

## WORSHIP

Sunday, October 16

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,  
Facebook and Radio

**Baptism**

**Proclaimer:** Camille Loomis Rehnborg

**Sermon:** What Was True Yesterday

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

**Service Musicians:** Sanctuary Choir and  
Bell Tower Ringers

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

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.

### 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

It is one of the most common  
mealtimes prayers, "For the  
blessings we are about to  
receive, we give you thanks, O  
Lord. Amen." I've always liked  
this prayer. Most gratitude is  
expressed after the fact. We  
receive, taste, experience, and  
then decide whether to give  
thanks. In this prayer, gratitude  
is expressed even before the  
food touches our tongues. It  
is a forward-looking, faithful,  
anticipatory word of thanksgiving.  
It is this prayer I want to leave with  
you.

For the blessings we are about  
to receive, we give God thanks.  
I am grateful for the scholarship,  
compassion, experience, and  
heart of Dr. Tony Hopkins. Jenna  
Manning (Church Operations  
Coordinator) and I spent a day  
with Tony last week. I cannot  
imagine a better person to  
lead First Baptist through this  
interim period. I am grateful for  
the unified, care-full, insightful

leadership of our church's staff. I  
am grateful for each congregant's  
(that's you) continued commitment  
to the mission and ministry of this  
church. You are about to enjoy a  
wonderful chapter of transition,  
growth, and expansion with new  
expressions of God's Spirit among  
you. I am grateful for every card,  
letter, email, text, visit and gift  
you will be sending my way. I  
look forward to hearing from you,  
sharing with you, and continuing  
this journey of ministry God has  
given to us. We will forever be  
connected in the family and work  
of the faith.

If you would like to stay in touch  
in the future, here is my contact  
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Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church  
Facebook Live Broadcast  
Sunday, 11:00 am PST (2:00 pm  
EST)

For the blessings we are about to  
receive, we give you thanks,  
O Lord. Amen.

—Jim

### Church Picnic

October 23, 4:00pm

Home of Mary Lou and Pat Hartness (300 Smith Road)  
Register: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/church-picnic/>

## Join the Greeter Team

you think of a recent Sunday when you felt welcomed to Sunday School or worship? Odds are good that you encountered a member of our Greeter team! The Greeter team is the first line of hospitality on Sunday mornings. They are extroverts and introverts, established members and newcomers, all generations and styles. They have one thing in common: they want everyone at church to know they are welcomed and loved.

We have had several greeters retire or move, and we are looking to add new faces to our monthly rotation. Greeters are stationed at exterior doors around the church campus to open doors, say hello, and assist in answering any questions from visitors, new members, or anyone needing assistance. The time commitment is 30 minutes, once a month. Greeters serve on a rotating basis (for example, every 2nd Sunday of the month), and may choose to serve 9-9:30am or 10-10:30am. You can even sign up to serve as a team with a spouse or friend!

The FBG Greeters are in search of friendly faces to add to the Greeter team! Do you remember what it was like to walk through our Narthex doors for the first time? Can

Curious to learn more? Want to see greeters in action or get more information before committing? All are invited to attend a Greeter Orientation on Sunday, October 23, 9-9:30am. We will meet in the Narthex (lobby outside the Sanctuary) at 9:00am to learn how to answer common visitor questions and help visitors navigate to various Sunday School areas. Anyone curious to learn how to get around the building is also welcome to attend! Email me with questions at [camille.loomis@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:camille.loomis@firstbaptistgreenville.com).

—Camille

**NEW IN THE AYMC: The Walking and Talking Club** needs no registration, and all are welcome.

The club meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for an hour beginning at 7:30am. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, they gather for an hour at 8:30am. Come join in the fun and bring a friend, if you'd like.

Church members are free to walk the track, and non-church members can start a membership as low as \$8 (\$4/seniors) a month.

## Pastoral Care Updates

moved, got married, received a commendation, or retired. It was understood that that news was for public consumption anyway, so the church played a useful role in making news "official" before it became "rumor." It helped its members look after one another.

Today's social media culture has turned all our personal information into bait for online trolls, unscrupulous marketing firms, and even criminals, who have mastered the art of turning information into money. Turns out "phishing" is not just poor spelling! Sophisticated algorithms can connect the dots and exploit vulnerabilities. Members who have been victims of these predators can tell you just how costly it can be! Now the question is: How can we take care of one another while protecting our privacy and confidentiality?

We propose that one way to do this is to reserve the church newsletter for announcements of sympathies for deaths only and to give the responsibility for sharing news of hospitalizations and other life transitions, celebrations and griefs to you and your small group as you see fit. That will empower you to ration your personal news among those who need to know and those who will do the caregiving work personally.

The other place that information can be shared and stored in a safe space is with our Care &

When Greenville operated more like a small town, it was considered a responsibility of churches to let its members know who was hospitalized as well as who graduated,

Concern Team, that group of staff ministers that meets each week to stay informed and prayerful about the lives of our members. It's a confidential space.

Like all changes, this may be an uncomfortable adjustment at first. But our hope is that it will not only better protect the privacy of our members but it will positively activate the caregiving role our small groups play. We see it not as a way of doing less ministry, but more, and doing so with greater discretion for all our sakes.

—Kendra and Kyle

# Lula Whilden Offering: Meet CBF Field Personnel

The core philosophy of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Global Missions Program is that Christians are called to live and work alongside the neglected, forgotten and marginalized peoples of the world, sharing the love of Christ and helping to meet physical needs as well as spiritual needs. First Baptist Greenville is fortunate to have ties to three groups of CBF field personnel living out this mission. This week, please take some time to get to know their stories and pray for them and those they serve. Consider making a gift to the Lula Whilden World Missions Offering, which supports these field personnel by supporting CBF.

—Susan D'Amato, Missions & Affiliations Committee



Jonathan and Tina Bailey serve in Bali, Indonesia. Their

ministry focuses on helping people find spiritual expression through music, dance, and visual arts. The Narwastu Art Community, which they organized in 2005, is made up of musicians and dancers from around the world who learn and collaborate together alongside a core group of Balinese and internationals who call Bali their home. Tina also teaches in a prison arts program for inmates in Bali's high security prison.



Carson and Laura Foushee serve in partnership with

Kanazawa Baptist Church in Kanazawa, Japan, serving the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of people with international roots in a region where few resources for such populations exist.



Missy Ward-Angalla and her husband Francis are the co-directors of Amani Sasa

Ministries in Kampala, Uganda. Amani Sasa serves over 400 people each year who are refugees from six different countries by providing emergency food, medical and housing services, counseling, trauma rehabilitation and empowerment programs.



## Church Picnic 2022—Register Now!

The FBG annual church picnic is soon! Get ready for your favorite fall picnic traditions: BBQ from Henry's, banana pudding, inflatables, games, hayrides and live music from Hot as a Pepper! Our annual picnic returns to the Hartness home (300 Smith Road) 4-7pm on Sunday, October 23. The picnic is always a fantastic time and a fabulous way to spend an afternoon visiting with old and new church friends.

Buy your tickets now! Sign-ups are due by Wednesday, October 19. Tickets are \$12 per adult

and \$5 per child, with a \$50 family maximum. Tickets for visitors are always complementary, and visitors are enthusiastically welcome! Tickets can be purchased through the church website, <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/church-picnic/>, or by cash/check delivered to the front desk. Tickets purchased in advance will ensure we have enough BBQ for everyone. Mark your calendars for October 23 and get your names on the list before the October 19 deadline!

—Camille

## Upcoming Events

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

- 10/11 8:30am** Holy Rollers Sightseeing and Shopping in Helen, GA
- 10/12** *Wednesdays at First* Activities  
**WATCH 6:15pm** MidWeek Fellowship:  
 The Next Chapter: Engaging the Acts of the Apostles (and Our Church)—Wide Open Doors (Acts 8) with Kyle Matthews (Fellowship Hall)
- 10/13 7:00pm** American Guild of Organists Members Recital (Sanctuary)
- 10/16** **WATCH 9:30am** Forum@First: Intro to Hebrew Scriptures, Part II with Kendra Plating and Grayson Hiatt (Fellowship Hall)
- WATCH 10:30am** Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnborg and Bell Tower Ringers, including Baptism
- 11:30am** The Bridge Lunch (gather at Come unto Me Window)
- 10/18 6:00pm** The Bridge Tuesday Trivia (Group Therapy Pub & Playground, Camperdown Plaza)
- 10/19 8:30am** Roadrunners to Highlands, NC

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 10/8  
 \$2,230,760  
 Receipts as of 9/30  
 \$1,680,794

### Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

October 10-16  
 Frank Smith  
 864-616-5444 (m)

October 17-23  
 Kyle Matthews  
 864-551-0829 (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."

### 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)

## Wednesday Supper

Make reservations by noon on Monday at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

### October 12

**Adult:** Chicken a l'Orange, Brown Rice, Stir-fry Veggies, Salad, Bread and Dessert

**Child:** Pizza Bread

### October 19

**Adult:** Beef Tips and Mushrooms, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Roll, Dessert

**Child:** Pigs in a Blanket, French Fries

## Care List

### Care List as of Morning, 10/7

#### Sympathy

- ...to Laurin Landis and family in the death of her grandmother.
- ...to the family of Nancy McJunkin.
- ...to the family of Alan Hill.
- ...to Judy Tollison and family in the death of her mother-in-law.

#### Congratulations

- ...to Ashley and Riley Brock on the birth of a son, Sullivan Thomas Brock, on August 25, 2022. His older sister is Lily Brock.

#### Introducing

- Sarah and Stephen Gray, 201 Amber Oaks Lane, Greer 29651, joined FBG on Sunday, September 25. They have a daughter, Lucy Addison.



Katherine DeVenny Booker, 112 Quiet Lake Ct., Piedmont 29673, joined FBG on Sunday, October 2. Katherine is a member of the Sanctuary Choir.

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Bridget Kokolis and her son, Michael Kokolis Jr., 4627 Coach Hill Dr., Greenville 29615, joined FBG during worship on October 2. Bridget is our new Minister to Children.

## Volunteers Needed

Our Special Needs ministry needs one-on-one buddies/shadows during Sunday School and worship. Any time—from 30 minutes to 2 hours—on Sunday mornings is appreciated! Please contact Sarah Ramsey-Smith at 864-918-0596 or [sarah.ramsey-smith@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:sarah.ramsey-smith@firstbaptistgreenville.com)

## Join Bell Tower Ringers!

If you can read music, we'd love to have you join us. Rehearsals are on Sundays from 6:00-7:00pm in the Handbell room (across the Rotunda from the Parlor). If interested, please email the conductor, Julie Treu ([jhtreu@gmail.com](mailto:jhtreu@gmail.com)).