

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST



Wednesday, March 8,
6:15pm—
MidWeek Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall)

Kyle Matthews will
continue his series
“Unstuck” during our
MidWeek Fellowship

gathering this week. This week’s study will focus on helpful Lenten suggestions for how to get “unstuck” in studying theology. In community, let’s gather some insight to help us get “unstuck” — and share some great music, too!

Make reservations for supper (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>) and fellowship around the tables from 5:00-6:00pm.

WORSHIP



Sunday, March 12, 10:30am (Sanctuary)

During our Third Sunday in Lent, youth will take the lead in all aspects of our worship service. They will focus on their 2022-2023 theme, Belonging. Youth will provide music, read scripture, pray, offer homilies, act as ushers and greeters, collect offering and serve communion. Gather with your church family as we continue our Lenten journey with the leadership of our Youth Family.

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 are given by the Seminar-Corder Class to honor the memories of their deceased members. A list will be placed in the Narthex.

The flowers in the Narthex are given by the Youth Ministry in honor of the youth of FBG whose energy and enthusiasm enable us to dig deeper and soar higher than we ever imagined and the Youth Sunday School teachers and the Youth Committee members whose dedication and support throughout the year strengthen all of us—Youth Family and youth leaders.

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 date is March 26.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP YARD SALE

This Weekend!

by addressing their needs (emergency and otherwise). This includes helping with home renovation, handicap ramps, painting, yard work, and other financial support.

If you’d like to donate items, remember that this Wednesday, March 8, is the last day to drop off donations. If you’re interested in volunteering, please fill out this quick form at <https://forms.gle/UtB4part4RPdbhG86>. We especially need help with clean-up at 1pm, so we can give a break to the volunteers who have been working all day. For more information, visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/yardsale/> or email Frank Smith at frank.smith@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

—Jennifer

March 5, 9:30am

Forum@First Returns

Gospel Portraits with Tony Hopkins



YOUTH MISSIONS AWARENESS WEEK

MARCH 5-12

This week, the Youth Family is hosting its first “Youth Missions Awareness Week,” to build community, connect the youth and wider congregation, raise awareness about youth missions initiatives, and support our ongoing and future missions endeavors.

Yesterday, we launched our first fundraiser of the week: the “1 to 200” Challenge. In the Narthex, we set up bulletin boards full of envelopes numbered 1 to 200 so that congregants and community members can take an envelope, place the corresponding amount of money inside, and return the envelope by Sunday, March 12. You can access envelopes all week long, by visiting the Front Office M-F, 9am-5pm. Cash and checks are welcome. Feel free to take multiple envelopes!

You can support Youth Missions all week long by eating at local restaurants! We are hosting profit shares at the following spots:

Be sure to say you're with FBG!

March 6: Taccozzini

March 7: Groucho's Deli Downtown (4-9pm) & TCBY on Brendan Way

March 8: Barberitos on S. Pleasantburg

March 9: Panera Bread on Haywood (4-9pm) & TCBY

March 11: Subway on Laurens Rd (5-9pm)

On Friday, March 10, Parents and Friends of FBG Children & Youth are invited to a Social & Raffle Party at the Johnstone home. Please contact Mary Carol to register and purchase a \$40 ticket which includes Tropical Grille and a variety of beverages!

Finally, March 12 is Youth Sunday! You will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to support our youth as they lead in all aspects of our worship service.

—Mary Carol and Franklin

The Spirituality of Recycling

Reduce, reuse, recycle. For years, this has been the essential trinity of day-to-day sustainability.

So, what do we do if recycling becomes much more difficult all of a sudden? Following the guidance of Christian tradition, we believe that when something is difficult but still worthwhile, we can learn from the journey! Now might be the time to start thinking of recycling as a pilgrimage.

As of March 30, 2023, residents of Greenville County will no longer have access to curbside recycling pickup, but recycling is still readily available! The County's website lists 17 recycling centers which will remain open and accessible (<https://tinyurl.com/fbgrecycle>).

We encourage you to find the one nearest to your home or workplace. Once a month, or

maybe once a week, commit to embarking on the sacred pilgrimage of taking your recycling to the nearest processing center.

Please note: curbside recycling is still available for city residents.

As Christians, we believe Christ unites us with all creation. When we take a pilgrimage to the recycling center, we acknowledge this connection, and we do our small part to care for our fellow creation. Blessings on your journey! If you want more information about local recycling or more tips for everyday sustainability, we invite you to get to know the SAVER Committee, FBG's creation care community.

The Sustaining And Valuing Earth's Resources Committee endeavors to create a more sustainable

environment on our campus and to educate members on being stewards of this incredible Earth. From an energy audit to the Rain Garden and efforts to green our fellowship meals, SAVER influences the sustainability of our campus in big ways!

Are you interested in learning more about creation care and sustainability at FBG? Please join the SAVER Committee for a New Member Interest & Ideas Meeting on Sunday, March 19, to learn more about current initiatives and to share your own dreams and ideas. Gather in the parlor following the Worship Service. All ages and levels of experience are welcome!

—Pam Shucker and Franklin Lowe, SAVER Committee

College or Seminary Scholarship Available

The Scholarship Committee of First Baptist Greenville is accepting applications from qualified individuals seeking financial assistance in pursuing an undergrad or seminary degree. This opportunity is not restricted to church members. Friends and loved ones are also welcome and encouraged to apply. These scholarships are made available

through the First Baptist Greenville Foundation and funded by the incredible generosity of current and former church members.

Scholarship applications are due to Sarah Carter by mail or email no later than Sunday, April 23. Applications can be downloaded from <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/college/>, the College page on the church's website.

For more information on how you can help support these worthy students through the Foundation, please contact Stacey Shinas at stacey.shinas@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

—Sarah Carter, Scholarship Committee Staff Liaison

Senior Moment: Relocation

As we grow older, we all face many new challenges and decisions. Jeanette and I had been empty nesters for almost 25 years when I started thinking about the advisability/desirability of downsizing and preparing for the last chapter of our lives. Jeanette, while knowing the time was coming, was not quite ready. She put it off primarily because our house had been the ideal spot to host 35+ family members for Thanksgiving each year, not to mention the countless church functions and youth pool parties that have occurred over the years. We eventually discussed this seriously and looked objectively at the options we saw as desirable for us—as well as the things we would greatly miss. After this discussion, we were in general agreement, but she was not yet ready. Not wanting to push her into a decision she was not ready to make, I said, “Just let me know when you are ready to consider this.”

About two years from this initial discussion, one evening she said, “I am ready to consider a move.”

At our annual family week at the beach (2020) where our immediate and some extended family were gathered, we convened a family conference and announced that we felt it was in our (and the family's) long-term interest for us to sell our home and move to a retirement community. We listed the reasons that we felt this was best for our (and the family's) future. We also acknowledged how much we all would miss things like hosting family members at Thanksgiving, touch football in the front yard and so much more.

After 18 months in our new home at The Woodlands at Furman, we both fully agree that this was the right move for us. If you are interested in seeing the move through our son Steve's eyes, visit here: <https://times-herald.com/news/2021/09/this-old-house>

—John and Jeanette Cothran



We (First Baptist) are the presenting sponsor for the March 12 showing of *The 90-Minute War*. According to the website, it is a brilliant new mockumentary comedy that attempts to settle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict via a football (soccer) match. Visit <https://greenvillejewishfilmfestival.com/springfest/> for more information and tickets!

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 3/5-12 Youth Missions Awareness Week
 3/8 **Wednesdays at First Activities**
WATCH 6:15pm MidWeek
 Fellowship: Unstuck—Studying Theology (Fellowship Hall) with Kyle Matthews
6:15pm First Baptist 101 (Media Center)
 3/10-11 Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale (Practice Gym)
 3/12 **WATCH 9:30am** Forum@First: Gospel Portraits (Fellowship Hall) with Tony Hopkins
WATCH 10:30am Third Sunday in Lent/Youth Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) including Communion
11:30am Children’s Ministry Event: Lunch and Big Air
 3/14 **7:30am** Holy Rollers Take “Driving Miss Daisy” Tour of Atlanta
 3/15 **Wednesdays at First Activities**
WATCH 6:15pm MidWeek
 Fellowship: Unstuck—Spiritual Practices (Fellowship Hall) with Kyle Matthews
6:15pm First Baptist 101 (Media Center)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 3/4
 \$497,596

Receipts as of 2/28
 \$367,165

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

March 6-12
 Camille Loomis Rehnberg
 703-501-6425 (m)

March 13-18
 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)
- 3/19 **WATCH 9:30am** Forum@First: Gospel Portraits (Fellowship Hall) with Tony Hopkins
 3/19 **WATCH 10:30am** Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins
 3/26 **WATCH 9:30am** Forum@First: Gospel Portraits (Fellowship Hall) with Tony Hopkins
WATCH 10:30am Fifth Sunday in Lent/Annunciation Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Matt Rollins and Bell Tower Ringers, including Communion
11:30am Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Fellowship Hall)
5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
 3/28 **6:30pm** Nehemiah Action—Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership (Sanctuary)

Sympathy

...to Jamie Kaltenbach and family in the death of her father.

...to Debbie Tate and family in the death of her step-mother.

...to the family of Bob Bruns.

Congratulations

...to Gracie and Jordan Coates on the birth of a daughter, Olivia Joyce Coates, born February 14, 2023. Olivia’s proud older sister is Cece, and her grandparents in our church are Kimberly and Lee Coates.

Introduction



...David and Kate Little who joined FBG during worship on Sunday, February 26. David is self-employed, and Kate works with the Hughes Agency. They have a son, Jackson.


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Wednesday Night Supper

Make your reservations by noon on Monday. Menus and reservation information are available at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

March 8

Adult: Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Sauce, Angel Hair Pasta, Succotash, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Child: Buttered Noodles, Cheesy Bread, Fruit, Cookie

March 15

Adult: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Child: Pizza Bread, Fruit, Cookie