

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 17

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,
Facebook and Radio

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Rebuild My Church – Service

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

Guest Service Choir: Greenville Gay
Men's Chorus

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Lois, Steve, Martha, Clara and O. W. Sutton by Dale and B.K. Sutton.

Contact Kimberly at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 128 if you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on October 31.

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

It seems to be a phrase I have been speaking a lot lately. *Being a person of faith does not make us immune to the worst life has to offer.* While some proclaim faith provides a protective barrier to the pain of this world, the biblical record says differently. Job—reputably one of the most faithful humans to walk the face of the earth—suffered immeasurable loss. Jesus—THE most righteous human to walk the face of the earth—was beaten, mocked and crucified. One of the most popular of Jesus' parables tells the story of two homes—one built on rock and the other on sand. The house built on rock stands against fierce storms, and the one built on sand falls in the face of fierce storms. Both homes, however, are assaulted by storms! I will say it one more time: *Being a person of faith does not make us immune to the worst life has to offer.* Facing a difficult crisis does not mean God is out to get us. A deadly diagnosis does not mean God is punishing us. Loss of life or sustenance or health does

not mean we've lost favor with God. All of these things simply mean we are human. Where is God? Over the years, I've come to trust God is walking beside us.

On June 30 of this year, I attended my first session of heart rehab. I was four weeks past open-heart surgery. I can still remember looking around the room and thinking, "What am I doing here? How did this happen to me? Am I ever going to be strong again?" As I numbly stood with my quiet questions at the edge of the room, Lee Jones approached, interrupted my pondering, and introduced herself. (Lee is the Clinical Coordinator for the HeartLife Program at Prisma Hospital.) She asked me several questions, weighed me, handed me a heart monitor, showed me how to use the monitor, assured me I was going to be okay, and put me on a treadmill. In the sessions that followed, Lee encouragingly monitored my often slow but incremental progress. I got to know Marie and Joe and other rehab patients. I had conversations with graduates of the program who encouraged me. Rehab reminded me, not only is God walking beside us, so are a host of other humans. We can choose to struggle alone,

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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.

FBG to Host Families October 24-31

IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) is a part of United Ministries which seeks to serve, transform, and empower those in need toward achieving self-sufficiency. Our role at First Baptist is to host families with children from our community who are experiencing homelessness. We, along with 32 sister congregations, work together to provide a temporary home for these families.

Our plans for hosting the Interfaith Hospitality Network guest families the week of October 24 have been changed from in-person to virtual this time due to the challenges of hosting during a pandemic. Alexandra Harris, one of the program managers at United Ministries, stated:

These first two weeks of hosting have given us a better sense for how these challenges influence the logistics of congregational volunteers hosting homeless families. After careful consideration, United Ministries' leadership team has decided that the most responsible course of action at this time is to suspend the congregational network for at least one more month. This action will give us the time to adapt our approach to the challenges we have identified and to ensure that both host volunteers and guest families have a safe and smooth experience in the network. We will be making alternative shelter arrangements for our families during this time, and we will continue to support them in their efforts to secure permanent housing.



United Ministries
Transforming Lives Together

First Baptist plans to share hospitality with these families through Welcome Bags, Halloween treats, and some special opportunities for each family! Contact us at ihnfbg@gmail.com to see how you might help out. Thank you for all the ways you show care and support for these families.

—First Baptist IHN Leadership Team: Emily Fayssoux, Bud Hancock, Mac McClain, Cam McDade, Laura Stout, Sue Ugenti, and Anna Woodham



You are Not Alone: Get Together

Some activities are better done alone, like brushing your teeth or playing solitaire. Some activities are better and more satisfying when you work with others. Stephen Ministry is one of those “get-it-done-together” ministries. Stephen Ministers meet regularly with another person to provide confidential care for them. They also meet with other Stephen Ministers to support and encourage one another. Stephen Leaders provide training and supervision. When Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers work together, God accomplishes wonderful things!

Is God calling you to become a member of this team? A new training module will begin in 2022. For more information, contact one of FBG's Stephen Ministry Leaders: Pat Booker-Christy, Wofford Green, Hazel Harris and Duke McCall.

How to Request a Stephen Minister: *If either you or someone you know is having a difficult time dealing with a life crisis and need the caring friendship and support of a Stephen Minister, please contact one of FBG's Stephen Leaders/Ministers to ask for a referral card or get one at the church Reception Desk.*

Week of Prayer for CBF Field Personnel

You are invited to take part in a week of prayer for our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) mission personnel the week of October 17-23. CBF Missions is one of the three recipients of our church's Lula Whilden World Missions Offering. Daily devotionals and videos are found here: <https://cbf.net/weekofprayer>

Blessing of the Pets

What do a border collie, a beta fish, a rooster, and a calico cat have in common? They all received blessings at our annual Blessing of the Pets service on October 3rd! We had dozens of pets and their families in attendance to sing creation hymns, hear prayers of thanks, and delight in the antics of our fuzzy friends. Thank you to Kay Hardage, Ainsley Murphy, John McCroan and Matthew Loomis Rehnberg for leading us in worship! Thanks be to God for the wonders of the natural world and our beloved pets.

—Camille



Ushers Needed

Ushers returned to regular service in September. 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.

Wisdom of the Desert Mothers

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR TODAY



A Spiritual Enrichment Event

Join us for a day of mindfulness, compassion, simplicity,

attentiveness, and hospitality as Cara Quinn, author of the blog, *Know Your Mothers*, leads us through an exploration of the lives of different desert mothers' stories

and how their teachings can help us grow our spiritual walk today.

To reserve your spot, follow this link (firstbaptistgreenville.com/desertmothers) or contact matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

For more information about Cara and *Know Your Mothers*, go to her blog: <https://knowyourmothers.com/>

—Matt

Saturday, October 23,
in the Fellowship Hall

\$20 per person,
includes lunch

10:00am—Session I

12:00noon—Lunch

1:00-4:00pm—Free time
at home for walking,
meditation, “homework,”
etc.

4:00pm—Session II

Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 10/13 8:00am** Roadrunners to Boone, NC
Wednesdays at First Activities
5:45-7:00pm Grief Support Group
6:00-7:00pm First Baptist 101 (Parlor)
6:15-7:00pm MidWeek Fellowship: Outside These Walls—A Conversation with Lee Jones
- 10/17 9:30am** Adult Sunday School
 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Proclaimer: Jim Dant
- 10/20 Wednesdays at First Activities**
5:45-7:00pm Grief Support Group
6:15-7:00pm MidWeek Fellowship: Outside These Walls—A Conversation with Glenis Redmond
- 10/22-24 SEE: Wisdom of the Desert Mothers—Cara Quinn** (Fellowship Hall)
- 10/24 10:30am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Proclaimer: Jim Dant
11:30am-12:15pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
4:00pm Annual Church Picnic

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 10/9
 \$2,153,840

Receipts as of 10/5
 \$1,852,801

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

October 11-17
 Matt Rollins
 346-0971 (m)

October 18-24
 Frank Smith
 268-3890 (h)

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.”

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 Youth Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
6:15-7:00pm MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



CREATIVE. FROM TABLE TO TABLE.

Wednesday Night Supper

Make your reservations by noon on Monday. Menus and reservation information are available at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

Care List

Care List as of Morning, 10/11

Hospital

As of the morning of 10/11, there are no hospitalized church members of whom the Pastoral Care Ministry is aware.

Rehab

Gerry Benston, Marion Crooks (MD Anderson), Barbara Alexander, Brenda Ballard, Claudia Caldwell, Hugh Stephens

Congratulations

...to Ben and Kate Furman Patterson on the birth of a daughter, Melinda Grey Patterson, on September 8, 2021. Lindy’s grandfather in our church is Earle Furman Jr.

Sympathy

... to the family of Pat Stephens.
 ...to the family of Dale Sutton.


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or we can choose to walk hard paths with competent guides and fellow strugglers.

This Wednesday night, I will be interviewing Lee Jones during our “Outside These Walls” MidWeek Fellowship series. I will be questioning her about the joys and challenges of her work. I have waived all confidentiality rights and am going to allow you to ask questions from the audience regarding my health and progress. It should be a fun and informative night. Most of all, I hope it’s a night that reminds us we do not have to be alone in the greatest struggles of our lives. We have God and each other.

—Jim