

## WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST



**Wednesday, April 12, 6:15pm**  
MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

There is a preacher and sermon writer in all of us! Beginning April 12, Camille Loomis Rehnborg will embark on a 5-week series meant to peel back the veil of sermon preparation. She will share how ministers pick a preaching text, interpret the biblical context of a text, and brainstorm ideas of how the text of the week (Gospel stories from John) could be presented in a sermon. If public speaking is not for you, don't fear—this series will be interactive but similar to a typical MidWeek Fellowship lecture.

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

## WORSHIP



**Second Sunday of Easter Worship Service, April 16, 10:30am (Sanctuary)**

The Preschool Choir will lead us into worship with song. In addition to the Sanctuary Choir, the Bell Tower Ringers will provide music. Tony will offer the sermon "Redeeming the Time" based upon Psalm 145:1-9 and Ephesians 5:15-20.

If you can't worship with us in person, visit our church website, [firstbaptistgreenville.com](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com), or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/fbcgreenvillesc/>, to view online.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 16, are given in loving memory of Betsy Dew Ashley by Joan and Mike Kellett.

If you would like to provide flowers for one of our future worship services, contact Kimberly Coates at [kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or 864-233-2527 ext 128.

## New Forum@First Course with Matt Rollins



**"My Top Ten List of Pivotal Moments in Baptist History"**

**Sundays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall, April 16-May 21**

Beginning April 16, Matt Rollins will lead a new Forum course on Baptist history! Matt will explore ten flashpoints across Baptist history which explore the development and legacy of what Baptists believe, how we organize church, and ethical implications of our faith.

**April 30, 3:00pm (Sanctuary)**

**"How Christian Nationalism Threatens Democracy and Christianity"**

Amanda Tyler, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee

Free, non-ticketed event, co-sponsored by FBG and the Anderson Forum for Progressive Theology

**May 6, 9:00am-1:00pm**

Spiritual Enrichment Event: Claudia Borchart

Palestine and Israel Pilgrimage Sites

Save the Date—More Details to Come

# Flower Gifts

## An Easter lily was given...

- ...in memory of Richard Harper by Betty Alice Harper.
- ...in memory of Tom and Pauline Pillow by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.
- ...in memory of Bill and Ruby Stoddard by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.
- ...in memory of Sue Pillow Burt by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.
- ...in memory of June Caudell Springfield Holder by her daughter, Debbie Springfield, and her son, Gene Springfield.
- ...in memory of C. Dayton Riddle Jr., MD, by Anne G. Riddle.
- ...in memory of Carol Riddle Bevis by Anne G. Riddle.
- ...in honor of Tony and Carol Hopkins by Prudence Taylor.
- ...in memory of Bill Godsey by his family.
- ...in memory of Mac Christopher Jr. by his family.
- ...in memory of Bill Hunter by Lib Hunter.

- ...in loving memory of Hardy and Ardelle Clemons by Barbara McMaster.
- ...in honor of the FBG staff with love and appreciation by Barbara McMaster and the Congregation.
- ...in memory of Gordon Herring by Betty and Austin Connors.
- ...in honor of Nelle Anne Poole by Beth Jefford.
- ...in loving memory of Henry and Ruth Little by their family.
- ...in loving memory of Bill and Sharon Lewis by their family.
- ...in memory of Loretta Brown Kallam by her family.
- ...in memory of Ruth Reid and Rachel Martin and Charlie and Pat Brock by Ryland Brown and Jay Addison.
- ...by Parma Holt in memory of her husband, Robert C. Holt.
- ...by Parma Holt in memory of son, David P. Holt.
- ...in honor of Jeanette Cothran by her husband, John Cothran.

## Two Easter lilies were given...

- ...in memory of Tom and Edna Hartness by Becky and Bobby Hartness.
- ...in memory of Gerald Stroud by his wife, Lois.
- ...by Becky and Ralph Bouton in memory of their parents.

**The flowers on the gate to the Remembrance Garden** are given in memory of Don Bolt by the Bolt family.

**The flowers on the gate to the Remembrance Garden** are given in memory of Billy Mitchell by his family.

### Ballot for members of the Deacon Nominating Committee (see page 3 article)

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This is NOT a ballot to nominate Deacons, but a ballot to nominate members of the Deacon Nominating Committee. Paper ballots must be signed.

# Senior Moments: The Best Is Yet to Come

Not many days before writing these lines I observed my ninetieth birthday. I thought I might have to get a permit from the fire department to light all the candles on the cake. Before blowing out those candles, I made a silent wish (as I suspect you have done). My wish was that in whatever projects in which I became involved in my old age, I might do a good job. Such is probably the desire of every senior adult. On Friday, January 1, 1790, John Wesley wrote in his journal:

*I am now an old man, decayed from head to foot. My eyes are dim; my right hand shakes much; my mouth is hot and dry every morning; I have a lingering fever almost every day; my motion is weak and slow. However, blessed be God, I do not slack my labor: I can preach and write still.*

John Wesley had a famous motto to which everyone should subscribe:

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you, as long as ever you can.*

As we fill our senior moments, we might remember that our best need not be a thing of the past. In his poem, "Rabbi Ben Ezra," Robert Browning wrote:

*Grow old along with me!  
The best is yet to be,  
The last of life, for which the first was made:  
Our ties are in His hand  
Who saith, "A whole I planned,  
Youth shows but half; trust God: see all, nor be afraid!"*

It would take many pages to list all the great things that have been done by men and women in their senior years. Grandma Moses did not start painting until she was in her seventies, and she painted over 500 works of art. Pablo Casals was once asked why he still practiced his cello four or five hours each day when he was ninety years old. He answered, "Because I have the impression I am making progress." Sophocles wrote *Oedipus* when he was ninety.

When we ponder our senior moments, I expect we would all agree that our greatest moments have been those we spent with the Lord. An author whose name I do not know penned the lines:

*We mutter and sputter, we fume and we spurt.  
We mumble and grumble, our feelings get hurt;  
We can't understand things, our vision grows dim;  
When all that we need is a moment with Him!*

—Bill Lacy

# Deacon Nominating Committee Election

FBG members are requested to submit nominations for the 2023 Deacon Nominating Committee:

- Elaine Barnhill will serve as the 2023 Deacon Nominating Committee Chair.
- In the fall, Deacon Nominating Committee members will contact deacon nominees equal to the number of vacancies on the Diaconate as to their willingness to serve.
- Once the slate of new deacons is complete, it will be submitted to the church for a vote.

• Installation and ordination of new deacons will be in early January.

There are three ways to submit recommendations for the eight positions on the Deacon Nominating Committee.

-complete the ballot on page 2, sign it and mail it to the church attention Jenna Manning

-click the CONTACT US button at the top of the website homepage, complete the fields and include your recommendations

-email recommendations to Jenna

The deadline for recommendations to be received is Friday, April 14, 2023.

Because the persons on the committee are ineligible to serve again for two years, do not nominate any of the following:

Elaine Barnhill  
Trevor Barton  
Lee Counts  
Tyrone Edwards  
Glenda Ehrmann  
Emily Fayssoux  
Doug Girvin  
Bob Howard

John Jones  
Pam Jones  
Jason Richards  
David Richardson  
Sharon Russo  
Judy Snyder  
Mittie Taylor  
Reed Wilson

## Upcoming Events

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

- 4/12 *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
**6:15pm** Discussion Group: *Wearing God* (Media Center) with Anna Woodham  
**WATCH 6:15pm** MidWeek Fellowship: Back Pew Preachers (Fellowship Hall) with Camille Loomis Rehnborg
- 4/14 **10:30am** Senior Adult Lunch and More (Fellowship Hall)  
**5:00-7:00pm** 5th-6th Grade Glow in the Dark Party (AYMC)
- 4/16 **WATCH 9:30am** Forum@First: My Top Ten List of Pivotal Moments in Baptist History (Fellowship Hall) with Matt Rollins  
**WATCH 10:30am** Second Sunday of Easter (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Tony Hopkins and Bell Tower Ringers  
**11:30am** Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
**5:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 4/19 *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
**6:15pm** Discussion Group: *Wearing God* (Media Center) with Anna Woodham

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 4/1  
 \$718,750

Receipts as of 3/31  
 \$567,956

### Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

April 10-16  
 Camille Loomis Rehnborg  
 703-501-6425 (m)

April 17-23  
 Matt Rollins  
 864-346-0971 (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)

### **WATCH 6:15pm** MidWeek

Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) with Camille Loomis Rehnborg

4/20-4/23 Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering in Atlanta, GA

4/23 **WATCH 9:30am** Forum@First: My Top Ten List of Pivotal Moments in Baptist History (Fellowship Hall) with Matt Rollins

**WATCH 10:30am** Third Sunday of Easter—Music Service of Hope and Healing (Sanctuary) with Sanctuary Choir

**11:30am** Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Fellowship Hall)

**5:00pm** LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)

**5:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)

4/24 **9:15am** Roadrunners to Movie "Devotion" and Lunch at Laurenda's Family Restaurant

4/26 *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
**6:15pm** Discussion Group: *Wearing God* (Media Center) with Anna Woodham

**WATCH 6:15pm** MidWeek Fellowship: Back Pew Preachers (Fellowship Hall) with Camille Loomis Rehnborg

4/30 **WATCH 9:30am** Forum@First: My Top Ten List of Pivotal Moments in Baptist History (Fellowship Hall) with Matt Rollins  
**WATCH 10:30am** Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnborg

## Introducing

...Brady Stevens who joined FBG and was baptized during worship on Sunday, March 26. Give him a warm welcome!

## Sympathy

...to Sarah Carter and family in the death of her grandfather.

...to Lynn Woodman Cauble and family in the death of her cousin.

...to the family of Patsy Burrell.

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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/>

**April 12**

**Adult:** Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles, Mixes Veggies, Salad, Roll, Dessert

**Child:** Chicken Fingers, Fruit, Cookie

**April 19**

**Adult:** Pork Piccata with Lemon Caper Sauce, Angel Hair Pasta, Asparagus Spears, Salad, Roll, Dessert

**Child:** Buttered Noodles and Cheesy Bread, Fruit, Cookie