

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, September 4**

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,  
Facebook and Radio

Communion

Proclaimer: Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Sermon: Giving Up

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33; Psalm 1

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

If you would like to place flowers in our Sanctuary for worship, please contact Kimberly Coates at [kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or 233-2527 ext. 128. There are several open dates in the next two months: September 4, 11 and 25 and October 2 and 23.

### 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,  
6:00am-8:00pm

Wednesday and Friday,  
6:00am-2:00pm

Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

As summer comes to an end and a new season of church programming for our children begins, we are delighted to announce we have hired a new Minister to Children. After a prayerful search and some phenomenal interviews, the Children Minister Search Committee has offered the position to Rev. Bridget Kokolis, and she has accepted. Bridget currently serves as Minister to Families at Augusta Road Baptist Church here in Greenville. She will begin her work at First Baptist on September 26. Bridget's ministry will include children—birth to 5th grade—and their families.

Bridget is an ordained minister. She received her bachelor's degree from University of South Carolina and her Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. She is married to Michael Kokolis, and they have one child, Michael Jr.

I contacted the Senior Minister of Augusta Road Baptist to 'apologize' for hiring one of their staff. He was gracious and offered the following words, "First Baptist is gaining the best minister possible for this position. The entire staff, indeed, the entire congregation will be better because Bridget is among them."

We look forward to welcoming Bridget to First Baptist in late September. Keep her, her family, and our brothers and sisters at Augusta Road Baptist in your prayers as she makes her transition.

—Jim



Rev. Bridget Kokolis  
Minister to Children

**Wednesday, September 7**

### Wednesdays at First Activities Resume

It is a good time to reconnect with your church family as choirs, missions and Bible studies resume. Make your supper reservations now!

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

# Happy Birthday!

Please remember these members of our congregation celebrating birthdays in September who are not always able to be with us in worship:

## September 3

Miriam Faress (99)  
102 Stonehaven Drive  
Greenville, SC 29607

## September 6

Jim Keller  
Rolling Green (Cedars)  
2 Hoke Smith Blvd  
Room 124  
Greenville, SC 29615

## September 11

Wayne Weaver (91)  
Woodlands at Furman  
50 Arboretum Lane  
Apt. 308  
Greenville, SC 29617

## September 12

Gene Morin (94)  
36 Stillwood Dr.  
Greenville, SC 29607

## September 13

Annabelle Kennedy  
11 Merimac Court  
Greenville, SC 29609

## September 15

Todd Milford  
122 Hummingbird Ridge  
Greenville, SC 29605

## September 25

Joe Roberts (92)  
2020 NW 25th St.  
Boca Raton, FL 33431

## September 30

Barbara Christopher (92)  
7 South Warwick Road  
Greenville, SC 29617



## Wednesdays at First Activities Resume September 7!

Wednesday night programming is almost here! Our first MidWeek Fellowship will be September 7. We have an updated schedule this year.

Dinner will now be served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Reserve your MidWeek dinner online (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>) and pay at the door. Meals are \$8/adult and \$3/child (age 10 and under). Visitors receive complimentary meals.

Music and Missions programs for preschoolers (ages 3-5) and elementary-age children (grades 1-5) will run from 6:00 to 7:00pm. Children have the opportunity to sing and play instruments with Preschool and Children's Choirs, periodically leading in Sunday worship. Missions education includes learning about other cultures, hands-on art projects, and exploring ways to serve in the community.

Nursery care (8 weeks-2 years old) is available from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Register your child at this link: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/preschool-children-registration/>. Please note that this form is a catch-all for regular Sunday and Wednesday preschool/children's programs. You do not need to register your child multiple times.

Youth (grades 6-12) meet in the AYMC on Wednesdays. The Youth area is open from 3:00 to 5:00pm for casual hang time, where youth and friends gather to eat snacks, do homework, and spend time with each other. Youth eat together from 5:00 to 6:00pm and then connect for Bible study from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

MidWeek Fellowship (6:15-6:55pm in the Fellowship Hall) kicks off on September 7 with a concert from the Bell Tower Ringers, our resident handbell choir, along with some of their friends! Beginning September 14, we will engage the Book of Acts through a series titled, "Engaging the Acts of the Apostles." Together, we will study how the early church navigated big moments of transition. MidWeek Fellowship services are also available on Facebook Live and Vimeo.

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Choir Room. Contact Vivian Hamilton for information about the choir, or simply show up to Wednesday rehearsal! No audition required, and all voices are welcome!

There is a lot to learn and experience on Wednesdays at FBG! Please get in touch if I can help you or your family get plugged in.

—Camille

# 2nd Abraham Build Begins September 2022!

Sign-ups are available now! Slots are limited and may fill up quickly. Visit this link (<https://tinyurl.com/FBGAbrahamBuild>) to find a date and time that works for you.

Abraham Build is a unique opportunity that focuses on “promoting Interfaith dialogue” by combining local Muslim, Jewish and Christian volunteers on the same build site. This build strives to bring these faith communities together to foster dialogue and a deeper understanding of their varying faiths through the joint construction of a Habitat home.

**Start Date:** September 7

**End Date:** December 22

**Location:** Nicholtown Community (parking at 502 Ramsey Dr., Greenville)

**Experience level:** None necessary! Ages 15 and up welcomed

**Shifts:** Abraham Builds are designated for specific Thursdays and Saturdays.

- Full-day shifts are 8:00am-3:30pm.
- Half-day shifts are 8:00am-12:00noon and 11:30am-3:30pm (lunch provided; plan to eat lunch on site)

**Work type:** Depends on the stage of the project but will include tasks like framing walls, siding installation, trim work, painting, shelving hardware install and landscaping

**Local Partners include:**

Christ Church, Congregation Beth Israel, Earle Street Baptist Church, First Baptist Greenville, Greenville Muslim Community, Temple of Israel, Westminster Presbyterian Church



**Abraham Build**  
promoting interfaith dialogue



If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the following:

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Walt Herbert ([waltherbert3@gmail.com](mailto:waltherbert3@gmail.com))

Matthew Loomis Rehnborg ([mrehnborg@gmail.com](mailto:mrehnborg@gmail.com))

Janet Lathrop ([jlathrop@habitatgreenville.org](mailto:jlathrop@habitatgreenville.org))

—Walt Herbert and Matthew Loomis Rehnborg, Missions and Affiliations Committee Habitat Build Volunteer Coordinators

## Focus on Missions: Canned Fruit Collection

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.

As we have done each September for a number of years, we will once again celebrate Pastor Jim’s birthday by collecting canned fruit throughout the month as our September Missions Focus. As we approach Pastor Jim’s retirement in October, let’s make this our biggest year yet!

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

make sure items have not reached their expiration date.)

Thank you all for your continued generosity in providing canned fruit for the United Ministries Food Pantry! The pantry—one of many crisis assistance programs offered by United Ministries—uses a client-choice model which allows families to choose the food items that fit their needs. For more information about the impact this organization is making in our community, visit [united-ministries.org/crisis-assistance](http://united-ministries.org/crisis-assistance).

—Catherine “Clay” Gilbert, Missions & Affiliations Committee

## Upcoming Events

**WATCH** indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 9/2-9 AYMC Closed for Floor Refinishing
- 9/3-5 Youth Fall Retreat at Rockmont
- 9/4 **WATCH** 9:15am *Forum@First: Intro to the Hebrew Scriptures* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnberg, including Communion
- 9/5 Church Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 9/7 8:00am Abraham Build Wall Raising (Park at 502 Ramsey Dr., Greenville)
- Wednesdays at First Activities Resume
- 3:00-6:00pm Youth Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 5:00-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00-7:00pm Preschool and Children's Music and Missions (C300 & B400 Halls)
- 6:00-7:00pm Youth Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)

- WATCH** 6:15-6:55pm MidWeek Fellowship: Bell Tower Ringers & Friends Welcome Back Concert (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals for Handel's *Messiah* (Choir Room)
- 9/9 4:30pm Senior Adult Picnic (Terrace of AYMC)
- 9/11 **WATCH** 9:15am *Forum@First: Intro to the Hebrew Scriptures* (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH** 10:30am Senior Adult Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant, including Bell Tower Ringers
- 11:30am-1:00pm Acolyte Training
- 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 9/14 Wednesdays at First Activities
- WATCH** 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *Engaging the Acts of the Apostles (and Our Church) in the In-between Time (Acts 1)* with Jim Dant (Fellowship Hall)
- 9/16 5:30-8:00pm Children's Ministry Event: Movie Night in the AYMC

  
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### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 8/27  
 \$1,896,146

Receipts as of 8/24  
 \$1,500,989

### Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

August 29-September 4  
 Frank Smith  
 864-616-5444 (m)

September 5-11  
 Camille Loomis Rehnberg  
 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 "2" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies."

## Care List

### Care List as of Morning, 8/29

#### Hospital

Karen Mims

#### Rehab

Claudia Caldwell, Freddie Jameson, Tom Maddox, Nina Martin, Gwen Smith

#### Discharged

Jolene Wimberly

#### Sympathy

...to the family of Norm Dam.

...to Mary Ruth Lacy and family in the death of her sister.

#### Congratulations

...to Katy and Matthew Miller on the birth of a daughter, Sloan Alexandra Miller, on July 8, 2022. Sloan's grandparents in our church are Beth and Robert Miller.

#### Introducing



Ian Hunter, 3505 East North Street #8, Greenville 29615, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, August 14. Ian is employed with World Vision.

## Fall 2022 Friday Morning Bible Study

*Reading the Bible Whole: A Study of the Biblical "Big Picture"*

Facilitated by Michelle McClendon

Using texts by Walter Brueggemann, Richard Rohr, Peter Enns and Marcus Borg, we will consider biblical history and the overarching biblical themes embedded in scripture that hold scripture together from the Hebrew Bible through the New Testament and offer a lens from which we can interpret the Bible's individual parts.

10:00-11:30am, Fridays September 9 through November 18 (also hybrid option for those needing to stay home)

\$50 per person by checks made payable to Michelle McClendon or Venmo or PayPal. Contact Michelle at michellemc216@gmail.com for payment information. Payment can also be given to Becky Bouton.

To register, contact Michelle or Becky Bouton: beckybouton@gmail.com. Registration deadline is September 7.