

WORSHIP

Sunday, June 19

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,
Facebook and Radio

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism**

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Holding Our Lives Together

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

If you would like to place flowers in our Sanctuary for worship, please contact Kimberly Coates at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 128. The next open dates are June 19 and 26.

WATCH

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

AYMC Walking Track and Fitness Room Hours

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

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

Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

It has been delightful to see and hear members of our congregation making summer plans. We limited our travel, family gatherings, and explorations over the last two years to help protect the larger human family. With COVID-19 numbers down (and even with petroleum prices up), we are beginning to travel again. Some have already shared pictures and stories from the National Parks in the west. Others have donned the ears of a famous mouse or wielded the wands of their favorite wizards in amusement parks to our South. Still others have crossed the pond and enjoyed the mountains, wines, coasts, and carte du jour of other countries. I have planned my fair share of travel as well. I'll be as close as an adjoining state to visit the grandchildren and as far as the Middle East. Wherever your Summer takes you—or even if staycations are your 2022 preference—I hope your plans work out just like you want them.

Once the Summer travel has ended, a new school and church

year will be upon us. It is not too early to plan for those months as well. I want to encourage you to guard Wednesday evenings in your future plans. MidWeek activities provide an opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of faith and deepen our relationships with one another. For your children, Music and Mission education is provided. The music they learn will shape their understanding of faith and the mission education and action they engage will prepare them to be God's servants in the world. Our midweek meal and Bible study allow adults to sit, talk, explore and learn. It's a time to get to know God and one another better. A hundred things will vie for your time on Wednesday evenings during the Fall: extended hours at work, dance, soccer, television programming, etc... I hope you will plan your Fall with the same intention you plan your Summer. It is a priority to spend time with family relaxing in the Summer. Allow it to be a priority for your family to deepen their faith during the Fall. Plan to guard that evening now.

Safe travels...and I'll see you in worship on Sunday morning...if you're in town.

—Jim

Summer Music Camp for Children and Youth

August 1-4; Children, 9am-Noon; Youth, 2-4pm; \$50/Family

Register Here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/sing-play-rejoice>

Notes of Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you for helping celebrate my retirement, along with others, with the warm reception a few weeks ago. The food, cards, and fellowship with friends created a wonderful afternoon of celebration. And, the love gift was very generous and much appreciated. First Baptist has been my “home” for 43 years as a member and 27 of those years in a professional role. Although my professional time here is ending, I look forward to continuing to worship alongside you in the coming years.

With love and gratitude,
Dewanda Martin

Dear First Baptist members,

I want to express my appreciation for the beautiful ways in which you recognized my retirement as co-director of First Baptist Day School. I have read each card many times, and your words truly warm my heart. I was absolutely overwhelmed with the generosity of your love gift!

I am eternally grateful to all of you for supporting my work as director of the Infant-Toddler Program and then as co-director of First Baptist Day School. This work has been my passion and one of the greatest joys of my life. I will treasure all of the sweet relationships with the children, families, teachers and church members and staff over the past 36 years. I look forward to FBDS continuing as a school of excellence for our youngest children, and I will embrace the opportunities the next season of my life may bring.

With much love and gratitude,
Rosemary New

Senior Moment

First Baptist Greenville—I had passed it many times since I moved to Greenville 18 years ago and had met some folks who went there but had never visited. After my husband died, I joined the Rotary Club and met Ann Golden whose husband was very ill at the time. He passed away not too long after I joined Rotary, and I went to his memorial service at First Baptist to support Ann. The service was wonderful. The music was outstanding, and the church was crowded.

After the service, Duke McCall, whom I knew from Rolling Green, walked me to the Fellowship Hall and explained to me what a friendly church First Baptist was/is and that all are welcome there. I found this very appealing.

I had lived at Rolling Green for some years by this time; Jim and Joan Cauble were among my neighbors. I served on the

HOA board with Jim, had met Joan, and also fell in love with their Schnauzer, Fritz. The years flew by. Jim and I both lost our spouses. Some years after Joan passed, Jim asked me out to dinner and then asked me to go to church with him.

Let me explain my religious background. My birth family was Presbyterian, so from Cradle Roll on, I was, too, but I had always been attracted to a more liturgical style of worship and soon after college became an Episcopalian. I carried that tradition to Greenville with me when I moved here and became an active member of St. Peter's. I was very happy in that church family and continue my connections with members there.

Then...I met Jim who had been a member of First Baptist almost 50 years, so I felt FBG was where I needed to be also. The smiling faces and warm greetings from the church's members came from the hearts of those I met both in

Jim's long-time Sunday School Class (Seminar-Corder) and in the membership in general. My feelings of welcome were certainly confirmed when Jim and I went on the retreat this year to Lake Junaluska and had a chance to do more than just smile at folks on Sunday morning. Then, at Jim's suggestion, I asked to join the choir. My welcome from Vivian and the members of the choir has been over the top.

Each time a new person joins our church, the minister encourages him/her to find a small group and get involved. I heartily agree and would encourage anyone who comes to First Baptist to do just that because in that way we are able share the love of God.

My Jim being a member here certainly gave me an easy introduction to the church, but the loving and outgoing nature of the membership clearly showed me that the Spirit lives in this place.

—Lynn Woodman Cauble



Kendra's Summer Sabbatical

Hello Friends! I am writing to let you know that I will be out of the office and

on sabbatical for the second half of the summer. My last Sunday before my sabbatical begins is July 10 and my first Sunday back after sabbatical will be August 14. Between those Sundays I will not be checking email or phone messages and any pastoral care or counseling concerns can be directed toward Kyle Matthews or Ryland Brown.

For me, like many of you, the last two years have been deeply exhausting on so many levels—and has affected all of us in one way or another. Caregiving through a pandemic, being extra flexible as a church, the collective trauma of a healthcare crisis across the world, and awakening on new levels to injustice in our country has taken a toll on our souls and spirits. I sincerely hope each of you are finding ways in your daily life to tap back into the joy of living and being a beloved child of God. If you feel like you are still struggling to do that, schedule time with me before I leave or when I am back

in the office. I am happy to spend some one on one time with you, exploring ways to connect with the sacred within you and within the world again. Email kendra.plating@firstbaptistgreenville.com or call (864)233-2527 to set up a time to meet with me on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Sunday morning before church.

I am deeply grateful for this time away. We'll be spending some time in Copenhagen, Denmark so any recommendations for good family fun are welcome!

—Kendra

Foundation Trustee Election

The nominations are in! Don Caldwell, Becky Hartness and Freda Lark have been nominated to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees for the Foundation of First Baptist Greenville. There will be a brief called church conference during worship on Sunday, June 26, to elect these trustees. Those currently serving on the board are Pat Booker-Christy (2022), Don Caldwell (2022), Taylor Davis (2024), Eleanor Dunlap (2022), Paul Goldsmith (2023), Bob Howard (2024), Beverly Lambert (2023), Oz Rogers (2023) and Leah Wynn (2024).

The Foundation is a separate auxiliary organization of First Baptist Greenville with its own Board of Trustees made up of church members. The Foundation provides additional funds for the Church's budget and special projects. It allows church members to supplement their annual giving with permanent gifts directed toward areas of their particular interest. For more information about the Foundation, please visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/give/> or contact the Church office.

Be in worship on Sunday, June 26, to cast your vote!



Don Caldwell



Becky Hartness



Freda Lark

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 6/13-16 9:00am-Noon Missions Week for Grades 1 and 2
- 6/13 7:00-9:30pm Youth Summer Activity: Frankie's Fun Park
- 6/14 6:00pm College Night
- 6/15 9:00am-2:00pm Mission Possible, Lunch Club and Bible Study for Youth
- 6/19 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday School: *Exercising the Story: Wellness and Recreation at First Baptist* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant, including Baptism
- 6/20 8:00am Roadrunners to the Saluda Inn and Lunch
- 6/20 6:00pm College Night
- 6/20-23 9:00am-3:30pm Missions Week for Grades 3-5
- 6/22 9:00am-2:00pm Mission Possible, Lunch Club and Bible Study for Youth
- 6/23 2:00-5:00pm Youth Summer Activity: Field Day/Water Games
- 6/26 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday School: *Spreading the Story: Missions at First Baptist* (Fellowship Hall)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 6/11
\$1,282,687

Receipts as of 6/9
\$1,014,653

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

June 12-19
Kyle Matthews
864-551-0829 (m)

June 20-26
Matt Rollins
864-346-0971 (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."

- 6/26 **WATCH** 10:30am Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Franklin Lowe, including Family Dedication and Church Conference
- 5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 6/27-7/1 Unidiversity Youth Camp
- 6/27-7/2 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly (Dallas)
- 7/3 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday School: *Telling Stories: Light Breakfast and Conversation around the Tables* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant, including Family Dedication
- 7/4 AYMC and Church Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 7/6 9:00am-2:00pm Mission Possible, Lunch Club and Bible Study for Youth
- 7/7 7:00-9:00pm Youth Summer Activity: High School Night (Bowlero Bowling Alley)
- 7/10 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday School: *Witnessing the Story: Pastoral Care at First Baptist* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant
- 7/11 9:00am-7:00pm Youth Summer Activity: Carowinds
- 7/12-15 Camp Prism for Children
- 7/13 12:00-2:00pm Lunch Club and Bible Study for Youth
- 8:00-10:00pm Youth Summer Activity: Middle School Night (AYMC)
- 7/16-23 High School Mission Trip
- 7/17 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday School: *Godly Play: Children's Stories* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Guest Proclaimer Deb Richardson-Moore
- 7/20 8:30am Roadrunners to Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont, NC
- 7/24 **WATCH** 9:15am Summer Sunday School: *Discerning the Story: The Path to Non-discrimination at First Baptist* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship

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Care List

Care List as of Morning, 6/13

Hospital

The Pastoral Care office is not aware of any church members in the hospital today.

Rehab

Hoke Black, Brenda Ballard, Claudia Caldwell, Freddie Jameson, Nina Martin, Peggy Stone

Discharged

Jean Watts, Hazel Harris, Mike Parker, Tom Maddox, Tom Mims

Sympathy

...to Lee Elmore and family in the death of her brother-in-law.