

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST



Wednesday, April 26, 6:15pm
MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

This Wednesday, Camille Loomis Rehnborg will continue her 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship Service, April 30, 10:30am
(Sanctuary)

During worship on Sunday, April 30, we will celebrate Holy Communion and Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach Camille Loomis Rehnborg will serve as proclaimer. Her sermon will focus on Psalm 23 and John 10:1-10. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" by Harold Friedell.

Pews in front of the baptistry will be reserved for our Deaf and hard-of-hearing community. An American Sign Language interpreter will be at the base of the baptistry.

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.

Update From the Senior Minister Search Committee: Church and Senior Minister Profiles Completed

Thank you so much for participating in our congregational conversations between January 22 and February 26. The members of the Senior Minister Search Committee were heartened by the strong turnout for these events, which focused on our church's past, present, and future. The committee listened carefully, and you were heard! Please consult the Resources section of the SMSC web page (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/senior-minister-search/>) for a summary of

the results, as well as a reminder of the discussion topics.

Your feedback, along with a considerable amount of research, was used in the development of a congregational profile—capturing who we are as a church family. An important component of this document is a senior minister profile—capturing the qualities that we as a church believe would make the perfect match in our new senior minister. The committee used input from the congregational

conversations and data from numerous other sources to create this profile. You are invited to read it on the SMSC web page—or from this direct link (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/First-Baptist-Greenville-Congregational-Profile.pdf>).

We now begin the next phase of our search process—the development of a list of candidates. The congregational

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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, 10:00am-1:00pm

Spiritual Enrichment Event: Claudia Borchart
Palestine and Israel Pilgrimage Sites
<https://tinyurl.com/3bwa4dys>

Spiritual Formation Opportunities

Two exciting theological education events are on the horizon! On Sunday, April 30, Amanda Tyler (Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee) will offer a public lecture in the FBG Sanctuary. The following Saturday, May 6, Claudia Borchart will lead a Spiritual Enrichment Event (SEE) exploring Holy Land pilgrimage sites through virtual reality. Register now for the Holy Land SEE Retreat! All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



—Camille

Lecture by Amanda Tyler, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee

“How Christian Nationalism Threatens Democracy and Christianity”

Sunday, April 30, at 3pm in the FBG Sanctuary

Ms. Tyler and the BJC are highly-regarded advocates for the historic Baptist principle of religious liberty for people of all faiths. Tyler was named “Baptist of the Year” by EthicsDaily.com in 2019 for her work leading the Christians Against Christian Nationalism campaign. She also co-hosts the Respecting Religion podcast series, and she serves on the board of the Center for Faith, Justice, and Reconciliation. This is a free and non-ticketed event, co-sponsored by FBG and the Anderson Forum for Progressive Theology. Please share the word!

Spiritual Enrichment Event (SEE): Holy Land 360 with Claudia Borchart

Saturday, May 6, from 10am-1pm in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$15 includes session materials and catered lunch

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3bwa4dys>

Have you ever wanted to travel to the Holy Land to see the places Jesus walked and taught? Now, you can visit these sacred places in Palestine and Israel without leaving Greenville! Claudia Borchart, a sought-after tour guide and historian from Galilee, will lead a retreat on Holy Land sites. Come experience Claudia’s latest project—bringing the Holy Land to people across the world through virtual reality. Want a sneak peek of Claudia’s material? Check out this video about the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem: <https://youtu.be/xlqdB5mZWEo>. FBG folks will recognize a familiar voice narrating the story!

Happy Birthday!

Please remember these members of our congregation celebrating May birthdays who are not always able to be with us in worship:

May 2

Bob Simmons

Corrinne Stewart

May 5

Betty King

May 9

David Evans

Millie Wilson

May 11

Rachel Mullinax

May 12

Doris Clanton (95)

May 13

Janelle Rogers

Winnie Williams

May 18

Claudia Caldwell

May 31

Mareon Stall

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profile (including the senior minister profile) is already being distributed widely with the objective of having it find its way into the hands of the person who will be the perfect match for our church. We will keep you posted as this process continues.

Sincerely,
Senior Minister Search Committee

Foundation Seeks New Trustees

Nominations are being accepted for new trustees to serve on the nine-member First Baptist Church Foundation Board. The terms of three trustees will expire at the end of June. To maintain the regular rotation, three trustees should be appointed to serve for three years. The criteria for serving are as follows:

1. Must be a member of First Baptist Church
2. Enthusiastic dedication to the concept of permanent endowment to support missions and church causes

3. Experience in and dedication to mission and ministry work

4. Experience and knowledge in the making of investment decisions

All church members are invited to submit their nominations for these positions. Please send your nominations to Beverly Lambert, chair of the Diaconate, (bablamb@aol.com) or Taylor Davis, chair of the Foundation, (tdavis@nhe-inc.com) no later than the deadline listed below.

The chair of the Diaconate, with the approval of the Executive

Committee of the Diaconate, will recommend a slate of trustees to the Diaconate and congregation for approval.

The trustees currently serving on the Foundation Board are: Don Caldwell (2025), Taylor Davis (2024), Paul Goldsmith (2023), Becky Hartness (2025), Bob Howard (2024), Beverly Lambert (2023), Freda Lark (2025), Oz Rogers (2023) and Leah Wynn (2024).

Trustee nominations are due no later than Sunday, May 1.

— Taylor Davis, Foundation Chair

Senior Adult Activities for May

The Senior Adult Ministry is busy preparing opportunities for fun and fellowship. See the list below for activities occurring in May. Visit firstbaptistgreenville.com/senioradulthevents to see a list of all upcoming Senior Adult events and their sign-ups.

Roadrunners Journey to Flat Rock Playhouse

Join us on Wednesday, May 3, for a trip to Flat Rock Playhouse to see *Ring of Fire—The Music of Johnny Cash*. We'll eat lunch before the show at Flat Rock Wood Room. Bus fee is \$2. Leave FBG 10:30am. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/c3VNvWETyJe6hmJx8> to reserve your spot.

You will need to pay the \$56 ticket price in order to reserve your space!

Senior Adult Lunch and More on the First Friday of May

Join your friends on Friday, May 5, at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall for games or in the Media Center for a book review of *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate presented by Mary Louise Green.

The program will be a luau-themed lunch with the Happy Strummers to celebrate the end of the season. Don and Jo Carson are members of The Happy Strummers, a ukulele group that will entertain us with Hawaiian music.

We need numbers to be sure there is enough delicious lunch for all. Make reservations at <https://forms.gle/mcjCrQ3Z2jv5FfLv5> by Tuesday, May 2.

Holy Rollers Go to Strawberry Hill

On Tuesday, May 9, depart FBG at 10:00am and return by 3:00pm.

We will visit the produce shed and eat lunch (on your own) at the cafe. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/mLSWtEGbXpr1oVsJ6> to reserve your spot.

If you have any questions, email me at jennifer.craig@firstbaptistgreenville.com or call me at 233-2527 ext. 121.

— Jennifer

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 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
- 4/29 **11:00am-2:00pm** LGBTQ & Friends Community Group Picnic (Herdklotz Park)
- 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
11:30am Fifth Grade Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
3:00pm Lecture: How Christian Nationalism Threatens Democracy and Christianity (Sanctuary) with Amanda Tyler, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 4/22
 \$884,615

Receipts as of 4/18
 \$687,915

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

April 24-30
 Kyle Matthews
 864-551-0829 (m)

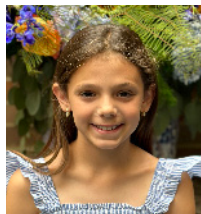
May 1-7
 Frank Smith
 864-616-5444 (m)

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)
- 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5/3 **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
- 5/5 **10:30am** Senior Adult Lunch and More (Fellowship Hall)
- 5/6 **10:00am-1:00pm** Spiritual Enrichment Event: Holy Land 360 with Claudia Borchart
2:30pm The Bridge Creative Community Time at ReCraft
- 5/7 **WATCH 9:30am** Forum@First: My Top Ten List of Pivotal Moments in Baptist History (Fellowship Hall) with Matt Rollins
WATCH 10:30am Children's Sabbath Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
5:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC) and Junior/Senior Night
- 5/9 **10:00am** Holy Rollers Lunch and Shop for Peaches and Strawberries at Strawberry Hill (Chesnee)
- 5/10 **Wednesdays at First Activities**
6:15pm Discussion Group: *Wearing God* (Media Center) with Anna Woodham
WATCH 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) with Camille Loomis Rehnborg
- 5/12 **7:00pm** SC Bach Choir and NC Baroque Orchestra Concert (Sanctuary)—ticketed event



Introducing

...Charlotte Womack, who made her profession of faith during worship on Sunday, April 16.

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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 26

Adult: Chicken Divan with Rice, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Child: Pizza Bread, Fruit, Cookie

May 3

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

Child: Pigs in a Blanket, Fruit, Cookie