

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

October 23

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: *Seculosity* by David Zahl (Media Center) with Carol McEntyre

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 27

10:30am

Beyond the Grind: Practicing Sacred Self-Care

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Sermon: Setting Boundaries in the Digital Age: Following Jesus' Example?

Anthem: "To Love Our God" — Hagenberg

Service Musicians: Bell Tower Ringers, 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 given by Mareon Stall and her family with gratitude and thanksgiving to God for the blessings given to their family, church and community through the lives of Wade Bryant and Newt Stall.

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.

November 3

10:30am

All Saints Sunday (Sanctuary)

November 10, 17, 24 & December 1

9:30am

First Baptist 101 (Media Center)



## From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

## Exciting News: Narthex Roof Replacement Underway

You may have noticed some work happening on our Narthex roof. It is not due to storm damage but a project we had already planned.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we ended 2023 with a surplus in our giving. We are funding the much-needed new roof with that overage! We are grateful for the opportunity to care for our space and make this investment in our future. We truly appreciate your continued financial support, which helps us maintain our beautiful church and ensure we can serve our community for years to come.

— Carol McEntyre



## Grant Awarded

Spiritual Formation of all ages is an integral part of who we are here at First Baptist Greenville. It has been so

wonderful to step into a Children's Ministry that is thriving and built on an incredible foundation of education and service for the youngest among us. While spiritual education is always a piece of what we do here, we know that we are not the primary faith educators of children. One of my greatest callings is to partner and help equip families to engage with faith outside of the walls of the church.

Reverend Traci Smith has had a huge impact on how Children's Ministers view this partnership with families. As a mom and a minister, her work has deeply impacted how I educate and engage in faith within my own family.

## Hello from the AYMC!

Our facility is a bustling hub that we're proud to share with our church and local community. We encourage you to take full advantage of our newly refinished basketball courts, strength exercise room, walking track, and a variety of group exercise classes. In addition to our wonderful members and offerings, we're pleased to host several established outside organizations that regularly rent our facilities. We have several regular renters, including GUHS Athletics and i9sports. We're excited to have them as part of our AYMC family!



GUHS Athletics: Green Charter Upstate High School, located in Simpsonville, South Carolina, pairs their level of personalized instruction with a global perspective, high-tech tools and practical applications in the classroom, encouraging students to reimagine solutions to the problems of tomorrow. Their focus on Renewable Energy and STEM education teaches children proven problem-solving approaches that set the course for in-demand, real world careers—and rewards students for their dedicated interest in STEM subjects with individualized instruction from teachers that are passionate subject matter experts. Come check out one of their athletic events held at the AYMC! For their schedule, Please Visit: <https://greenupstatehighschool.bigteams.com/#>

i9 Sports: i9 Sports® is the nation's largest multi-sport provider focused solely on high-quality, community-based youth sports programs. They offer youth sports leagues, camps and clinics for kids ages 3 and up in today's most popular sports, such as flag football, soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, lacrosse, and tennis. i9 Sports® is committed to providing age-appropriate instruction, making sports fun for kids, and convenient for today's busy families. For more information, visit: <https://www.i9sports.com/>



—Dante Gliatta, AYMC Director

### Grant Awarded continued from page 1

Traci has embarked on a new journey and has helped to spearhead a new research program focusing on families with young children. This is a grant-based opportunity that has been made possible by the Lilly Endowment. We are excited to announce that First Baptist Greenville has been chosen to participate in this program. Seventeen churches from the United States and Canada will participate in this opportunity, and we are one of them! In addition, we are the only Baptist church that has been accepted into this program. Because of our experience, we have been asked to serve as a Mentor Church in this program and will help walk alongside smaller congregations and those with ministers who are newer to their calling.

What does all of this mean? We will receive a total of \$7500 over three years that will be used with families in our congregation that have children under three. This program will help us to begin a small group that will commit to three years of study together surrounding faith at home. What we learn in this group will be used to further research in this area of

ministry that will be used to help shape the future of faith formation for children in churches all around. In addition to the funding, we will receive individual coaching, educational opportunities for me, and our church will receive a small faith formation library.

The three-year cohort program is designed to empower faith formation leaders to effectively support parents of young children in integrating faith practices into their daily lives. More details will be available in the coming months about opportunities to join this cohort, but until then, I hope that you will celebrate this honor with us.



Introducing Family  
Faith Every Day  
Grant Recipients!



—Bridget Kokolis, Minister to Children

# Blessing of the Pets 2024

Blessing of the Pets was a hit! We blessed dogs, cats, a rabbit, and even a gecko at this well-loved service. Special thanks go to the Spiritual Formation Committee for planning and leading the service.

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg, Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach



## Advent and Christmas Poinsettias

Can you believe it? We are almost to the beginning of Advent on December 1. Our Flower Guild is scheduling workdays to get our worship space and exterior of our building festive for the season. Orders for wreaths and poinsettias have deadlines that are quickly approaching. As a faith family, we will celebrate the symbolism of the decorations in our Sanctuary during the Hanging of the Green Service on Sunday morning, December 1. Don't miss this meaningful service!

If you are interested in helping decorate our spaces, be in contact with Charmaine Fuller or Leah Wynn, Flower Guild Co-Chairs, or me (kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527 ext. 128). Help is requested for decorating the

Chrismon Tree and Sanctuary and beyond.

The decorations are provided by the donations of church members. Church members may purchase poinsettias to help provide all of our decorations. The poinsettias may be given in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living person. A list of all memorials and honor gifts will be published in upcoming editions of the newsletter. We have an online option for giving again this year. If you are interested in providing a poinsettia, visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/christmas-poinsettias/> and follow the instructions to submit your dedications. You may even pay online! If you would prefer, you may still mail the following information and your payment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias (\$30 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication (In honor of or in memory of): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
Kimberly Coates  
c/o First Baptist Church  
847 Cleveland Street  
Greenville, SC, 29601

(checks payable to First Baptist Church) to me at church or drop it off at the Reception Desk. Orders and checks (\$30 each) should be received by Friday, November 22.

—Kimberly Coates, Music & Worship Ministry Assistant

## Upcoming Events

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

- 10/23 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: *Seculosity* by David Zahl (Media Center) with Carol McEntyre
- 10/24 10:00am** Roadrunners Visit Sky Top Orchard and Lunch at Flat Rock Wood Room
- 10:00am-2:00pm** Weekly Yard Sale Organizing (C-100 Hallway)
- 10/27 WATCH 10:30am** Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Lula Whilden World Missions Offering Emphasis
- 11:30am** Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:00-7:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 5:00-7:00pm** LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 10/30 7:00am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
*Wednesdays@First* Activities
- 6:00pm** *Adults@First* Opportunities (see 10/23)
- 10/31 10:00am-2:00pm** Weekly Yard Sale Organizing (C-100 Hallway)
- 11/1 10:30am-1:00pm** Friday Lunch & More (Media Center, Fellowship Hall)
- 11/2 11:00am-4:00pm** Upstate Pride SC Fall Pride March and Festival (Barnett Park, 248 E. St. John Street, Spartanburg)
- 11/3 WATCH 10:30am** All Saints Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including including Communion and Lula Whilden World Missions Offering Emphasis
- 11:30am** Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:00-7:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 11/6 7:00am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
*Breathe* Wednesday—  
No *Wednesdays@First* Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## 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)

## Wednesday Night Supper

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



October 23

**Adult:** Beef Bourguignon, Mashed Potatoes, Zucchini/Squash Medley, Salad, Roll, Fruit, Dessert

**Child:** Pizza Bread

October 30

**Adult:** Fried Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Roll, Fruit, Dessert

**Child:** Hot Dogs, Mac and Cheese

## Time Change for Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Effective October 30, the Men's Bible Study that meets on Wednesday mornings will change its start time to 7:00am. All men of the congregation are invited to enjoy the extra half-hour of sleep and join us on the Terrace Level of the AYMC for this time of fellowship and study. — Bert Strange

## Sympathy

...to Cindy DeFoor and family in the death of her aunt.

...to Abigail Handal in the death of her mother.

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## Revenue Report

10/16/2024 YTD: \$2,015,103  
10/31/2023 Actual: \$1,985,579  
10/31/2024 Budget: \$2,445,833



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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](mailto:pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com). One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.