

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

October 2, 2024

Breathe Wednesday

There will be no regularly scheduled *Wednesdays@First* activities other than the Sanctuary Choir rehearsal. Take a deep breath and enjoy family time or participate in other fulfilling opportunities.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 6

10:30am

World Communion Sunday

Proclaimers: Matthew Loomis Rehnborg, Teresa Pinheiro and Kathy Sharp

Sermon: Gathering at Tables around the World

Anthem: "In Remembrance"—Red

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 placed in honor of the marriage of Emily Matthews and Wade Smith by Emily's parents, Kyle and Susan Matthews.

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.



From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

Before I began as your senior pastor, the Personnel Committee and Jenna Manning, Director of Church Operations, had been working toward an important goal: hiring someone to help enhance our church's communication efforts. First Baptist offers so many wonderful events, ministries and avenues to serve; we want to do a better job of sharing about these opportunities to learn, grow and serve God and invite members of the community to come and experience all we have to offer. I am delighted to announce that we have hired a Content Creator to join our team—Savannah French! Savannah will play a crucial role in enhancing our communication efforts. She will produce and manage content for digital and print platforms, including social media, newsletters, email campaigns, banners and promotional graphics. Additionally, she will promote sermon series, special events, and ministry initiatives, helping us connect more effectively with our congregation and the wider community. I hope you will join me in welcoming her.

Hello, everyone! Over the last four years, I've worked full-time with a group of nonprofits, developing social media plans, creating digital content, and implementing internal and external communication strategies. First Baptist has been such a blessing to our family, and I'm grateful to play a part in sharing information to help everyone feel as welcomed as we have over the past two years. When I'm not working, I love baking (especially with sourdough), spending time with family and friends, crafting and thrifting!



—Savannah French

One more important note about Savannah: She will spend a few hours a week serving as my Ministry Assistant. This will allow Jenna Manning to further live into her role as Director of Church Operations. To facilitate this much-needed change, Jenna will be moving to a new office, room number B403.

Finally, as I shared a few weeks ago, we have officially formed the search committee to find our next Minister of Music and Worship; committee members are Greg

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October 2

Breathe Week

No Regular *Wednesdays@First*
Except for Sanctuary Choir

October 13

6:30pm

Blessing of the Pets
Labyrinth

October 20

4:00-7:00pm

Church Picnic
FBG Garden

Happy Birthday!

Please remember these members of our congregation celebrating October birthdays who may not always be able to be with us in worship:

October 14

Louise Stanford

October 16

Doris Meissner

October 21

Pat Atkinson

October 30

Mary Francis Tuten

Opportunities to ENGAGE in October

October 4, 10:30am—Friday Lunch & More! Book Club in the Media Center or Games & More in the Fellowship Hall are followed by the program (Michael McEntyre) in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00am and lunch at noon. Cost of the lunch is \$5.

October 8, 10:00am—Holy Rollers Visit Justus Orchard in Hendersonville (with lunch out) coordinated in collaboration with our Neighborhood Partnership community and Matt Rollins, our Minister of Community Engagement.

UPDATED DATE: October 10, 9:00am—Let's Take a Hike. The bus departs FBG at 9:00am for historic Oconee Station to hike to Station Cove Falls, then lunch at Walhalla's Steak House Cafeteria, followed by an afternoon visit to the Cherokee Museum.

October 24, 10:00am—Roadrunners Visit Sky Top Orchard and Lunch at the Flat Rock Wood Room.

—Michael McEntyre, Minister of Engaged Aging

Free Music Event in FBG Sanctuary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 7:30PM

At 7:30pm on Thursday, October 10, the South Carolina American Choral Directors Association (SC ACDA) will hold a Fauré *Requiem* Sing-A-Long in our Sanctuary. Dr. Hugh Floyd will serve as Guest Conductor for the gathered musicians. Those participating include the Columbia Choral Society with Artistic Director Dr. Elizabeth Mears, the First Baptist Greenville Sanctuary Choir with Director Fred DeFoor, and the Westminster Presbyterian Sanctuary Choir with Director

Marlon Hurst, accompanied by Organist Dr. Charles Tompkins and Chamber Orchestra. This preliminary concert of the SC ACDA fall conference is free and open to the public.

Composer Gabriel-Urbain Fauré's refined and gentle music influenced the course of modern French music. *Requiem* is one of best known of his major works. Fauré wrote of this work, "Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put



into my *Requiem*, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest." This year is the 100th anniversary of the French composer's death on November 4, 1924. Be present in our Sanctuary on October 10 to experience this beloved masterpiece of choral literature.

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Crowe, Robert Farrar, Jane Morlan, Wesley Smith, Pam Jones and Beverly Lambert. I am happy to share that the search is now open. The job listing is on the church website and is being posted on other

relevant platforms. We are ready to begin receiving resumes! Please keep this important process in your prayers as we seek the right person to lead our music and worship ministries.

—Carol

Focus on Missions: Nicholtown Trunk or Treat, Mission Backpack Cereal, and Mental Health America Christmas Gift Bags



Every October for the past several years, our church has collected and donated bags of candy for our neighbors in Nicholtown to help them celebrate Halloween with their annual

Trunk-or-Treat Festival. We need your help to make sure there is plenty of candy to go around! They plan to pick up the candy by Thursday, October 24, in order to be ready for the event on October 27. Please bring your bags of individually wrapped candies to the church Reception Area or the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall by October 24.

We will also be adding a special cereal collection for Mission Backpack.



Every year, Mental Health America of Greenville County (MHAGC) provides gift bags to adults with chronic mental health conditions who are either homeless or living in supported housing throughout the Upstate.

We will be collecting these items throughout the months of October and November. Please bring your donations to the Reception Area of the church or to the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. If you prefer to order directly from Amazon, please use the



QR code, and your order will go directly to MHAGC.

Hand Sanitizer

Lip Balm

Gloves/Hats

Bar Soap

Bodywash

Shampoo

Blankets

L/XL

Sweatshirts

Deodorant

Journals

Body & Hand Lotion

Facial Tissue

Socks

Vaseline

Adult Coloring Books



—Matt Rollins, Minister of Community Engagement

Care for College Students

The time has come for our annual College Care Packages!

Each year, we pack up goodies that the congregation has donated and ship them to students so that they arrive right in the middle of finals. It is a great way for us to continue supporting the undergrad and grad students who have called First Baptist Greenville their church home.

So that we have plenty of time to assemble, pack and ship these care packages, please

turn in your donations now! There are collection bins in the Front Office, and the deadline for donations is Sunday, November 17. Please consider donating the following individually wrapped items:

- pens/pencils
- fruit snacks
- erasers
- individual bags of cookies or crackers
- easy mac & cheese
- microwave popcorn
- small cans of Pringles®
- Rice Krispy® treats
- ramen noodles
- spare Halloween candy (no chocolate, please!)
- chewy granola bars
- snack-size trail mix
- AND Goldfish® crackers

We will collect homemade baked goods to add to the packages on December 1.

Also—if you have a current college or grad student in your family, please encourage them to fill out the college contact update form here: <https://forms.gle/xk1U3QjcnMdvhQuY8>

If we do not have their current school email and address, we unfortunately cannot send them a care package.

—Youth Ministry Staff

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 10/2 6:30am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Breathe Wednesday—No *Wednesdays@First* Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
5:00-7:00pm Yard Sale Committee Organization—Helpers Are Welcome (C-100 Hallway)
- 10/3 10:00am-2:00pm Weekly Yard Sale Organizing (C-100 Hallway)
- 10/4 10:30am-1:00pm Friday Lunch and More (Media Center, Fellowship Hall)
- 10/5 9:00-11:00am Bridge Picnic at the Park (Gower Park Playground)
- 10/6 **WATCH** 10:30am World Communion Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimers Matthew Loomis Rehnborg, Teresa Pinheiro and Kathy Sharp
11:30am-5:00pm Middle School Youth to Denver Downs
11:30am-5:00pm Children's Ministry Sunday Funday: Denver Downs
4:00-5:30pm Children's Ministry Sunday Funday: Playground Playtime at Century Park for K5 and Younger
6:00-9:30pm High School Youth to Haunted House
- 10/8 10:00am Holy Rollers Visit Justus Orchard in Hendersonville
- 10/9 6:30am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level) *Wednesdays@First* Activities
6:00pm *Adults@First* Opportunities MidWeek Classic: Engaging Practical Theology in a New World of Ministry Opportunity (Fellowship Hall) with Michael McEntyre
One Read Book Group: *Sacred Self-Care* by Chanequa Walker-Barnes (Media Center) with Carol McEntyre
Journaling (Parlor) with Ken Kraft
- 10/10 10:00am Engaged Aging Event: Oconee Station Hike, Lunch & Museum (Depart FBG at 9:00am, Return at 4:00pm)
7:30pm *Fauré Requiem* Sing-Along, South Carolina American Choral Directors Association (Sanctuary) *Columbia Choral Society, First Baptist Greenville Sanctuary Choir, Westminster Presbyterian Sanctuary Choir* with Charles Tompkins, Organist, and

Wednesdays@First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar

- 4:00-7:00pm *Youth@First*: Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)
5:00-6:00pm Supper and Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:00pm *Children@First*: Childcare for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)
5:45-7:00pm *Children@First*: K4 & K5 Co-Creator Block & Playtime (B422)
5:45-6:10pm *Children@First*: 1st-5th Grade Choir (B423)
Children@First: Gathering Time (Media Center)
6:15-7:00pm *Children@First*: Co-Creator Block (B424)
6:00-7:00pm *Adults@First* (MidWeek Classic & Other Adult Education Offerings)
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Chamber Ensemble present a free concert that is open to the public.

- 10/13 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
6:30pm Blessing of the Pets Service (Labyrinth) *All are invited to bring their pets (on leash, in carrier or aquarium) to be blessed during*

Wednesday Night Supper

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



October 2

Breathe—There is no Wednesday night supper this week. Supper will resume on October 9.

October 9

Adult: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Salad, Roll, Fruit, Dessert

Child: Chicken Tenders

You Are Invited!

Kyle and Susan Matthews cordially invite our First Baptist Greenville family to the wedding ceremony of Emily Matthews and Wade Smith on Saturday, October 5, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Sympathy

...to the family of Myra Weatherly.


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9/30/2024 Budget: \$2,201,250



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For After Hours Pastoral Care Emergencies, please

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. One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.