

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

Wednesdays@First will resume August 28.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 18

10:30am

Breathe Sunday (Sanctuary)

Family Dedication

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Scripture: Genesis 2:7; John 20:22; 2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 46

Sermon: Deep Breath, Deep Faith

Anthem: "Take Up Your Cross" — Banks

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir
Benjamin Barker, Hammered Dulcimer



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 August 18, the flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Anne Gardner Weaver by her daughter.

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. The next open date is September 1.



From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

With the limited time we have before and after worship on Sunday mornings, I only get to see and speak to a few people. I rarely have the opportunity to have a more extended conversation with anyone, so I am looking forward to the return of *Wednesdays@First*, which resumes on August 28! We'll kick off our Wednesday night adult activities with an evening of music and fun; I look forward to going from table to table and catching up with you! Supper will be served from 5pm until 6pm, including special treats from Uptown Catering. Please make supper reservations on the church website or by calling the front desk. Brush up on your Top 40 Radio Hit knowledge for rounds of Music Bingo, featuring hits from the 1960s-1990s! Bingo winners will receive gift cards for local businesses.

This fall, we're introducing a new block schedule for *Wednesdays@First*. We'll meet for four consecutive weeks, then take a Wednesday off, meet for another four weeks, take another Wednesday off, etc... These breaks will help us maintain a manageable pace for our volunteers,

teachers and families with children. We also recognize that balancing work and life can make it difficult to attend every week, so we're organizing our programming into blocks focused on specific topics. If you want to attend every Wednesday block, that would be wonderful! If your schedule doesn't allow you to be here every week, we invite you to attend the blocks that interest you the most. Think of it as signing up for a four-week class. We hope this new format makes it easier for you to join us.

During our first block, from September 4 through 25, I'll teach a series entitled Exploring Heaven, Pondering Hell. In the conservative evangelical church in which I grew up, almost every sermon I heard was about heaven or hell! I don't preach or teach about the afterlife that often because the core of our faith isn't getting into heaven. The center is Jesus, and Jesus' primary message was not about going to heaven. Instead, it was about bringing the kingdom of God to earth as it is in heaven. At the same time, a lack of discussion about the afterlife can create a void where popular culture—movies, books and films—shapes our perceptions

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Children's Family Block Party
Youth Family Block Party

August 28

Wednesdays@First Kickoff

September 19-21

Alliance of Baptists Pilgrimage to
Montgomery

Senior Adult Indoor Picnic: TRIVIA NIGHT

I am looking forward to the kickoff of our Engaged Aging fall events with our Senior Adult Picnic at 4:30pm on Friday, September 6! It promises to be an evening of food and fun as Rob Pyett will MC our pub-style trivia night following our meal. I plan to share a bit of my story as well and hope to chat with as many people as possible as we continue to get to know one another.

The cost of the evening is only \$5; all we ask is that you help us with our food planning by registering

by September 1. You can register online at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/online-registrations/>, then choosing the Engaged Aging/Senior Adults link, or you can sign up on the physical form on the Senior Adult Bulletin Board. You may also call the church office and speak with me or simply leave me a message, and I will be sure to add you to the list.

I hope you will sign up to join us. We plan to launch our slate of Fall activities and dates at the picnic along with our initial sign-up opportunities. I'm looking forward to all we have in store.

—Michael McEntyre, Minister of Engaged Aging

Get Involved! Small Groups Fair, Sunday, August 25

Every time a new member joins the church, we name three pillars of community connection: participating in worship as often as possible; investing time, talents and resources to the life of the church; and finding community in a small group. There are dozens of groups in which to connect at FBG, but with so many options, it's hard to know where to start!

Come and see the diversity of small group options at FBG

at the Small Groups Fair on Sunday, August 25! Before and after worship, you are invited to peruse tables staffed by group representatives and full of information about small groups to join. Tables will be set up in the Narthex (outside the Sanctuary) representing groups across church life, from Sunday School classes, Children's, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, community engagement/missions groups, volunteer teams focused

on pastoral care, worship and outreach.

Bonus! Immediately following worship that Sunday, learn about the art and history behind FBG's Sanctuary by taking a Sanctuary Tour with Pam Shucker.

—Camille Loomis Rehnberg,
Minister of Spiritual Formation & Outreach

Children's Ministry Summer Fun!

Our Children's Ministry has had an amazing summer together! From camps to fellowship events, we had lots of time to connect.

During Mission Week we focused on Creation Care and learned so much about how we can join in caring for God's creation in lots of different ways! Worship Arts Camp is a shared camp between our Music and Children's Ministries, and we enjoyed learning all about various ways we can lead in worship—through spoken word, art, and music. Camp Prism was a joy this year! It was wonderful to get away to learn and grow together. Our kids are brave and kind, and we sure love spending time with them.

This summer it was fun to add some fellowship events. Popsicles on the Playground for families with K5 and younger was so much fun, and it was good to see so many new faces! We were also so thankful to the McEntyre family for hosting a pool party for our 1st-5th graders and their families.

This Summer was truly a wonderful time, and we are looking forward to another great year in Children's Ministry with you all!

Grace and Peace,
Bridget Kokolis, Minister to Children, and
Caroline Hiatt, Children's Ministry Assistant

Children's Ministry Summer Fun! continued



Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 8/14 5:00-7:00pm The Bridge: Happy Hour at Grateful Brew
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Weekly Rehearsals Resume
- 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 Family 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
6:00-7:00pm Bell Tower Ringers Weekly Rehearsals Resume (Bell Room)
- 8/25 9:00am-Noon (Before and After Worship) Small Groups Fair (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 for Rising 6th and 12th Grade Students
5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 8/28 *Wednesdays@First* Activities Kickoff

Sympathy

...to the family of Peggy Good.

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of heaven and hell. In this series, we will explore the historical development of these concepts and delve into what Scripture reveals (or doesn't reveal) about the afterlife. Since none of us have experienced the afterlife, and we can't know for sure, we will approach the subject with humility and curiosity.

—Carol McEntyre

- 8/31-9/2 All Youth Fall Retreat @ Camp Kanuga
- 9/1 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Matt Rollins
- 9/2 FBG Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 9/4 *Wednesdays@First* Activities
- 9/6 4:30pm Senior Adult Picnic
- 9/8 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Communion
11:30am-1:30pm Children's Ministry Sunday Funday: Lunch and Scavenger Hunt (begins in B420)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 9/11 *Wednesdays@First* Activities
- 9/13 10:30-11:30am Golden Ringers Rehearsals Resume (Bell Room)
- 9/14 9:00am-5:00pm Meredith Miller Youth and Children's Event (Fellowship Hall)
- 9/15 9:00am-5:00pm Meredith Miller Youth and Children's Event (Fellowship Hall)
WATCH 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Meredith Miller and Bell Tower Ringers
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 9/18 *Wednesdays@First* Activities
- 9/22 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
11:30am Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Parlor)

Secure Your Spot for Our Cruise by September 1!

Embark on a spiritual journey as we travel "In the Wake of Paul" September 10-21, 2025. We will travel down the coast of Turkey, following in the footsteps of the apostle Paul. The highlight of the trip will be a cruise on a traditional Turkish gulet boat. We'll explore Christian history and the breathtaking beauty of the Mediterranean Sea!

Only ten spots remain, so secure your place soon. To reserve, submit your \$500 deposit by September 1. Register now at: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/travel-to-turkey/>

—Carol McEntyre, Senior Minister


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