

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

May 8, 2024

Celebration

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

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 12

10:30am

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sanctuary)

Baptism

Communion

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre


Scripture: Acts 9:1-20

Sermon: Ananias: Cultivating Belonging in Saul's Conversion Story

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

Kyle Matthews, Soloist

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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Catherine Ann Jeter by her family.

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.



## Seldom Seen

KYLE MATTHEWS, MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

In a basement in Bethesda, MD, back in 1971, a bunch of blue grass players formed a band. When they told a fellow musician of their plan to be a recording-only band and not to tour, he quipped: "What are you going to call yourselves, the Seldom Seen?" They added a "c" to make "Scene" and the rest is bluegrass history.

We have our own Seldom Seen at First Baptist, of course. Church and culture have been in a tug-of-war for people's attention since time immemorial, but the list of competitors for our members' time is now longer than ever. Working all the harder to compete for

people's time and attention without interrogating the purpose of what we're offering can be an adventure in missing the point. But without the robust engagement of our members, the vital ministries of the church will simply disappear.

Three groups of Seldom Seen members are of deep concern. The first is those who don't feel that what we offer has relevance in their lives. Finding meaning in church membership is, of course, a two-way street. But it's incumbent upon us to think deeply

and prayerfully about the actual needs our programs hope to meet.

The second group is those who would love to come to church but simply cannot. Of our 900 members over the age of 65, about 80 are no longer driving.

They need us to find creative ways to "bring church" to them! The Pastoral Care team responsible for this is our **Visitation Team**, which works to match a regular visitor with each of our homebound

members. It's best to simply name and bless pre-existing relationships, but otherwise we try to be sensitive to geography, shared interests, and other things that make a good match.

Because the list of Visitors and care-receivers is constantly changing, we are constantly in



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# Focus on Missions: Jasmine Road

Jasmine Road is South Carolina's first two-year residential program for adult women survivors of human trafficking, prostitution and addiction. Through community partnerships, Jasmine Road works together with the community to address the healing needs of each woman from an evidence-based holistic perspective. They empower each woman to blossom and thrive by providing sustainable employment, personal

and educational development opportunities, stable housing, and long-term support after graduation. Jasmine Road's social enterprise program offers stable and sustainable employment opportunities that also maximize positive social impact in the Greenville community, while generating funding for non-profit operations. The Jasmine Road social enterprise program provides meaningful career experience working in one of their businesses, including Jasmine Kitchen.

Throughout the month of May, our church is going to help collect the following frequently needed items for Jasmine Road:

- Feminine Hygiene Products (Preferred Brands—Tampax® Pearl Super and Playtex® Sport Super; Always® Pads)
- Trash Bags
- Swiffer® Sweeper Wet Mopping Pad Refills
- Swiffer® Duster Refills
- Lysol® Cleaning Wipes
- Windex®

If you wish to donate any of the supplies listed above, we'd ask that you bring these items to the church Reception Area any time during the month of May. Thank you for your support for this program in our own community.

—Nancy Schleppehorst, Missions & Affiliations Committee



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need of volunteers, so I ask that you please consider making yourself available for this. It's the most impactful ministry we do, and it just happens to be the easiest, most delightful, too!

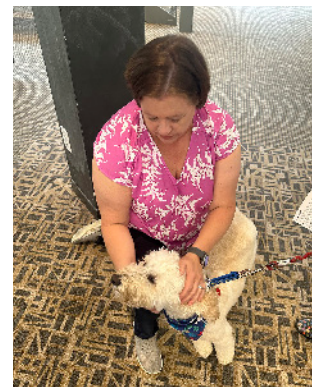
The third group is those who have unwittingly become caregivers. One day a loved one develops an illness or is sent home from the hospital just hours after surgery, and suddenly the next-of-kin, a neighbor, or even an "emergency contact" who has no training in home healthcare becomes responsible for tending to their needs. Little wonder this group is no longer coming to church! If they are not seen and supported, this group is at risk for all kinds of

physical, mental and emotional hazards. If you've ever been in this position, you understand!

On April 11, we hosted our third Caregiver Respite luncheon where these members were invited to come find rest, nourishment and support from their church. This event is always a beautiful reminder to those who give so much that God intends for us to also be on the receiving end of care. *The Caregiver Team* also needs volunteers as we plan ahead.

If you find yourself in group #1, please call me about groups #2 and #3!

Gratefully, Kyle



## SACRED SPACE

PRAYER SERVICE  
FOR THOSE GRIEVING  
ON MOTHER'S DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 9  
6PM, FBG CHAPEL

Mother's Day (May 12) is a complex holiday for many of us. This season can be challenging for many reasons, often ones we feel we must bear in private: infertility, pregnancy or child loss, a difficult relationship with our mother, or grief over the loss of a mother or mother figure. While these circumstances weigh heavily on our hearts, you do not need to bear them alone. Thursday, May 9, at 6:00pm, in the Chapel, we will lead a contemplative prayer service to lift up these stories and remind us of our shared lament and hope before God. The service will include responsive prayers, music, Scripture and blessing.

This service is open to the community. All are welcome, but we hope this space will be a particular balm to those of us who tread these tender paths.

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg, Minister of Spiritual Formation & Outreach,  
and Bridget Kokolis, Minister to Children



Summer is almost here! Celebrate the end of the school year and kick off the summer with your church family! Wednesday, May 8, will be a special evening of fun for all ages. We will gather for supper and celebration on the Youth Level of the AYMC and on the AYMC Terrace (overlooking the ball fields) from 5-7pm. A hot dog and hamburger supper will be available from Uptown Catering at \$5 a plate. Children and youth will enjoy inflatables and games, and everyone is invited to enjoy treats from an ice cream truck and a raffle!

Register in advance for supper using the typical Wednesday night supper link ([firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first](http://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first)) or pay at the door. Accessible parking will be available on the AYMC reception desk level, and all activities will be accessible by elevator. If you do not require accessible parking, please park in the bus lot on Faris Road or by the practice gym. Invite neighbors and friends, and get ready to party!

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg, Minister of Spiritual Formation & Outreach

## Music@First: Crown Mountain Trio

Our Music Ministry is excited to host the Crown Mountain Trio in concert here in our Sanctuary on Sunday, May 19, at 3pm. Admission is FREE!

Pianist Miya Suen, violinist Yeasol Kang, and cellist Philip Snyder are all on the faculty of the University of North Georgia and recently formed this trio in 2023. They have already won first prize in the Golden Classical Music International

Competition and recently had their debut performance at Carnegie Hall. They will be returning to Carnegie Hall in October, 2024. Performing works by Anton Arensky, Nikolai Kapustin, and Sergei Rachmaninoff, the trio will also be presenting a world premiere piece written for them by their composer-in-residence, Xing Yu.

—Vivian Hamilton, Minister of Music  
& Worship



## Upcoming Events

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

- 5/8 **6:30am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)  
*Wednesdays@First Activities*  
**5:00pm** Spring Celebration (AYMC and AYM Terrace)  
*Join your church family to celebrate our final Wednesdays@First of the spring, enjoying hamburger/hot dog supper, food truck and inflatables.*
- 5/9 **6:00pm** Sacred Space: A Prayer Service for Those Grieving on Mother's Day (Chapel)  
*This service is to support those grieving reproductive or child loss, infertility, the loss of a mother, or anyone for whom Mother's Day is difficult.*
- 5/12 **WATCH 10:30am** Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Baptism and Communion
- 5/14 **10:00am** Holy Rollers to Strawberry Hill for Lunch and Shopping
- 5/15 **6:30am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 5/19 **WATCH 10:30am** Day of Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Graduate Recognition  
**3:00pm** Crown Mountain Trio Concert (Sanctuary)
- 5/22 **6:30am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 5/23 **9:30am** Roadrunners Day Trip to Helen, Georgia
- 5/26 **WATCH 10:30am** Trinity Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre  
**5:00pm** LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 5/27 FBG Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 6/2 **9:15am** Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall): Summer of Lovingkindness  
**WATCH 10:30am** Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnberg, including Communion  
**11:30** New Member Lunch (Parlor)
- 6/5 **9:00am-2:00pm** MidWeek Missions and More for Youth
- 6/9 **9:15am** Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall): Summer of Lovingkindness

- 6/9 **WATCH 10:30am** Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Mission Trips Commissioning
- 6/10-13 **9:00am-12:00noon** Children's Ministry Mission Week for 1st and 2nd Grade  
**9:00am-4:00pm** Children's Ministry Mission Week for 3rd-5th Grade
- 6/12 **9:00am-2:00pm** MidWeek Missions and More for Youth (AYMC Terrace)
- 6/14-21 High School Mission Trip
- 6/16 **9:15am** Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall): Summer of Lovingkindness  
**WATCH 10:30am** Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
- 6/19 FBG Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- 6/23 **9:15am** Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall): Summer of Lovingkindness  
**WATCH 10:30am** Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Kyle Matthews  
**1:30pm** Roadrunners to Mill Town Players  
**5:00pm** LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 6/24-28 **9:00am-12:00noon** Worship Arts Camp for Children 4K-5th Grade
- 6/26 **9:00am-2:00pm** MidWeek Missions and More for Youth (AYMC Terrace)

## Wednesday Night Supper

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May 8

**Celebration Wednesday:** Hamburger/ Hot Dog Supper (\$5), Food Truck, Inflatables—AYMC Terrace

## Sympathy

...to Betty Stall and family in the death of her brother-in-law.

...to Charles Douglass and family in the death of his brother.

  
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4/30/2023 Actual: \$767,381  
4/30/2024 Budget: \$978,333



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