Kimberly at
kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.
com or 233-2527 ext. 128 if you would
like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on
September 19 or 26.

Access FBG Website here:
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/>

Access Facebook here:
[https://www.facebook.com/
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Access Radio here:
89.3-HD4, 89.7 FM, 91.9 FM

If you are having trouble viewing
this stream or have had trouble
in the past, please email [live@
firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto: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

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

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



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

It was a rainy-day game in my first-grade classroom. When the playground was puddled and we were forced to stay indoors, Mrs. Hicks would circle our chairs and lead us in a game of Fruit Basket Turnover. For those who've never played, each participant is given the name of a fruit with multiple players having the same fruit name. The person who is 'it' stands in the middle of the circle and calls out a fruit name. Everyone with that name must move to a different chair while the person who is 'it' tries to sit in one of the chairs emptied by the movement. Whoever is left without a chair when the movement stops is 'it.' (The rules are really hard to write. It makes more sense if you just play.)

We've had a sort of Fruit Basket Turnover in our church staff recently. Allow me to catch you up on 'who landed in what chair.' In the last several months, some of our staff have retired. Mittie Taylor retired as Director of the AYMC (Activities Youth Ministry Center), and Kathy Stewart retired as Director of FBDS (First Baptist Day School). Their chairs have been filled by Caleb Avery—new Director of the AYMC and Julie Fayssoux—new Director of FBDS.

Since Caleb served as Assistant Director of the AYMC prior to becoming Director, his assistant chair has been filled by Taneka Chappell. In addition to our retirees, Will Raybun—Associate Youth Minister—resigned to accept a call to serve as Minister to Youth and Children at Benson Baptist Church, Benson, NC. A search committee will be convened to hire a new Associate later this year. Priscilla Harris retired as our Children's Music Associate. (Here comes the most confusing part of the turnover. Are you ready?) Amy Joye has been serving as Director of Vocare (youth music ensemble) and also giving ministry assistance to Laura Stout in Missions and Frank Smith in Senior Adult and Neighborhood Partnership Ministries. Now, Amy will be working as Music Ministry Associate. She will continue to direct Vocare, as well as assume Priscilla's responsibilities with our Children's Music Ministry. In addition, she will provide some administrative support to our Children and Preschool Education ministries. Jennifer Craig—who has been working with Spiritual Formation, Children and Preschool Ministries—will now give ministry assistance to Spiritual Formation, Missions, Senior Adults and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Like I said, it's been a fruit basket turnover lately, but I hope this helps you know who has landed in what chair.

—Jim

Instructions for In-Person Worship Services

First Baptist Greenville has returned to in-person worship on Sundays at 10:30am. Services take place in the Sanctuary, masked and socially distanced. Please enter free of COVID-19 symptoms.

Rambling in Gramling, Etc.

travelled in all fifty states and all ten Canadian provinces, we are accustomed to seeking travel destinations. Since March 2020 we have taken impromptu Sunday afternoon road trips into rural and urban areas of nearby counties. From Gaffney in Cherokee County to Lake Lure in Rutherford County, NC, and from Gramling in Spartanburg County to the crossroads at Grits and Groceries in Anderson County, we have discovered fascinating places. For our explorations, we relied on our sense of direction—not a map, not a GPS. Rambling in all directions, we have explored Main Streets in small towns and

enjoyed the scenery of spacious farmlands, beautiful landscapes, and quaint old country stores. A drive in our Paris Mountain State Park was a refreshing ride down “memory lane.” Once, we even drifted into probable deer hunting territory where we made a quick U-turn! Recently, we drove through Greenville streets surrounding the Unity Park site. It has been interesting to see the locales where our neighbors reside, work and play.

We suggest that you set out to destinations such as Chesnee, Fingerville, Landrum, Clemson, Seneca, Westminster, Campobello,

With the onset of the global pandemic, we resolved not to be totally confined. Having already

Moore, Williamston, Belton, Pickens, Dacusville, Cowpens, Laurens, Moonville, Easley, Marietta, Woodruff, Princeton, Inman, Newry, Salem, Walhalla, Central, Pumpkintown, and yes, even Greenville! Select your direction—north, east, south, west—and the roadway—US 29, 25, 276 or SC 11, 14, 20, 101, 123, 290 or roads without numbers. Each trip will reward you with a one-to-three-hour getaway that will enlighten and delight you with vistas special to our small spot on the globe where we are blessed to live.

—Anne and Paula Cargill

Celebrating Our Past and Our Future

In 1826, a Baptist Meeting House was built on a parcel of land donated by Vardry McBee. Four years later in 1831, nine women and one man established the congregation of First Baptist Greenville. In 1858, the fledgling congregation had experienced significant growth and moved from the meeting house on E. McBee to a new location—just blocks away—on W. McBee. The old Baptist Meeting House became the location of what is now Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Today, this parcel of land is occupied by two restaurants—Green Fetish and Yee-Haw Brewing Company. A historical marker is posted on the corner of the block denoting both First Baptist Greenville’s and Southern Seminary’s place of birth.

On Wednesday evening, September 8, the congregation of First Baptist Greenville is invited to a celebration at Yee-Haw Brewing Company. This time of food (pay your own), games, music and

fellowship will give us an opportunity to kick-off our Fall Programming season, rekindle old friendships, and kindle new friendships.

We have the restaurant reserved for our church family from 6:00-8:00pm.

There is plenty of outdoor seating, a child-friendly menu, an outdoor staging area for the band, outdoor games (cornhole, basketball, etc.) and beverages for every age and preference.

Let’s go back to where it all started and celebrate the future that is ahead of us!

—Jim



Ushers Needed

Ushers will return to regular service on Sunday, September 5. As we are gearing up and creating schedules, we realize we have some open slots. If you would like to serve or have any questions, reach out to Kimberly Coates at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527 ext. 128.

Blessing of the Backpacks

What a beautiful sight—students and teachers of all ages standing under the tree of our Sanctuary as our church family asked God’s blessings to fall on each one. As these precious members of our church family continue to go forth and shine their lights at school, work and classrooms here at church, we hope they know how deeply they are cared for, prayed for, and loved.

—Becky, Juli and Mary Carol



WORSHIP

Focus on Missions: Canned Fruit Collection

WE CAN DO IT! LET’S COLLECT MORE CANNED FRUIT THAN EVER THIS SEPTEMBER!

First Baptist Greenville has a long history of supporting our neighbors in need by collecting canned fruit for the United Ministries Food Pantry. We have a wonderful team of volunteers who gather fruit donations each month and deliver them to United Ministries on behalf of our congregation.

This September, we will celebrate Pastor Jim Dant’s birthday as we have done in past years by collecting fruit throughout the month as our September Missions

Focus. This year is bigger than ever, as Pastor Jim will celebrate his 60th Birthday on September 22!

In celebration of 60 years, please consider making fruit donations in multiples of 6: 6 cans, 12 cans, 24 cans... or you could even donate 60 cans or 600 cans! The more canned fruit the better!

We’ll have a Big Fruit Collection Blitz on Wednesday, September 22 (Jim’s Birthday!) during MidWeek Fellowship. Bring your canned fruit that evening when you come to church.

Please also feel free to bring canned fruit donations any time during the month to our drop-off locations on campus: Front Desk, Fellowship Hall Lobby, or AYMC Lobby.

The Food Pantry is just one of the crisis assistance programs offered by United Ministries working to “provide hopeful options, strong encouragement and a measure

of stability to people finding themselves facing financial uncertainty.” In 2020, United Ministries provided food to nearly 1,000 families in need. The Food Pantry uses a client-choice model, allowing families to choose the food items that fit their family’s needs. For more information about the impact this organization is making in our community, visit united-ministries.org/crisis-assistance.

Thank you for your continued generosity in providing canned fruit for the United Ministries food pantry! For more information or if you have a question, please email me at clayHgilbert@gmail.com.

—Catherine “Clay” Gilbert
Missions & Affiliations Committee



MISSIONS

Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 9/4-6 Youth Fall Retreat at Rockmont
 9/5 10:30am Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews
 9/6 AYMC and Church Offices
 Closed in Observance of Labor Day
 9/8 6:00-8:00pm Kickoff of Fall Activities (Yee-Haw Brewing Company, 307 East McBee Ave., Ste. C)
 9/10 4:30-6:30pm Senior Adults Picnic (AYMC Terrace)
 9/12 10:30am First Grade Recognition
 New Member Recognition
 Family Dedication
 Proclaimer: Jim Dant
 11:30am-1:30pm Acolyte Training
 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
 9/15 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
 6:15-7:00pm Kyle Matthews in Concert: A MidWeek Gathering Celebration (Fellowship Hall)

- 9/17 5:30-8:00pm Children's Ministry
 Event: Movie and Pizza Night (AYMC)
 9/19 9:15-10:15am IHN Volunteer Breakfast Celebration

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar

- 3:00-6:00pm Youth Hang Time and Supper
 4:45-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open
 5:30-7:00pm Preschool and Children's Music and Missions
 6:00-7:00pm First Baptist 101 (Clemons Conference Room)
 6:15-7:00pm MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Senior Adult Picnic

September 10, 4:30-6:30pm,
 on the AYMC Terrace
 (Fellowship Hall, if rain)

No charge for meal. Call Amy Joye at 233-2527 ext. 111 for required reservations by Wednesday, September 1. Specify chicken or ham boxed meal.

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 8/28
 \$1,830,764

Receipts as of 8/20
 \$1,542,502

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

August 30-September 5

Matt Rollins
 346-0971 (m)

September 6-12
 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, 8/30

Hospital

Tom Maddox

Rehab

Barbara Alexander, Brenda Ballard,
 Claudia Caldwell, Dan Williamson

Discharged

Bill Albert, Carole Austin, Cora Elaine Hewitt

Sympathy

...to Meggie Dant Friend and family in the death of her grandmother.

...to Sam Oates and family in the death of his mother.

...to the family of Susan Wetmore.

...to Annie and Caleb Deaton in the death of their uncle.

Introducing



Brian Cromer, 1 Clock Tower, Belton, SC 29627, joined FBG by transfer of letter from another Baptist church during worship

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on Sunday, August 22. His husband is Scott Harvey. Brian is currently a student serving as a Columbia Theological Seminary Supervised Ministry Intern with our Spiritual Formation Ministry.

"So You Wanna Go Back to Egypt?"

Friday Morning Bible Study

Facilitated by Michelle McClendon
 Fridays, 10-11:30am, beginning 9/1
 Lower Level AYMC (Online option is available this semester.)

\$50 per participant
 Recommended (not required) reading:
Exodus for Normal People by Peter Enns,
Defiant: What the Women of Exodus Teach Us About Freedom by Kelley Nikondeha

To Register by 9/14, contact: Becky Bouton: (beckybouton@gmail.com) or Michelle McClendon (michellemc216@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to **Michelle McClendon**. Ask Michelle how to pay online.