

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

November 6

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

November 10

Beyond the Grind: Practicing Sacred Self-Care

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Sermon: Permission to Cease

Scripture: Hebrews 4:9-11; Mark 6

Anthem: "How Can I Keep from Singing" — Carter

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.

If you would like to provide flowers for this or one of our future worship services, contact Kimberly Coates at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527 ext. 128.

November 10, 9:30am

First Baptist 101
Media Center

November 10, 11:30am

Blood Drive
Near Fellowship Hall

November 17, 11:30am

Lunch & Church Conference
Fellowship Hall



From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

The Annual Church Conference is coming up on Sunday, November 17, right after worship in the fellowship hall. Together, we will review and vote on the 2024 Mission and Ministry Plan (budget), hear updates on the vital work of our committees, and vote on the slate of Deacon nominees. The Church Conference is not just an administrative meeting but an expression of our shared commitment to steward the church's mission and resources faithfully. I hope you will plan to join us for this important time together.

Boxed lunch is available by reservation only and includes a veggie and GF option. There is not a separate kid's option but there is just one price—\$5/box. You can register by going to the church website or calling the church office. The deadline for reservations is noon on Monday, November 11. Purchase of a lunch is not required to attend the Conference—all are welcome!

REGISTRATION OPEN!

Churchwide Retreat is back!

March 7-9, 2025

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/church-retreat-2024-creation-calls-and-i-must-go/>

Upcoming Wednesday Nights

November 6 is a Breath Wednesday.

There will be no evening meal or programming for children, youth, or adults, except for Sanctuary Choir.

November 13 Breathing in Gratitude

On Wednesday, November 13, we will begin a new block of Wednesday night programming, and I am excited to lead Mid-Week Classic. On November 13, we will explore prayer, focusing on the specific practice of breath prayer—an ancient Christian tradition dating back to the 3rd century. Breath prayer aligns our breathing with a sacred phrase, helping us center our minds and spirits, drawing closer to God with each breath. It is one of my favorite ways to pray, and it beautifully connects to our theme this year: breath. Science tells us that deep, mindful breathing helps calm our nervous systems and manage stress, so this ancient practice offers both spiritual depth and practical peace. After the stressful weeks leading up to the election, it will be a gift to take a deep breath and recenter. We will also take time to reflect on gratitude and the Thanksgiving season. I look forward to sharing this time with you and discovering how God meets us in each breath. Join us as we pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the coming season.

—Carol McEntyre, Senior Minister

P.S. My birthday is coming up on November 6! I hear it is a tradition to bring the pastor gifts. I would love some canned fruit for United Ministries or cereal for Mission Backpack. Happy birthday to me!

Give to the MinisTREE—November 10 to December 1

The First Baptist MinisTREE, our Christmas giving tree, will appear in the reception area near the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 10. Why so early?!?! We are accommodating the delivery date of our partner organization, United Ministries, whose volunteers will be wrapping the gifts from all participating congregations the first week in December. Therefore, we decided to have the tree up for three weeks to give people more time to choose an ornament and purchase a gift. November 10 is

the launch date, and December 1 is the gift return deadline.

Here's how to participate:

1. **Choose an ornament** from the MinisTREE (the ornament will describe the recipient—a child, an adult in the family, or the family as a whole—and a wish list item: for example, Gift #10, boy age 3, Legos®.)
2. **Write your name** next to the ornament's gift number on the sign-out list next to the tree.
3. **Purchase the gift.**

4. **Bring the gift** unwrapped to the reception area by Sunday, December 1. Please tape to it a gift receipt, if able.

We hope that you will consider participating in the MinisTREE this year. People who have participated in the past have said that it's a very meaningful way to share the joy of the season while helping our neighbors.

—Susan D'Amato and
Gayle Brown, Missions &
Affiliations Committee

Lula Whilden* World Missions Offering

There are many ways in which First Baptist does and supports ministry to those in need, from the local level to the global. Two specific resources for this ministry are our Local Relief Fund, which offers assistance to community members in need, and our Lula Whilden World Missions offering, which supports the field missionary work of our denominational affiliates.

During the Candlelight Service on December 22, 100% of the offering will go to the Lula Whilden World Missions Offering.

Your generous gifts will be used by these partners to show love and support for those whom Jesus calls us to care:

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's (CBF) "Offering for Global Missions" — <https://cbf.net/global-missions>

CBF Field Personnel: Jonathan Bailey, Carson and Laura Foushee, and Tina Boyles Bailey — <https://cbf.net/field-personnel>

The Alliance of Baptist's (AOB) "Active Hope Partners" — <https://allianceofbaptists.org/partners/>



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina's (CBFSC) "Beverly Greer* Offering for State Missions" — <https://cbfsc.org/missions/>

Amani Sasa's ministry to refugee families in Uganda — <https://www.amanisasa.org/>


*Two of these offerings are named after women in our church who made a significant impact in missions ministry — Lula Whilden (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/who-was-lula-whilden/>) and Beverly Greer (<https://cbfsc.org/missions/>).

—Matt Rollins, Minister of Community Engagement, and
the Missions and Affiliations Committee

Newcomer Class this November: First Baptist 101

Do you want to learn more about the history of First Baptist Greenville or how to get involved in church life? First Baptist 101 is a class for you! This four-part series is for guests, visitors and newer members who want a broad overview of the life of the church, as well as a way to get answers to specific church questions. In addition, First Baptist 101 is a great way to meet other newcomers! The sessions are conversational and informal. We will meet in the Media Center (across the hall from the Fellowship Hall) on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am. No registration necessary. Email me (camille.loomis@firstbaptistgreenville.com) with questions!

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg, Minister of Spiritual Formation & Outreach



**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH?
JOIN THIS SUNDAY SERIES TO LEARN MORE!**

**MEDIA CENTER
9:30-10:15AM
NOVEMBER 10, 17, 24, AND DECEMBER 1**

November 10:

Being Baptist at First Baptist Greenville: What Kind of Baptist Are We?

November 17:

History of FBG: Civil Rights and Women in Ministry

November 24:

History of FBG: LGBTQ Discernment Process

December 1:

Belonging at FBG: Serving, Volunteering and Membership

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

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.

- 11/6 7:00am** 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 Organization—Helpers Are Welcome (C-100 Hallway)
- 6:00pm** Bridge Friendsgiving (Location TBD)
- 11/7 10:00am-2:00pm** Weekly Yard Sale Organizing (C-100 Hallway)
- 6:30pm** GOAL Community Problems Assembly (Location TBD, carpooling available)
- 11/10** MinisTREE Ornaments Available in Reception Area
- 9:30am** First Baptist 101 (Media Center) *FB101 is a 4-week informational series for visitors, new members, and anyone curious to learn more about FBG's history and ways to engage.*
- WATCH 10:30am** Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Lula Whilden World Missions Offering Emphasis
- 11:30am** Blood Drive (Near Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30am** Children's Ministry Sunday Funday: Game Day (Parlor, Practice Gym)
- 11:30am** Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:00-7:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 11/13 7:00am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
- 6:00pm** Adults@First Opportunities MidWeek Classic: Breathing in Gratitude (Fellowship Hall)
- 11/14 10:00am** Engaged Aging Event: Oconee Station Hike to Station Cove Falls & Lunch at Walhalla's Steak House
- 10:00am-2:00pm** Weekly Yard Sale Organizing (C-100 Hallway)
- 6:00-8:00pm** FBG Parent Education Initiative Parent Dinner Party: Jenny Lee and Kelsey Johnson, Presenters (Fellowship Hall)
- 11/17 9:30am** First Baptist 101 (Media Center)
- WATCH 10:30am** Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Bridget Kokolis

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)
- 11:30am** Lunch & Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30am** Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:00-7:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 11/20 7:00am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 11/20** *Wednesdays@First* Activities
6:00pm *Adults@First* Opportunities MidWeek Classic: Sharing Our Stories (Fellowship Hall)
- 11/21 10:00am** Roadrunners Visit the Italian Garden Greek and Italian Restaurant
- 10:00am-2:00pm** Weekly Yard Sale Organizing (C-100 Hallway)

Wednesday Night Supper

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



November 6

This is a *Breathe* week.

Wednesday night supper will return on November 13.

November 13

Adult: Chicken Divan with Rice, Glazed Butter Basil Carrots, Salad, Roll, Fruit, Dessert

Child: Chicken Tenders and Fries

Sympathy

...to Arnold Burrell in the death of his uncle.

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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.