

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

April 3 (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm

MidWeek: Sharing Our Stories with Carol McEntyre & Guests

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 7

10:30am

Second Sunday of Easter (Sanctuary)

Family Dedication

Called Church Conference

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Sermon: Thomas, Our Twin

Scripture: John 20:24-31

Anthem: "I Will Be a Child of Peace" — Hagenberg

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

For more information on some of the music in our services, visit the Organist's Blog at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/category/organists-blog/>



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.

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



From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

Years ago, I came across a story about a woman who struggled with anxiety and panic attacks. Longing for relief, she wisely sought help from mental health professionals. Alongside their guidance, she discovered another source of comfort: memorized prayers. Recognizing the need for a lifeline during overwhelming moments, she committed a few prayers to memory. These prayers became a tangible gift, readily accessible whenever anxiety threatened to overwhelm her. Reciting the familiar words became a refuge, a means of grounding herself in the midst of turmoil. In those moments, the memorized prayers served as more than just words; they provided a direct pathway to her faith and a deep connection to the divine presence when she needed it most. The prayer she repeated most often is from *The Book of Common Prayer*:

O God of peace, thou hast taught us that in returning {to You} and in rest, we shall be

saved, in quietness and trust shall be our strength. By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray into thy holy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since encountering this story, this prayer has become one of my favorites. I recite it slowly and meditatively during walks, while doing household chores, or running errands. Memorizing prayers is a wonderful spiritual discipline. As we internalize the words and meanings of the prayers, it deepens our connection with God and provides a consistent framework for prayer. It's akin to learning a beloved song by heart. When we know the words well, we can sing them whenever we desire, finding comfort and strength in their familiar melody.

—Carol

New MidWeek Groups Begin April 3

New Wednesday night opportunities begin this week! On Wednesday, April 3, gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm for a night of “Sharing Our Stories.” Senior Minister Carol McEntyre will host three church members to share about their spiritual journeys. On Wednesday, April 10, three new group options begin. These groups will run for four weeks, from April 10-May 1. We’ll see you there!

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg,
Minister of Spiritual Formation &
Outreach

MidWeek Classic: “Swallowing Up Death” with Camille Loomis Rehnborg (Fellowship Hall)
What kind of life is life after death? With 1 Corinthians 15 as our guide, we will explore how Christians across time imagined the mystery of resurrection.

“Neurodiversity and Belonging” with Anna Woodham (Media Center)

This group will explore the term “neurodiversity” and discuss how different ways of being in the world all belong in the church.

At FBG, “all are welcomed and all are valued.” How can we enact this in our lives, church and community in ways that honor our neurodiverse neighbors?

“Swamp Rabbit Trails” with Doug Stout (AYMC Reception Desk)
A fall favorite returns! Doug’s running group will walk/run 1-3-mile segments of the Swamp Rabbit Trail. Distances are always tailored to the group. The routes will differ each week and depart from the AYMC.

Monthly Focus on Missions: YouthBASE

YouthBASE (<https://youthbase.org/>) is one of this congregation’s nonprofit partners in the area, and they are one of our annual grant recipients through the gifts of the Faith Fund. They work with children and their families to build these skills through after-school and summer programs that provide academic support to help children reach grade-level proficiency by 3rd grade as well as behavioral and emotional support to help children grow and achieve their fullest potential. YouthBASE’s mission is to equip children in K5 through 2nd grade with behavioral, academic, social and emotional (BASE) skills they need in order to succeed at school, at home, and in the community.

To assist with the efforts of YouthBASE, our church will be collecting the following items which can be dropped off in the Reception Area throughout the month of April:

Individually-wrapped snacks, such as:

- Teddy Grahams® or other graham snacks
- Cheez-Its®
- Goldfish® crackers (all flavors)
- Pretzels
- Granola Bars
- Apple sauce cups or pouches
- Fruit cups
- Chips
- Cookies

Plastic forks
Paper plates
Paper towels
Bottled water
Printer paper

Small toy prizes (please avoid anything with small pieces that come apart):

- Stickers (small for behavior chart)
- Mini Play-Doh®
- Plastic necklaces and bracelets
- Mini Pop-Its® toys
- Mini Slinkies®
- Mini journals/sketchbooks
- Rubber band bracelets

Gift Cards for gasoline, produce, and snacks (Publix, Aldi, Spinx, Seven-Eleven, etc.)

—Nancy Schlepforst
and the Missions and Affiliations Committee

Called Church Conference

Following worship on Sunday, April 7, the church will be called into Conference to approve the changes to the Rules of Church Order. The first reading of these changes was held during the Church Conference on Sunday, November 19, 2023. (Church members will

receive an email with the draft copy later today. Very few hard copies will be available at the conference due to the cost of printing.)

Flower Gifts for Easter

An Easter lily was given

- ...in memory of Jimmie Brown and Loretta Brown Kallam by their family.
- ...in memory of Bruce Larson by the Larson family.
- ...in memory of Mac Christopher by his family.
- ...in memory of Richard Harper by his family.
- ...in memory of Patsy Burrell by her husband, Arnold Burrell, and children and their families.
- ...in memory of Joyce Overway, who passed away on January 18, 2023, by her son-in-law, Gregg Lovell.
- ...in memory of Barbara Lovell, who passed away on May 21, 2019, by her son, Gregg.
- ...in memory of Will Gage by his mom and stepdad, Flo and Hal Mauney.
- ...in honor of Freda Lark by her friend, Mary Rankin.
- ...in memory of Lee Counts by her family.
- ...in memory of Lee Counts by the Hope Class.
- ...in memory of Katherine and Robert Ledbetter by Sheri and Tom Ledbetter.
- ...in honor of Rowan Mans by his grandparents, David and Donna Parrett.
- ...in memory of Bill and Ruby Stoddard by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.
- ...in memory of Pauline and Thomas Pillow by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.
- ...in memory of Sue Pillow Burt and Donny Woods by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.
- ...in memory of Al Bell by his family.
- ...by Jo and Don Carson in honor of their newest great-grandson, Archie Fisher, born February 7, 2024, in Australia.
- ...from Annelle and Dick Locke in honor of Richard Powell Drake (Dixon), born on January 4, 2024.
- ...in honor of Dick Locke from Annelle, Martha, Heyward, Millie, Anne Langford, Anderson, Carson, Dixon and Andy.

...in memory of Ruth and Henry Little with love and gratitude by their family.

...in memory of Sharon and Bill Lewis with love and gratitude by their family.

...by Parma Holt in memory of her husband, Robert C. Holt.

...by Parma Holt in memory of her son, David Parker Holt.

Two Easter lilies were given

...in memory of Virginia and Joseph Zaccheo by the Larson and Zaccheo families.

...by Becky and Ralph Bouton in memory of their parents, Frances and Bill Bouton and Blanche and Bill Carpenter.

... in memory of Gerald Stroud by Lois, Ginny, Stephen and David and their families.

Three Easter lilies were given

...by Jeanette Cothran in honor of her husband, John, and their children: Clark and family, Steve and family, Philip and Bootie.

Five Easter lilies were given

...in memory of Catherine Ann Jeter by her family.

The flowers on the gate to the Remembrance Garden were given in loving remembrance of Don Bolt by the Bolt family.

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

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 4/3 6:30am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
 6:00pm MidWeek: Sharing Our Stories with Carol McEntyre & Guests (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/5 10:30am Senior Adult Lunch and More (Fellowship Hall, Media Center)
- 4/7 **WATCH** 10:30am Second Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Family Dedication and Called Church Conference: Second Reading of the Rules of Church Order
 11:30am Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Fellowship Hall)
 11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 2:00pm Grayson Hiatt Ordination Service (Sanctuary)
 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 4/9-10 Holy Rollers Overnight Trip to International African American Museum in Charleston, SC
- 4/10 6:30am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
 6:00pm Spring Round 3:
 MidWeek Classic: Swallowing Up Death with Camille Loomis Rehnborg (Fellowship Hall)
 Neurodiversity and Belonging with Anna Woodham (Media Center)
 Swamp Rabbit Trails with Doug Stout (AYMC Desk)
- 4/11 11:00am-2:00pm Caregiver Respite Luncheon (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 4/12 2:00-7:00pm First Baptist Day School Reggio Run (AYMC)
- 4/13 10am-5pm Discipleship Retreat for 4th-7th Graders (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 4/14 **WATCH** 10:30am Third Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Family Dedication and Communion
 11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 4/17 6:30am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)

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)

- 4/17 *Wednesdays@First* Activities
 See 4/10 for details.
- 4/18 9:30am-3:30pm Roadrunners Trip to Furman
- 4/21 **WATCH** 10:30am Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary): Music for the Soul Service with Sanctuary Choir
 11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 4/24 6:30am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
 See 4/10 for details.
- 4/28 **WATCH** 10:30am Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday Night Supper

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



April 3

Adult: Salad, Pulled Lemon Pepper Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Stir-fry Veggies, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Dessert

Child: Fish Stix, Mac and Cheese, Fruit, Cookie

April 10

Adult: Salad, Pulled "Caribbean Jerk" Pork, Rice, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Dessert

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

Sympathy

...to Neil Cochran and family in the death of his brother.

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