

WORSHIP

Sunday, November 21

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,
Facebook and Radio

Christ the King Sunday

Proclaimer: Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Sermon: Sticky God

Scripture: John 18:33-37

Service Choirs: Furman University
Gospel Ensemble and Sanctuary Choir

Soloist: Abby Magoola

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the family of Robert Wilson in loving memory and thanksgiving for his life.

Contact Kimberly at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 128 if you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for a future worship service.

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

We have entered the season of gratitude. Pumpkin—with its associated spices—is flavoring anything edible or smellable. Leaves are releasing their grip on limbs and branches. The air and apples are crisp. The Communion Table is adorned with a cornucopia. We have entered the season of gratitude.

My list of thanksgivings will require at least the final fifteen days of this month to complete, but today I'm focusing on my gratitude for higher education. I've never felt it necessary for everyone to attend college. I have no immediate reward for those who do nor judgment for those who don't. I know some college graduates who completely wasted their or their parents' money. I know a host of musicians, artists, skilled workers, and business owners who never set foot on a college campus but have banked more dollars and influenced more lives than I have. In my life, however, higher education has been a powerfully positive shaping force.

Dr. Armstrong's biology class not only introduced me to the cellular intricacies of our world, but also to Oliver Wendell Holmes' *Chambered Nautilus*. Dr. Street challenged the literal lens I had tucked in my Bible during youth camp. Dr. Stringer taught me to be observant and to express those observations with a degree of statistical accuracy. Dr. Bowden assured me that accounting and economics classes would benefit a future seminary student more than that future seminary student could ever imagine. Dr. Brueggemann taught me to translate studious insight into a sermonic moment. Today, I'm grateful for these—and all my professors—who pushed the edges of my thinking.

This Wednesday evening, we will enjoy the last session of *Outside These Walls: The Shaping of Faith and Culture*. We will gather at 6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall (earlier if you want supper) to interview Dr. Elizabeth Davis, President of Furman University. We will hear her perspective on the challenges of higher education and the influence of higher education on culture and faith...and I'll continue to be grateful...

— 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.



This year we celebrate our 11th annual Lula Whilden World Missions Offering. While we give to the offering throughout the year, we focus a little extra during this season on the opportunity to support the mission work of our affiliates—the Alliance of Baptists, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina.

For those newer to First Baptist, sometimes you will hear us refer to these affiliates by their acronyms or nicknames—AOB or “the Alliance,” CBF and CBFSC or “state CBF”—and you will often hear us refer to the offering as “Lula.” Gifts to Lula go directly to missionaries and mission partners in our state and around the world who are serving through AOB, CBF and CBFSC. As of the end of October, we have collected \$22,217 of our \$100,000 goal. We can easily reach our goal with



everyone’s participation! Go to <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/who-was-lula-whilden/> for more about who Lula Whilden was and why we renamed our world missions offering after her in 2010.

In the coming weeks, we will highlight some of the missions you make possible with your Lula offering. This week we are focusing on the Alliance of Baptists (www.allianceofbaptists.org), a justice movement and community of faith which began in 1987 and represents 4,500 individual members and 140 congregations. The Alliance has 26 Active Hope Partners—relationships built on friendship and understanding that offer the world hope while working for justice. Each partner receives grants annually with the aim of



increasing their capacity to respond to needs in their context and chart their own course for ministry. One of these Active Hope partners is AMOS Health and Hope (<https://www.amoshealth.org/>) in Nicaragua. AMOS Health and Hope is dedicated to reducing preventable deaths and improving the health and well-being of people who suffer from the unjust conditions of poverty. Through a community-based model, AMOS trains and empowers health promoters in rural areas to identify and treat common illnesses, right in their own villages.

Please remember to include this offering in your giving plans. You will make a difference in Nicaragua, within South Carolina and across the globe!

—Laura

1872

Members Lula Whilden and Jumille Whilden Williams (sisters) appointed foreign missionaries; Lula Whilden becomes first single woman to serve as career SBC missionary



Senior Adult Lunch and More—December 3

Make plans to attend Friday, December 3, to truly get you in the spirit of the holiday season. Activities begin at 10:30am with games in the Fellowship Hall or book reviews in the Media Center. This month, Jonathan and Nancy Brown will present “Children’s Christmas Books for Adults.” Both *The Crippled Lamb* by Max Lucado and *Martin the Cobbler* by Leo Tolstoy will be featured. At 11:00am, all will gather in the Fellowship Hall for shared announcements and concerns and a program of Christmas music presented by our own Amy Joye, Music Associate, and some members of her family. The program will be followed by lunch and a chance to safely fellowship around the tables.

Because lunch will need to be prepared for those in attendance, please make reservations with Jennifer Craig by TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, at jennifer.craig@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527 ext. 121. Join us in celebrating the sound—and taste—of the season!

10:30am—Book Review in the Media Center
10:30am—Games in the Fellowship Hall
11:00am—Announcements, Concerns, and Christmas Music Program with Amy Joye followed by Lunch

—Evelyn Scaringi and Jonathan and Nancy Brown

Christmas Through the Generations

A JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT SERIES

Growing up, my wife's family allowed the children to each open one gift from their parents on Christmas Eve. As her family became my family in the years after we married, I was encouraged to come to terms with this tradition that in my eyes was nothing short of yuletide sacrilege. As I was exposed to more and more Christmas patterns outside my own family's holiday tradition bubble, I eventually was able to make peace with the odd notion of opening a gift on a day other than Christmas Day and that not EVERY family religiously watches Christmas Vacation that afternoon (although I suspect that many do).

With this year's Advent Sunday School series, in the same way that I learned and developed a new appreciation for other Christmas traditions, the Spiritual Formation Committee hopes to do just that for the whole church as we hear from panels representing the entire cross section of our congregation as they share with us Christmas Through the Generations.

November 28—Senior Adult panel, facilitated by Frank Smith

December 5—Youth panel, facilitated by Mary Carol Anderson

December 12—Children's panel, facilitated by Becky Ramsey

December 19—Young and Middle Adult panel, facilitated by Kyle Matthews

The series of interviews and stories will take place in our Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:15am) on each of the four Sundays of Advent. Everyone is invited to attend, whether you are currently part of a Sunday School class or not. Our hope is that the series will emphasize the joy of appreciating and honoring the many ways that Christmas is celebrated within our community of faith, not to mention around the world.

—Matt and the Spiritual Formation Committee

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/christmas-poinsettias/> to order poinsettias and submit your dedications. You may even pay online!

Youth Family Winter Events

**Christmas Decorating Party & Senior Tree—
AYMC Terrace Level**

Wednesday, December 1
5:00-7:00pm

The Youth Family is invited to our annual Christmas Decorating Party. We will select our senior tree, decorate cookies, play Christmas-themed games, and enjoy a variety of Christmas crafts.

**Youth on the Town—
Dinner at Antonino
Bertolo's Pizza**

Wednesday, December 8
3:00-7:00pm

Join us for one of our favorite trips downtown to see the lights, trees and enjoy fellowship together. Meet downtown at Antonino Bertolo's.

**Christmas Breakfast &
White Elephant Game—
AYMC Terrace Level**

Sunday, December 12
9:00-10:15am

All Youth Family students are invited to participate in an exciting game of "classic" White Elephant. Youth are asked to bring a wrapped, \$5-\$10 gift in order to play. Feel free to be creative and funny!

**Youth Winter Retreat—
Wolf Ridge Ski Resort**

Friday, January 21-
Saturday, January 22

Mark your calendars because Winter Retreat is BACK!! Get your ski boots and hot chocolate taste buds ready for all kinds of mountain fun. Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

—Youth Staff

Upcoming Events

(service links on church website)

- 11/17 Wednesdays at First Activities**
6:15-7:00pm MidWeek Fellowship:
 Outside These Walls—A
 Conversation with Elizabeth Davis
- 11/18 8:45am** Roadrunners to Saluda
 Inn and Lunch at the Purple
 Onion
- 11/19 6:00-7:30pm** Children's Ministry
 Event: Flashlight Games and
 S'mores at FBG
- 11/21 10:30am** Christ the King Sunday
 Proclaimer: Camille Loomis
 Rehnborg
4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir
 Room)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live
 for Youth (AYMC)
- 11/24-26** Church Office Closed in
 Observance of Thanksgiving
- 11/28 9:15am** Joint Sunday School
 Advent Series (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am First Sunday of Advent
 Family Dedication
 Hanging of the Green
 Proclaimer: Jim Dant
 Special Guest Musical Artist:
 Rudy Currence

- 11/28 12:00pm-4:00pm** Blood Drive
 (Fellowship Hall)
5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends
 Community Group (Fellowship
 Hall)

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)

Pickleball Is Now at FBG!

M-W-F, 11am-1pm
 Practice Gym
 Come join us!

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 11/13
 \$2,423,070

Receipts as of 11/12
 \$2,126,912

Lula Whilden Offering
 Receipts as of 11/12
 \$35,850

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

November 15-21
 Matt Rollins
 864-346-0971 (m)

November 22-28
 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, 11/15

Hospital

Beverly Greer

Rehab

Barbara Alexander, Brenda Ballard,
 Claudia Caldwell, Marion Crooks (MD
 Anderson Outpatient Care), Cecelia
 Jackson

Discharged

Bo Blevins, Eve Burroughs

Sympathy

...to Pat S. Carson and family in the
 death of her mother and Patti Carson in
 the death of her grandmother.

...to Anne Lindsey and family in the
 death of her daughter.



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CREATIVE. FROM TABLE TO BAR.

Wednesday Night Supper

Make your reservations by noon
 on Monday. Menus and reservation
 information are available at [https://
 firstbaptistgreenville.com/
 wednesdays-at-first/](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/)

November 17

Adult: Hamburger Steaks with Salad,
 Roasted Potatoes, Seasoned Green
 Beans, Roll and Dessert
Children: Hamburger Sliders with French
 Fries, Fruit and Cookie