

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

February 21 (Fellowship Hall)

Round 2 Options Begin

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND DR. CAROL MCENTYRE AS SENIOR MINISTER**

February 25, 10:30am (Sanctuary)

Second Sunday in Lent

Celebration in Fellowship Hall following Worship

Guest Proclaimer: Meredith Stone

Sermon: The Light of Liberation

Scripture: John 8:12, 9:1-11

Anthems: "Go Not Far from Me"—Zigarelli; "How Lovely Are the Messengers"—Mendelssohn; "An Old English Prayer"—Gossler

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir



Pews in front of the baptistry will be reserved for our Deaf and hard-of-hearing community. When available, an ASL interpreter will be at the base of the baptistry.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Max and Nancy Whatley by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. 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.



## From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

I stumbled upon a blog where a woman asked, "Can someone explain as we enter Lent if we have to fast?" Her question sounded sincere, so I read on to see how people responded. One person said that fasting is necessary, but nobody takes it seriously. Another person said to do whatever you want, as long as the priest doesn't catch you. Some people suggested giving up something, like a favorite sweet, and saying extra prayers to please "the Big Man." Many of their responses made me laugh, like someone who shared their experience of giving up swearing for Lent, which did not go well.

While the question was genuine, most of the responses made Lent sound foolish or like a second chance to renew New Year's resolutions—it is not too late to give up sweets in 2024!

Lent is supposed to be a time to draw near to Jesus and to wrestle with our humanity, sin

and brokenness to prepare our hearts for Easter and Christ's resurrection. As Shannon Craig Straw notes, it is perhaps easier to refrain from chocolate or caffeine than to confront "our failures, our imperfections, and what is putting distance in our relationship with God."

The point of giving something up (i.e., fasting) or taking on a spiritual practice is to remember Jesus' struggles and suffering before he died and to help us intentionally draw near to God. While we don't have to take it too seriously, it's supposed to be a bit strenuous, a spiritual discipline. However, as Straw notes, more important than giving up chocolate is to think about what is "preventing us from being the whole person God intends us to be." What is keeping us from connecting with God in a deeper way?

After praying about it, I couldn't think of anything to give up for Lent this year. I guess that means I will have to be self-reflective and try to identify what is hindering me from being more the person God is calling me to be. I think I'd rather give up chocolate...

—Carol

February 24

Holy Week in Jerusalem Virtual Reality Presentations with Claudia Saleh in the Parlor  
Reservations: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/holylandvr/>

February 25

9:15am in the Fellowship Hall  
Lecture on the Mount of Beatitudes with Claudia Saleh

February 25

10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Installation of the Reverend Dr. Carol McEntyre  
With Celebration following in Fellowship Hall

# Inasmuch Days

Inasmuch Days, a year-round ministry opportunity sponsored by the Missions Committee, offers a series of neighborhood projects that provides opportunities to minister with and alongside our community. It is a great way to learn about organizations in our city and build relationships within the church family. You don't have to be a member to participate, and all are welcome! The name is based on the scripture Matthew 25:40 where Jesus says, "Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me."

Our first Inasmuch Day of 2024 will be Saturday, March 2, in support of the Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale setup. We'll provide lunch and opportunities to sign up for future projects. We hope you will join us for this kickoff event and that you will continue to connect with our service day opportunities throughout the year.

To sign up for this day of service on Saturday, March 2, please visit here: <https://forms.gle/bFPXfBZ1eDuGCJWg8>

Date: **Saturday, March 2, 2024**

Time: **9am-Noon**

Number of Volunteers Needed: 30

Attire: Casual

Purpose of the Project: Work with the Yard Sale Committee to set up for the annual Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale.

— Matthew Loomis Rehnborg, chair of the Missions Committee  
Bryce Safrit, member of the Missions Committee and Inasmuch Days liaison  
Matt Rollins, staff liaison of the Missions Committee

# Holy Land Comes to FBG February 24-25

On Saturday, February 24, Claudia Saleh (Borchart) will lead four identical sessions titled "The Holy Week in Jerusalem: A Virtual Pilgrimage." Each session will be capped at 24 participants. Claudia will give an opening lecture, lead us through the virtual reality program on her headsets, and take questions. This unique and spiritually-enriching encounter will guide you through the sacred sites, allowing you to witness the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Register

at: [firstbaptistgreenville.com/holylandvr](http://firstbaptistgreenville.com/holylandvr). There is a suggested donation of \$10 per participant for Saturday's sessions.

On Sunday, February 25, the Carson Class is sponsoring Claudia as she presents a lecture on the Mount of Beatitudes during the Sunday School hour. Sunday's lecture will be in the Fellowship Hall, and all classes are invited.

# New Wednesday@First Courses

This round of Wednesday courses begins February 21 and runs through March 13. All courses begin at 6pm. See you there!

**MidWeek Classic: "I Am" Statements in the Gospel of John with Kyle Matthews and Carol McEntyre (Fellowship Hall)**

Join your church family during Wednesdays in Lent to take deep-dives into four of Jesus' "I am" statements from the Gospel of John. We will enjoy music based on these passages, reflect on their implications for our faith, and

experience guided prayer around the images from the statements.

**Seek Ye First: Pursuing the Economic Vision of Jesus with Matthew Loomis Rehnborg (Media Center)**

This series will explore the radical alternative vision of human life offered by Jesus and the early church. It will ask how the life, death and resurrection of Christ makes this way of living possible and consider our own calling as the church to live into this possibility as a ministry of witness and healing.

**Painting with Patrick—Watercolors with Patrick Bairefoot (Parlor)**

Have you ever wanted to paint but thought you couldn't? Take a few nights and impress yourself by painting watercolors with me. We will laugh (not at our work!) and learn the basics of watercolor painting. All materials are provided. It is limited to 12 participants. Guarantee your spot by emailing Camille at [camille.loomis@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:camille.loomis@firstbaptistgreenville.com).

# Senior Adult Activities for March

The Senior Adult Ministry is busy preparing opportunities for fun and fellowship. See the list below for activities occurring in March. Visit [firstbaptistgreenville.com/senioradultevents](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/senioradultevents) to see a list of all upcoming Senior Adult events and their sign-ups. If you have any questions, email me at [jennifer.craig@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:jennifer.craig@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or call me at 233-2527 ext. 121. Don't miss out on these opportunities!

— Jennifer

## Holy Rollers Trip to Clinton

On Tuesday, March 12, depart FBG at 10:30am for lunch at Trotters Restaurant (pay your own). We will stop by Belk Outlet in Laurens on the way home and be back at the church by 3:00pm. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/3VmQ2qipokK12bCgJ7> to reserve your spot.

## Senior Adult Lunch and More on the First Friday of March

Join your friends on Friday, March 1, at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall for games or in the Media Center for a book review of *The Overstory* by Richard

Powers presented by Jean Linville. The program will feature music from Upstate Senior Band, directed by Dr. David Hamilton. We need numbers to be sure there is enough delicious lunch for all. Make reservations at <https://forms.gle/2aPDYVvobWneRkiP6> by Tuesday, February 27.



SENIOR ADULTS

## Roadrunners Trip to Triple Tree Aerodrome

On Thursday, March 21, gather for lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. Afterwards, depart First Baptist to take a bus tour of Triple Tree Aerodrome in Woodruff, SC. The center was founded by our fellow church member and friend, Pat Hartness. We will have a private tour of the property and enjoy seeing and hearing stories about some beautiful old airplanes and dozens of radio-controlled planes. The cost of the trip (including lunch) is \$10. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/gGztnLXjiqzCpRiN6> to reserve your spot.

# Youth Missions Awareness Week

Youth Missions Awareness Week is right around the corner! From Sunday, February 25, until Sunday, March 3, the Youth Family will have profit share nights at local restaurants, a Parents vs. Youth tournament, and a Parent Social to raise funds for our youth missions

endeavors. Sunday, March 3, is Youth Sunday, and worship will be followed by a youth lunch to cap off an amazing week of missions awareness! We hope our congregation will contribute to our fundraising goal by looking for our \$1-\$200 envelope campaign in the Narthex. Starting Sunday, February 25, in the Narthex, you will find large bulletin boards full of envelopes numbered \$1 to \$200. All are invited to choose an envelope and put the corresponding amount of money in the envelope. Envelopes should be returned, with check or cash inside, by Youth Sunday on March 3. You can also

make donations to Youth Missions Awareness Week by using the link below, navigating to the Youth Payment page. We are doing all these things to raise money for youth mission trips and to bring awareness to our missions efforts throughout the year. Join us for our Profit Share Nights, so you can help us raise funds for Youth Missions Awareness Week! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 27, for Moe's on Augusta and Wednesday, February 28, for Barberitos on Pleasantburg Dr.

Help us raise funds for youth missions endeavors! Donate to Youth Missions Awareness Week! (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/youth-payment/>)

— Mary Carol

YOUTH



**YOUTH MISSIONS AWARENESS WEEK**  
**FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3**

ALL WEEK LONG!

**1 to 200 Fundraiser**  
church-wide fundraising

SUNDAY, FEB 25

**Parent vs Youth Games**

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

**Parent Social Party**

ALL WEEK LONG!

**Profit Share**  
**Nights**

Invite Friends!

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

**Youth Sunday!!**  
Worship & Lunch



## Upcoming Events

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

- 2/20 11:30am Roadrunners to Fried Green Tomatoes for Lunch and Presentation—*Greenville: Our Past, Present and Future*—by City Councilmember Russell Stall (Reservations for lunch and needed transportation are required. Contact Jennifer Craig or Baxter Wynn.)

- 2/21 6:30am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)

### Wednesdays@First Activities

- 6:00pm Spring 2024 Round 2: MidWeek Classic: "I Am" Statements in the Gospel of John with Kyle Matthews and Carol McEntyre (Fellowship Hall)

Seek Ye First: Pursuing the Economic Vision of Jesus with Matthew Loomis Rehnberg (Media Center)  
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- 2/24 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm Holy Week in Jerusalem Virtual Reality Presentations with Claudia Saleh (Parlor) (Make reservations at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/holylandvr/>)

- 2/25 9:15am Lecture on the Mount of Beatitudes with Claudia Saleh (Fellowship Hall)

**WATCH** 10:30am Second Sunday in Lent Worship Service (Sanctuary) and Installation of Senior Minister Carol McEntyre with Proclaimer Meredith Stone

- 11:30am Celebration of Carol McEntyre's Installation (Fellowship Hall)

- 11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)

- 5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor) with Carol McEntyre

- 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)

- 2/28 6:30am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)

### Wednesdays@First Activities

- 6:00pm See 2/21 for details.

### Wednesdays@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)  
5:30-7:00pm Children's Hang Time, Children's Choirs & *Children@First* (B400 hall)  
6:00-7:00pm Youth Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
6:00-7:00pm Adults@First (Music & Prayer Time, MidWeek Classic & Other Adult Education)  
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## Wednesday Night Supper

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



### February 21

**Adult:** Salad, Beef Tips w/Mushrooms, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Dessert

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

### February 28

**Adult:** Salad, Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Fried Apples, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Dessert

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

## Smypathy

...to Tony McDade and family in the death of his stepfather.

...to the family of Lee Counts.

...to Ann Quattlebaum and family in the death of her brother.

## Introducing



...Daniel and Taylor Mans who joined FBG during worship on Sunday, February 11. Daniel, who is employed with Encompass Health Rehab Hospital, and Taylor, who is employed with the Bon Secours Cancer Center, are expecting their first child soon.



...Donna Parrett who also joined FBG on February 11. Donna joined with her daughter and son-in-law, Daniel and Taylor Mans. Offer them all a warm welcome!

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call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, leave a message by pressing the number "2" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies" or email [pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com). One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.

## Have Yard Sale Items?

Your last chance to donate for the for the Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale is Thursday, February 22, 10am-12:30pm. Contact Baxter Wynn for more information.