

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 3

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,
Facebook and Radio

World Communion Sunday

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Rebuild My Church—
Hold the Sacred

Scripture: Mark 10:2-16

Service Choirs: Sanctuary Choir and
Vocare

Sanctuary Flowers

This Sunday is an open Sunday for
Sanctuary flowers.

Contact Kimberly at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 128 if you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on October 3, 10 or 17.

Access FBG Website here:

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/>

Access Facebook here:

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

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. 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

On a recent walk down Greenville's Main Street, I found myself in step with a lady walking her dog. Having seen her and her dog before, I introduced myself, and she reciprocated with her name. Our conversation trended toward the usual topics: the weather, the vibrant nature of the downtown area, the overabundance of condominiums, and our wonderful variety of restaurants. The conversation lulled to silence, and then she said, "I feel like I've met you before." I told her I serve as Senior Minister of First Baptist Greenville, and her eyes immediately lit up. "I have my dog blessed there when you do the Blessing of the Pets service! That's where I've seen you!" she exclaimed. At that point, I reached down to reintroduce myself to her dog. I had no fear of being bitten. Her dog is a bichon frise (or some mix thereof), so the only danger was being licked to death.

On Sunday, October 3, at 6:30pm, on our labyrinth, we will celebrate

our annual Blessing of the Pets service. This is a cherished event for our children and, of course, for all our animal loving adults. I encourage you to bring your dogs, cats, reptiles, spiders and any other creaturely friends you can safely transport to the church. Through music, prayer and the spoken word, we will thank God for the wonders of creation. We will conclude the service by speaking a word of blessing to each pet and their owners.

Because cats and canines tend to be the most prevalent attendees, there will be snacks (dog biscuits and cat treats) provided for these pets. In addition, this year we will be hosting a 'donation table' for Greenville Animal Care. If you are able, we are asking you to bring canned dog food (chopped) and canned cat food (non-fish) to donate to Greenville Animal Care. These canned items will be our offering for the evening!

Put the Blessing of the Pets on your calendar and invite another pet lover to come with you. Let's celebrate God's creation together.

—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.

Smyth and Helwys Publishing has published a book of reflections celebrating the life and ministry of Jim Pitts. The book is titled *Walk with Me: Memories, Reflections and Essays Celebrating the Life of James Milton Pitts*, editors Cecil P. Staton and John Adams. Several contributors are current or former members of FBG, including Helen Lee Turner, Vic Greene, Charles Kimball, Harry Shucker, Furman Hewitt, David Odom and Tony McDade (in collaboration with Ethan Friddle). On Sunday, October 3, at 3:00pm, a memorial service for Jim Pitts will be held at Daniel Chapel at Furman. Before leaving to serve as an associate minister at First Baptist Easley, Jim was a long-time member of FBG who was a teacher in the Seminar Class.

PASTORAL CARE

Happy Birthday!

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

October 3

Jerry Wylie (90)
616 Carolina Avenue
Greenville, SC 29607

October 4

Shirley Wagner
Woodlands at Furman
1344 Trailhead Court
Greenville, SC 29617

October 30

Mary Frances Tuten
505 Pimlico Road
Greenville, SC 29607



MUSIC

Singing at FBG

We need more singers this fall! During the past year when our church was closed to in-person services, our choirs were not able to meet in person for some time. First Baptist has a long-standing tradition of a thriving choral music program, and we have resumed in-person singing for age 3 through grade 5 on Wednesday evenings, Vocare rehearsals for grades 6-12 on Sundays at 4pm, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Our Music Ministry offerings for preschool, children and youth (Vocare) allow participants to learn to lead in worship through music as they learn theology through songs and hymns. Children gain musical skills through playing games, singing hymns and anthems, and playing instruments. Through our Music Ministry offerings, children and youth build skills for a lifetime of making music, praising God through music, and participating in worship.

Singing in the Sanctuary Choir here in our church is an opportunity for singers and musicians to be

leaders in worship through music and be actively involved in the liturgy that strengthens our faith and opens our hearts to God. Being part of the choir is also a good way to build connections in our community of faith. We are working on beautiful music for this fall and the Advent/Christmas season. Our choir is a dedicated group who share their voices to give people hope, peace and joy in this sacred place. Our Sanctuary Choir is vaccinated and wearing masks during the current times, so we can sing safely. If you or members of your family are interested in singing, this fall is a good time to get involved.

For more information on any of our Music Ministry offerings, be in touch with us. We look forward to hearing from you!

—Vivian (vivian.hamilton@firstbaptistgreenville.com)
Amy (amy.joye@firstbaptistgreenville.com)

Annual Church Picnic

OCTOBER 24, 4:00PM

Two years have passed since our last church picnic. Our 2019 picnic was incredible, and we had more of our church family join us than ever before! We are so excited to announce that our 2021 church picnic will happen on Sunday, October 24, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. We will meet at the home of Mary Lou and Pat Hartness, and all the usual fun will be there, too! This year's live band will be Hot As A Pepper, a band known for the best in current to classic dance music including Rock, Disco, Funk, Pop, Top 40, R&B, Motown, Beach, Soul, Country and Jazz. Our children will once again be able to play on inflatables and explore a fire truck. Hayrides will run throughout



the evening, and Charlie's BBQ will provide their amazing food. What better way to celebrate the ability to gather again than to come to the 2021 Church Picnic—we cannot wait to see you! Sign up today by visiting First Baptist's website: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/church-picnic/>

—Camille

It's Time for Deacon Nominations!

DUE BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

The Deacon Nominating Committee invites all church members to submit names of servant leaders for consideration to serve on the Diaconate. This group of sixteen individuals will begin their three-year term on January 1, 2022. The Deacon Nominating Committee has agreed to consider all nominees based on the Scripture references found in the Rules of Church Order: John 13:1-15 and Romans 12:1-18.

The committee has agreed on the following additional criteria:

- Members with active church participation, dedication, service, and financial support are eligible.

- The committee will work to balance the new slate of deacons to represent the diversity of the congregation.
- Deacon Nominating Committee members and their spouses are not eligible.
- Neither full-time nor part-time church staff members are eligible.
- Spouses of full-time church staff are not eligible.
- Spouses of part-time church staff are eligible.

Please submit nominations to Jenna Manning by Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Nominations

should include a brief statement of each nominee's qualifications and include your contact information. Nominations can be made by written letter or by email to Jenna.manning@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

Members of the Deacon Nominating Committee include:

Pam Jones, chair
Doug Girvin, chair-elect
Tyrone Edwards
Terrie Long
Laurin McDonald
David Richardson
Judy Snyder
Mittie Taylor
Reed Wilson

Ushers Needed

Ushers returned to regular service on Sunday, September 5. As we are 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.

Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 9/29** *Wednesdays at First Activities*
6:15-7:00pm MidWeek
 Fellowship: Outside These Walls—A Conversation with Megan Riegel (Fellowship Hall)
- 10/1** **10:30am** Senior Adult Lunch & More
- 10/3** **10:30am** World Communion Sunday
 Proclaimer: Jim Dant
4:00pm Vocare (Choir Room)
5:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
6:30pm Blessing of the Pets (Labyrinth)
- 10/6** *Wednesdays at First Activities*
5:45-7:00pm Grief Support Group
6:15-7:00pm MidWeek
 Fellowship: Outside These Walls—A Conversation with Missy Ward-Angalla (Fellowship Hall)
- 10/10** **10:30am** Proclaimer: Matt Rollins
 Musicians: Bell Tower Ringers

- 10/10** **11:30am-3:45pm** Children's Ministry Event: Denver Downs
4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 10/13** **9:30am** Roadrunners to Boone, NC
Wednesdays at First Activities
5:45-7:00pm Grief Support Group
6:15-7:00pm MidWeek
 Fellowship: Outside These Walls

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar

- 3:00-6:00pm** Youth Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)
4:45-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open (Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:00pm Preschool and Children's Music and Missions (C300 and B400 halls)
6:00-7:00pm First Baptist 101 (Parlor)
6:00-7:00pm Youth Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
6:15-7:00pm MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 9/25
\$2,046,148

Receipts as of 9/16
\$1,722,951

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

September 27-October 3
Jim Dant
478-737-7298 (m)

October 4-7
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (m)

October 8-10
Camille Loomis Rehnborg
703-501-6425 (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, 9/27

Hospital

As of the morning of 9/27/2021, there are no hospitalized church members of whom the Pastoral Care Ministry is aware.

Rehab

Barbara Alexander, Brenda Ballard, Claudia Caldwell, Dan Williamson

Discharged

Jane Stelling, Mary Pyett

Sympathy

...to Chris and Paige Whatley and family in the death of their grandson.

...to Johnny Rollins and family in the death of his brother and Matt Rollins and family in the death of his uncle.

Introducing

...Joni Resce, 16 Dover Drive, Taylors 29687, joined FBG on Sunday, August 29. Joni is employed at Patat Law Firm.

...Holly and Teresa Pinheiro, 30 Market Point Drive, Apt. 2301,

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Greenville 29607, joined FBG on Sunday, August 29, by previous profession of faith and baptism. Holly is employed at Furman University, and Teresa is at Augusta University.

...Erin and Scott McAbee, 318 Pimlico Road, Greenville 29607, joined FBG on Sunday, August 29. Erin joined by transfer of letter from another Baptist church, and Scott joined by profession of faith and requesting baptism. Erin is employed with Foothills Pediatric Dentistry, and Scott is with West End Dental.

First Baptist Greenville Apparel

Order your First Baptist Greenville apparel now through September 30. Purchased apparel will be available a few weeks after the store closes.
<https://fbgapparel.itemorder.com/sale>