

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

Wednesdays@First will resume in August.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 28

10:30am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
(Sanctuary)

Service in Word and Song

Furman Singers Alumni 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.

On July 28, the flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the Furman Singers Alumni Choir in memory of DuPre and Eleanor Rhame. DuPre was Music Minister at First Baptist Greenville, 1936-1970, and the founder and conductor of the Furman University Singers, 1946-1970. "Music was his heaven on earth." The flowers in the Narthex are given by the Furman Singers Alumni Choir in memory of Judy Vick.

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. The next open date is August 25.



## Back to School

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REHNBORG,  
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& OUTREACH

The church campus in the summer is a magical place. With children and youth on summer break, these ministries are buzzing with energy: camps, mission trips, service projects, Bible studies and day trips to build relationships and friendships. Adult Sunday School classrooms are getting a facelift with new paint. Pastoral work continues unimpeded by warm temperatures (Need for God's mercy and communal care persists no matter the weather!), and our community engagement assumes fresh expression with community marches, events and service. Church life in the summer is a time of connection and refreshment.

This spirit of connection and refreshment will propel us into a fall full of worship, service and learning as a congregation. Save the date for all our kick off events in August:

Sunday, August 11: Blessing Sunday  
Worship, 10:30am

We celebrate return to school-year activities by regathering in Sunday School classes and blessing the school year in worship.

Sunday, August 18: Lunch for  
Visitors and New Members,  
11:30am

All newcomers are invited to a free lunch to learn more about FBG and connect with the ministry team.

Sunday, August 18: Block  
Parties for Children (3pm) and  
Youth Ministries (5pm)

Afternoon of fun, friendship and one-stop-shop for all those annual forms.

Sunday, August 25: Small Group  
Open House, 9am

Before and after worship on August 25, walk through displays and tables in the Narthex to connect with Sunday School leaders and sign up for volunteer ministries and other small groups!

Wednesday, August 28:  
Wednesdays@First Kick Off, 5pm

We will kick off Wednesday night adult activities with a night of music and fun on Wednesday, August 28. Make plans to be there to catch up from the summer and greet new faces! Our first block of Wednesday courses will run for four weeks beginning Wednesday, September 4.

This year, our Wednesday night programming will have a new flow. We'll meet for 4 weeks in

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July 28, 10:30am  
Furman Singers Alumni Choir in  
Worship

August 11  
Blessing Sunday

September 19-21  
Alliance of Baptists Pilgrimage to  
Montgomery

# Sixteen Years of Service Rewarded

On Sunday, July 14, Dr. Vivian Hamilton was celebrated on her last Sunday as Minister of Music and Worship. During the worship service, flowers were placed in her honor, and she directed the Sanctuary Choir and congregation in song. Vivian was thanked for her service in music and pastoral leadership by Minister of Pastoral Care Kyle

Matthews at the beginning of the service, and Senior Minister Carol McEntyre recognized her for sixteen years of excellent service to our congregation and community. During the afternoon reception in her honor, she was presented a love offering from the congregation. The Sanctuary Choir President Danette Patterson shared some "Vivianisms" to

let the broader congregation have a glimpse into Sanctuary Choir rehearsals, and Sanctuary Choir present and past members serenaded her with Peter C. Lutkin's "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Enjoy these pictures from the celebrations.

—Kimberly Coates, Music & Worship Ministry Assistant



## Spotlight on Media Center Books



During the spring semester, church members had the opportunity to learn from Anna Woodham on Wednesday nights on the topic of Neurodiversity and Belonging. Participants discussed the impact of neurodiversity, and of disability in general, on daily life and particularly on being welcomed and included at church. In addition to an excellent four-week class, Anna provided a list of recommended resources to learn more about these topics on our own.

Two books from her list, *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request* by Dr. Amy Kenny and *On the Spectrum* by Daniel Bowman Jr., recount the authors' personal experiences with disability, describing how both their disabilities and others' reactions can impact their lives at work, school and home, as well as giving ideas for how they could be better included within their church communities. What are Dr. Kenny's top ten "I dream that churches would..."? What would make it easier for Mr. Bowman to volunteer at church? If you would like to learn from their experience, drop by the Media Center (across from the Fellowship Hall) and check out one or both of these books; they will be on display through the end of August.

—Beth Olson, Media Center Director

## Furman Singers Alumni Choir—July 28

This weekend, alumni from the Furman University Singers will gather from across the country to share a weekend of music and fellowship that will culminate in morning worship here at First Baptist Greenville on July 28. The Furman Singers, the oldest of Furman University's choral ensembles, was founded in 1946 by the late DuPre Rhame while he also served as the Minister of Music at First Baptist Greenville. In 1979, DuPre Rhame (retired in 1970) and the conductor of Singers since 1970, Dr. Bingham Vick Jr., gathered alumni from 1946 until the present time for a weekend of fellowship and music. Rhame died in 1981, but Vick continued the biennial "Furman Singers Reunion" throughout his tenure. Vick retired in 2010, and the Singers' next conductor,



Dr. Hugh Floyd, continued this tradition. After Floyd's retirement, Dr. Stephen Gusukuma, Director of Choral Activities, took the helm of the Furman Singers. This year, all three living conductors will be leading the 242 gathered singers. It will be a morning of beautiful music raised in the worship of God. Don't miss it!

—Kimberly Coates, Music & Worship Ministry Assistant

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a row, take a week off, meet for another four weeks, take a week off, and repeat! These pauses will maintain a sustainable pace for our volunteers, teachers and families with children and youth without disrupting adult programming. Taking a week to catch our breath in between Wednesday courses

reminds us all to prioritize rest and embrace God's commandment for Sabbath. Church should be a place of restoration, not exhaustion. We celebrate the value our congregation places on sustainable discipleship for all ages (We're in it for the long haul!) and expect aligning the

calendars of age-related programs will catalyze engagement across church life!

Bring your fish tales, vacation reports, new friendships, reflections from service projects, etc. to church this August. We can't wait to be together again!

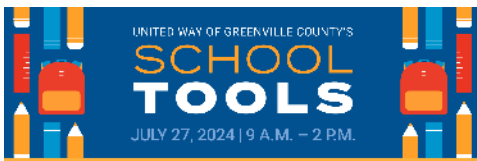
## Upcoming Events

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

- 7/28 9:30am Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall): Summer of Lovingkindness  
**WATCH** 10:30am Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Furman Singers Alumni Choir  
 5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 8/4 **WATCH** 10:30am Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Communion
- 8/11 Blessing Sunday  
 9:15-10:15am Welcome to Worship Breakfast for First Grader Families (Clemons Conference Room)  
 10:30am Blessing Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Presentation of Bibles to Third and Sixth Graders  
 11:30am-1:00pm Acolyte Training and Lunch
- 8/15 10:00am-3:00pm Roadrunners to Strawberry Hill
- 8/16 9:00am-12:30pm End-of-Life Planning Seminar (Fellowship Hall)
- 8/18 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Acolyte Dedication  
 11:30am Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Parlor)  
 3:00-4:30pm Children's Family Block Party  
 5:00-7:00pm Youth Family Block Party
- 8/25 9:00-10:15am, 11:30am-Noon (Before and After Worship) Small Group Open House (Narthex and Reception Area)  
**WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Baptism and Acolyte Dedication  
 11:30am-5:00pm Merge Retreat  
 5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group  
 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 8/28 *Wednesdays@First* Activities Kickoff

  
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## Summer Choir

During the months of June, July and August, our Sanctuary Choir is on a summer choir schedule: Rehearsal on Sundays at 10:00am in the Choir Room; singing in our 10:30am worship service. If you are interested in singing, this summer is a great time to try out the choir!

## Sympathy

...to the family of Dorothea Thomasson.  
 ...to Lee Coates and family in the death of his aunt.  
 ...to the family of Dick Locke.  
 ...to Susan Matthews and family in the death of her mother.  
 ...to Robin Davis and family in the death of her sister.

## Introducing



...Jalyn Rutledge who joined FBG during worship on Sunday, July 14. Jalyn is employed with Bon Secours Mercy Health. Offer her a warm welcome!

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## Revenue Report

7/16/2024 YTD: \$1,439,125

7/31/2023 Actual: \$1,361,452

7/31/2024 Budget: \$1,712,083



Scan here to support the financial needs of First Baptist Greenville.

## In the Wake of Paul: Sailing the Turquoise Coast

I have put together a trip to Turkey titled "In the Wake of Paul," set to take place September 10-21, 2025. Paul and his companions took to the seas to spread the message about Christ's love. We will follow in Paul's wake and cruise along the picturesque Aegean coast on a traditional Turkish gulet boat. Spots for the trip are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. You can learn more and register here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/travel-to-turkey/>

—Carol McEntyre

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