

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST



**Wednesday, February 15
6:15pm—MidWeek
Fellowship (Fellowship
Hall)**

Gather in the Fellowship
Hall at 6:15pm on
Wednesday for MidWeek
Fellowship as we

continue our celebration of the First Baptist Greenville Foundation. The work of the Foundation and some of its missions grant recipients will be highlighted. Matt Rollins will moderate. Make reservations and come a little earlier to enjoy supper (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>) and fellowship around the tables.

WORSHIP



Sunday, February 19, 10:30am (Sanctuary)

During our Transfiguration Sunday worship service, Interim Senior Minister Tony Hopkins will continue his Lenten series on the beatitudes. His sermon will be “The Blessings of the Merciful” based upon Matthew 5:1-7. The Sanctuary Choir will sing “Kyrie Eleison” by Hans Leo Hassler and K. Lee Scott’s “Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart.” The Bell Tower Ringers under the direction of Julie Treu and accompanied

by Lowell Eckart on trumpet will also provide music.

If you can’t worship with us in person, join us by radio at 89.3-HD4, 91.9FM or 92.9FM. Visit our church website, firstbaptistgreenville.com, or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/fbcgreenvillesc/>, to view online.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on February 19 are from the wedding of Stephen Ahnrud and Emily Harvey and given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Ingvar Emmanuel Ahnrud, grandfather of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. William Ralph Harvey, grandparents of the bride; Mr. Claude Robert Léger, grandfather of the bride; and Ms. Colleen Harvey, aunt of the bride.

If you would like to provide flowers for one of our future worship services, contact Kimberly Coates at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527 ext 128. The next open dates are March 19 and 26.

Staff Updates



Johnny Anderson who has been a faithful member of our Facilities Staff is retiring on March 3 and will be recognized during our worship service on Sunday, March 5. Watch for further information on ways to celebrate him!



Matt Rollins, Minister of Community Engagement, will be on sabbatical February 13-March 19. Hold Matt in your prayers during this time of travel, study, renewal and rest.

February 22, 6:15pm—Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday Service for Ages 3-Adult

Imposition of Ashes

The Return of Inasmuch

Many of you probably remember Operation Inasmuch and Inasmuch Day, which was our annual day of service for our neighbors and community. The name is based on the scripture Matthew 25:40 where Jesus said, “Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me.” Because of COVID-19, we have not held Inasmuch Day since 2020. This year, Inasmuch returns as more than just a day. Now Inasmuch Days, these projects are an opportunity to give back to our community throughout the year. It

is also a great way to learn about organizations in our community and build relationships within the church family. You don’t have to be a member to participate, and all are welcome!

Our kickoff for Inasmuch Days will be held March 4, 2023, in connection with the Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale setup, which will be our first project for 2023. We’ll also provide lunch, a brief presentation of the new format, and opportunities to sign up for



future projects. We hope you will join us for the Inasmuch Days kickoff on March 4 and that you will connect with our service day opportunities throughout the year.

Please visit <https://forms.gle/zB9ToT9jw8S3EADA6> To sign up for the Saturday, March 4 day of service.

—Michael Williamson and
Alec McLeod

Worship and Study with FBG this Lent

Although it feels like we just packed up our Christmas decorations, Lent begins next week! Lent is a forty-day season in the liturgical calendar when Christians reflect on their relationship with God and others in preparation for Easter. It is a season of meditation, confession, self-examination and service. Read on to discover how you can engage the Lenten season through worship services and prayer opportunities.

- Pick up a Lenten Devotional created by FBG church members. This year’s devotional features poetry on the theme of resurrection. Devotionals will be available at our Ash Wednesday service on February 22 and at the front desk. For a recommended list of group and individual devotional guides for Lent, email me (Camille) at camille.loomis@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

- Pray on the church campus. The Sanctuary is open for individual prayer during office hours, and the outdoor Labyrinth is accessible anytime. The Chapel is also open for private prayer during office hours, including a self-guided tour of the Stations of the Cross. If you prefer to pray with others, the Centering Prayer group meets on Tuesdays and would love to welcome you!

- Attend a MidWeek Fellowship on Wednesdays in Lent. Beginning March 1, Kyle Matthews will lead a series titled, “Unstuck,” providing Lenten suggestions

on how to get unstuck with spiritual practices like reading Scripture, prayer, service to others and holistic self-care. MidWeek Fellowship meets from 6:15-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- Attend a Lent or Holy Week worship service, including:

Ash Wednesday (February 22) at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary, including Imposition of Ashes

Palm Sunday (April 2) at 10:30am in the Sanctuary, including children’s processional

Maundy Thursday (April 6) at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, including Communion

Good Friday (April 7) at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, with Scripture and Organ Music for Meditation

Early Easter Service (April 9) at 8:30am on the Labyrinth, with Proclaimer Franklin Lowe

Easter Service (April 9) at 10:30am in the Sanctuary with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins

A pilgrim’s journey is richer in community. I hope you will join us for these worship services and prayer opportunities!

—Camille

Engaging Black History Month with FBG Sister Church Springfield Baptist

February is Black History Month, a national invitation to recognize the history of Black people in America and celebrate the joy of Black communities. This year, we invite you to engage with Springfield Baptist Church, our sister church in Greenville, by investing in the past, present and future of this historic church.

Springfield Baptist was organized in 1867 by sixty-five Black members of First Baptist Greenville (then called Greenville Baptist Church) and is the oldest historically Black Baptist church in downtown Greenville. Visit <https://www.springfieldbapt.com/aboutus> to read a thorough history of Springfield Baptist. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3rzyb3u4> for an introductory history and pastoral approach to white Baptists' engagement with slavery in the 1800s and read a

recap of a presentation featuring Dr. Kimberly Kellison, historian at Baylor University, and me.

We honor the present chapter of Springfield Baptist by celebrating the calling of their new pastor, Rev. Vinson Royal! Rev. Royal is a graduate of Beulah Heights Bible University and the Morehouse School of Religion. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has served on the Board of Directors for Concerned Black Clergy (CBC) of Atlanta and is the former Vice President of the Baptist Ministers Council of Georgia. Springfield will host a public panel on Saturday, February 18, as part of the Remembrance Project, a group offering education and memorialization around victims of lynching in Greenville. Matt Rollins will serve as a panelist alongside Springfield's Rev. Royal.

Looking for other ways to engage in Black history outside Black History Month? Read a history of Black Civil War veterans, titled *The Families' Civil War: Black Soldiers and the Fight for Racial Justice*, by church member Holly Pinheiro Jr. Keep your eye out for the next FBG racial justice pilgrimage. Visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/racial-justice-pilgrimage-recap/> to read about the last pilgrimage to Montgomery, AL. Join a JustFaith group to learn about a variety of social justice issues in community with fellow church members. Go to <https://repentanceproject.org/an-american-lament/> for the Repentance Project's Forty Days of American Lament, a spiritual reflection on racial injustice.

—Camille

A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM: WORSHIP ARTS CAMP 2023

REGISTER 4/3/23

July 24-28
9AM-1PM
\$50 Per Child
First Baptist Greenville

4 Year Olds through
Fifth Grade

\$50 per camper, lunch provided each day, scholarships available

All children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us for a week of fun and worship arts! We will enjoy Bible Study, art projects, Music, Worship Elements, and more together for a week that will culminate with our children leading in worship on Sunday, July 30. It's a lot like Vacation Bible School, but each element is intentional to help our children learn to lead in worship while having fun. Registration will open April 3, 2023 at 9AM.

Put this on your calendar now and watch for more information soon!

—Amy, Bridget and Vivian

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 2/14 9:00am Holy Rollers to Lunch at Dillard House Restaurant (Dillard, GA)
- 2/15 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
WATCH 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) with the FBG Foundation
- 2/16 6:00pm Dinner Party for Parents of Preschool, Children and Youth (Fellowship Hall)
- 2/18 11:00am Redemption in Remembrance: A Panel Discussion (Springfield Baptist)
- 2/19 9:30am The Bridge Community Formation (AYMC Lobby)
- 2/19 **WATCH** 10:30am Transfiguration Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins and Bell Tower Ringers
11:30am Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Fellowship Hall)
- 2/20 AYM and Church Offices Closed for Presidents' Day
- 2/21 6:30pm The Bridge Fellowship Meal: "Breakfast for Dinner" (Coffee Underground)
- 2/22 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
WATCH 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: Ash Wednesday

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 2/11
\$331,731

Receipts as of 1/31
\$188,889

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

February 13-19
Camille Loomis Rehnberg
703-501-6425 (m)

February 20-26
Frank Smith
864-616-5444 (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)

Service (Sanctuary) with Tony Hopkins (nursery available for birth through two-year-olds)

- 2/24 5:00-7:00pm Children and Youth Ministries Event: 5th/6th Grade Game Night (AYMC)
- 2/26 9:30am The Bridge Community Formation (AYMC Lobby)
WATCH 10:30am First Sunday in Lent Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins, including Communion
11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
3:30-5:00pm Congregational Conversation (Fellowship Hall)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 3/1 *Wednesdays at First Activities*

Sympathy

...to Walter Lundy in the death of his sister.

...to Charles Watson in the death of his mother.

Congratulations

...to Kate and Ben Patterson on the birth of a daughter, Etta Furman Patterson, on January 28, 2023. Etta's siblings are Jacob and Lindy, and her grandfather in our church is Earle Furman.

Extend a Warm Welcome



...to Debbie Caine who joined FBG during worship on Sunday, February 5. She is now retired and is a member of the Johnson Class.



...to Amy Rocha-Gabbard and Karina Rocha who also joined FBG during worship on February 5.

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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/>

February 15

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

Child: Pigs in a Blanket, Fruit, Cookie

February 22

Adult: Maple Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Asparagus Spears, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Child: Chicken Fingers, Fruit, Cookie