

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, September 11**

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,  
Facebook and Radio

Senior Adult Sunday

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Choose Your World

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

Service Choirs: Sanctuary Choir and  
Bell Tower Ringers

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 11 and October 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

My days of marathoning have ended. I still run, bike, swim and engage in a host of physical activities, but running 26.2 miles in one morning has become a thing of the past. There are many things I miss about those long races. I miss the quiet comradery of like-minded folk, the hours alone with my thoughts, being able to eat anything I want and still maintain a healthy weight, the scenery of multiple race venues...and...the refreshment stations. During the typical marathon, there are refreshment stations every three to five miles. These tables are typically overseen by friendly supporters and provide water, energy drinks, bananas and energy bars. The best races tell you ahead of time what brand and flavor of energy supplement will be at the refreshment tables. This allows you to acclimate your body to that brand during training and better enjoy the provision during the race.

I have always viewed MidWeek Fellowship as the refreshment table of the church. In this marathon of life, it is the stopping point between Sundays. It is that moment during the week when you can slow down for a

moment, take in some nourishment—both physical and spiritual—and then continue the week. Like every good marathon, we want you to know what is provided at these midweek stops. Our youth are provided ‘hang time’ (a time for fellowship, homework, supper...) from 3:00-6:00pm with a Bible Study following. Supper is served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:00pm. Our children will enjoy music and mission classes from 6:00-7:00pm. Our adults will engage a Bible Study and Prayers from 6:15-6:55pm. (This start-time gives parents opportunity to get their children to their classes.) It all begins this Wednesday, September 7, with a concert from the Bell Tower Ringers. This concert is not just sacred music. I’ve heard the presentation includes multiple other musical instruments, musical styles, and even a ukulele jam by yours truly! Next Wednesday, September 14, we will begin a study of the Book of Acts. This study will explore what the church looks like during times of transition and how she might be shaped in the future.

I’m sure you have the physical and spiritual strength and endurance of a hundred saints, but give yourself a break. Come relax and enjoy some fellowship with your faith family on Wednesday evenings. See you there...

—Jim

**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/>

# Budget Rewards

Budgeting is rarely fun. Having to watch every dollar can be tiresome, though often necessary. However, when it is not your own money, it becomes critical. The Finance Committee is charged with overseeing the church's budget and ensuring every dollar is maximizing the church's mission and ministry. Earlier this year, a unique opportunity was presented to further our mission impact in the local community.

Self-Help Credit Union contacted our own Matt Rollins to explore opportunities to partner with First Baptist. Self-Help is a non-profit credit union headquartered in Durham, NC, with branches throughout the southeast, including Greenville, and over \$1.7

billion in assets. Their focus is on supporting individuals, families and businesses that often are left out of normal banking channels.

They provide competitive interest rates for deposits and participate in a national credit union program similar to the FDIC program that banks utilize, ensuring deposits are Federally insured. You can learn more about them through their website: [self-help.org](http://self-help.org).

Matt contacted the Finance Committee to explore the potential of our church financially participating. After due diligence was completed by a Finance sub-committee and church staff, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to reduce our holdings at a bank with whom we currently work

and deposit \$250,000 with Self-Help Credit Union.

This month the Credit Union's SC President, Kerri Smith, sent us the following email:

"We have pre-qualified a Homes of Hope client to purchase the home she has lived in for the past 8 years. She is a single mom that came to Homes of Hope from a shelter. It is because of the generous deposit with us that helps make this possible for her."

This type of news makes counting every dollar a little less of a chore and a whole lot more rewarding.

Warmly,

Roy Janse and Lora Johnstone,  
Finance Committee Members

## Annual Church Picnic

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 23

It may still be hot outside, but the Church Picnic Committee is dreaming of breezy weather, hayrides and pumpkins! Save the date for the 2022 Church Picnic: Sunday, October 23, from 4:00 until 7:00pm at the home of Pat and Mary Lou Hartness. We'll have all the favorites—inflatables, live music from Hot as a Pepper, hayrides, catering from Henry's BBQ (plus their infamous banana pudding), and church friends. Food tickets are available for anyone planning to eat a plate from Henry's. Tickets are \$12/adult and \$5/child, with a \$50 family maximum. Visitors eat for free! We cannot wait to gather again for this beloved community tradition. Mark your calendars and get ready for a great time!

—Camille

### Friday Morning Bible Study

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

Facilitated by Michelle McClendon

We will consider biblical history and the overarching biblical themes embedded in scripture that 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](mailto:michellemc216@gmail.com) for payment information. Payment can also be given to Becky Bouton.

To register, contact Michelle or Becky Bouton: [beckybouton@gmail.com](mailto:beckybouton@gmail.com). Registration deadline is September 7.

### AYMC in Search of a Chess Instructor

Contact us for more information.

864-370-2515

Caleb Avery ext. 162  
or Taneka Chappel ext. 147

[aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:aymc@firstbaptistgreenville.com)



## Singing

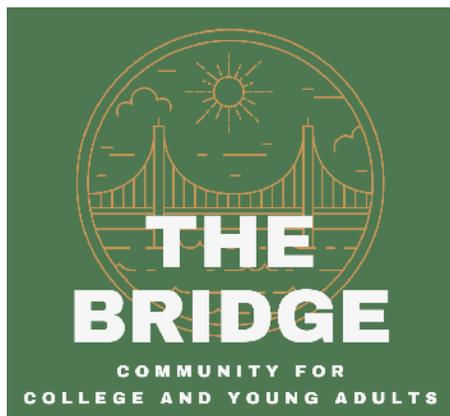
One of my favorite things is hearing our congregation and choir singing together in our Sanctuary. Whether it is a festive, joyful hymn or a lyrical prayer song, it is uplifting. In her book *Imperfect Harmony—Finding Happiness Singing with Others*, Stacy Horn writes about singing: “There are other ways to connect with another human being, but few that seem to touch something that is so deep within us and is so rarely shared. Singing is the ultimate communion. You’re not just listening to the music, but becoming it.”

This month, our choirs resume weekly rehearsals with Preschool, Children’s and Sanctuary Choirs on Wednesday evening, September 7, and Vocare (youth) on Sunday afternoon, September 11. This

fall, our Sanctuary Choir will prepare music for our Sunday morning services, beloved Christmas carols, and a portion of Handel’s *Messiah* with chamber orchestra for December 4.

Singing masterpieces of sacred choral music in our choir here can change your life—for the better. Our church choir rehearsals are really fun! I encourage you to consider making choral singing part of your personal schedule. It is a great way to rejuvenate your spiritual life, to be active in the liturgy in worship, and to connect with others in our faith community.

“Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover them with favor as with a shield.” (Psalm 5:11-12) —Vivian



Even though I am not from Greenville, I grew up visiting often, and I distinctly remember my first and only trip across the Liberty Bridge. Looking down on the rushing Reedy River, I was terrified, but once I was across and looking back at its gentle slopes and strong wires, I thought the bridge was beautiful.

Here, at First Baptist, we have named our ministry to college students and young adults “The

Bridge,” because it serves as a bridge between the Youth Family and more “grown-up” classes for spiritual formation. I always think of that journey over the Liberty Bridge—something overwhelming, awe-inspiring, and unforgettable all at once—and it makes me glad that we can offer community and support as our members navigate their own scary, beautiful, memorable moments in life.

If you are a college student at any of the other wonderful institutions of higher learning in our area, you are welcome at The Bridge. If you are a young adult—however you define that—and working, studying or living in and around Greenville, you are welcome at The Bridge. Come join us and see what we’re all about.

This Fall, we will gather on Sundays and Tuesdays. During

the Sunday School hour, we encourage you to take part in *Forum@First*. On the Sundays when the Forum does not meet, we will gather in the AYMC to discuss scripture and current events. At least once a month, after Sunday Worship, we will go out for lunch together (carpooling encouraged!). On the first and third Tuesdays of each month, join us for social events around town. Watch out for announcements of other events, retreats and community gatherings.

For updates and more information, follow us on Instagram @firstbaptistbridge, like “First Baptist Bridge” on Facebook, or shoot me an email at franklin.lowe@firstbaptistgreenville.com. If this sounds like the community for you, welcome to The Bridge!

—Franklin

## Men’s Bible Study

All men of the congregation are invited to join! Resumes on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30am on the Terrace Level of the AYMC. Each Wednesday we will study the Revised Common Lectionary passages that are the focus of worship for the following Sunday. For more information, contact Bert Strange (bertstrange@yahoo.com, 864-238-4101).

## Upcoming Events

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

- 9/2-5 AYMC Closed for Floor Refinishing
- 9/3-5 Youth Fall Retreat at Rockmont
- 9/7 8:00am Abraham Build Wall Raising (Park at 502 Ramsey Dr., Greenville)  
*Wednesdays at First Activities Resume*
- WATCH** 6:15-6:55pm MidWeek Fellowship: Bell Tower Ringers & Friends Welcome Back Concert
- 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*

### Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar

- 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 and B400 halls)
- 6:00-7:00pm Youth Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 6:15-6:55pm **WATCH** MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## Come Ring with Us!

The Bell Tower Ringers are seeking a few more musically inclined people to join them for the 2022 Fall Season. If you can read music, you are qualified, and we'd love to have you join us. It's really fun and offers a great way to enrich the musical life of the church. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 6:00-7:00pm starting on September 11 in the Handbell room (across the Rotunda from the Parlor). If interested, please email the conductor, Julie Treu (jhtreu@gmail.com).

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 9/3  
 \$1,951,915

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

### Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

September 5-11  
 Camille Loomis Rehnborg  
 703-501-6425 (m)

September 12-18  
 Jim Dant  
 478-737-7298 (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

Alan Hill

#### Rehab

Claudia Caldwell, Mary Louise Green, Freddie Jameson, Tom Maddox, Nina Martin, Gwen Smith

#### Discharged

Tom Mims, Karen Mims

#### Sympathy

...to Beverly Lambert and family in the death of her mother.

...to Ann Golden and family in the death of her step-sister.

...to Bryan Brown and family in the death of his father.

...to Carolyn Mathis and family in the death of her mother and Cara Mathis and Jen Schmidt in the death of their grandmother.

...to Melissa Byrne and family in the death her father.



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### Introducing



Mark Sprayberry, 15 Treyburn Court, Greer 29650, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, August 14.



Sarah O'Neal, 428 Winesap Circle, Anderson 29621, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, August 21. Sarah is employed as a substitute teacher.



Cathy Sanchez, 1236 Green Fern Drive, Greenville 29611, joined FBG during worship on Sunday, August 21. Cathy is retired.

## Volunteers Needed

Flowers to Friends, a committee that delivers flowers to church members, needs deliverers who would volunteer one Monday a month. They also need one arranger who would volunteer on the fourth Monday of each month. Please contact Carol Ann Anderson at 864-313-4978.