

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

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Return on January 15

WORSHIP SERVICES

December 22

10:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Candle of Love

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: Songs of Advent: The Gloria

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir,
Instrumentalists

6:30pm

Candlelight Service of Lessons and
Carols

December 24

5:00pm

Christmas Eve Family Service
Communion

Musicians: Kelsie Barrineau, Matthews
Family, Charles and Gregory Tompkins

December 29

10:30am

First Sunday of Christmas

Proclaimer: Kyle Matthews

Scripture: Luke 2:28-32

Sermon: Songs of Advent: The Song of
Simeon

January 5

10:30am

Epiphany Sunday

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: Bathrobes and Paper Crowns



From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

Celebrate the Joy of Christmas and the New Year at First Baptist Greenville!

The Christmas season is a perfect time to invite friends, neighbors, coworkers and family who might be looking for a church family to join us for worship. We have two special services coming up that you do not want to miss:

Candlelight Worship Service: Lessons and Carols

On Sunday, December 22, at 6:30pm, we will reflect on the Christmas story through scripture and song. This meaningful tradition offers a moment of peace and beauty during the busy holiday season.

Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Worship

Join us on Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00pm for a service designed for all ages. This is a joyful opportunity for everyone to gather and celebrate the birth of Christ!

Both services are wonderful opportunities to share the joy of Christmas with others. I hope you will take this chance to invite someone new to experience the love of Christ with us.

Year-End Giving: A Season of Generosity

As we approach the close of 2024, we find ourselves slightly behind in meeting our offering goals for the year. The Christmas season is a time of sharing God's blessings with loved ones and friends—why not include First Baptist Greenville on your Christmas gift list?

Year-end giving is a vital way to support our church's ministries and further God's work in the world. Every contribution helps sustain the essential programs and ministry that make a real difference in people's lives. Thank you for being a community that gives so faithfully and generously. Together, we can reach our 2024 financial goals.

Please make your special year-end contribution by December 31. Your support matters—thank you for investing in First Baptist's life and ministry!

Upcoming Worship Highlights

Sunday, December 29—Simeon's Song

As we conclude our Songs of Advent series, join us for a special service at 10:30am. Kyle Matthews will preach on Simeon's Song from Luke 2. Please note that Sunday School and childcare will be unavailable that day.

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January 5

Epiphany Breakfast
Fellowship Hall

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/epiphany-breakfast/>

March 7-9, 2025

Churchwide Retreat

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

Poinsettia Dedications

Members of our congregation provided the beautiful poinsettias displayed in our Sanctuary.

One poinsettia is given

...in memory of Johnny Flynn by his wife and family.
 ...by Austin & Betty Connors in memory of Gordon Herring.
 ...in memory of Peggy E. Good by Austin & Betty Connors.
 ...by Jim and Martha Fayssoux and children in memory of Carolyn and Jim Fayssoux.
 ...by Thomas Bruce in memory of Jean and Larkin Bruce.
 ...in memory of Rem Blanchard Edwards Jr. by his daughter and son-in-law, Cherron and Greg Saad.
 ...in memory of Jerry and Mary Wylie by their children and grandchildren.
 ...in honor of Cam and Tony McDade by their granddaughter, Ainsley.
 ...in memory of Art and Jean Coogler by their family.
 ...in memory of Richard Harper by his family.
 ...by the Hope Sunday School Class in memory of Lee Counts.
 ...by the Hope Sunday School Class in memory of Peggy Good.
 ...in memory of Bill Jett by Judy Jett and Amy and Jerry Wylie.
 ...by Mary Rankin in honor of her friend, Freda Lark.
 ...in memory of Sharon and Bill Lewis with love and gratitude by their family.
 ...in memory of Ruth and Henry Little with love and gratitude by their family.
 ...by Donna and Furman Hewitt in honor of Joe and Beverly Greer.
 ...in memory of Ardelle and Hardy Clemons by Donna and Furman Hewitt.
 ...in memory of J. Lake and Elizabeth Williams by Donna and Furman Hewitt.

...by Donna and Furman Hewitt in memory of Thomas H. and Frances Furman Hewitt.
 ...in memory of C.A. (Tony) and Bonnie Arrington by Donna and Furman Hewitt.
 ...by Gail House in memory of her husband, Dr. Thomas Edward House.
 ...by Gail House in honor of her son, Eric R. Daniel.
 ...by Gail House in memory of her parents, Grady and Louise Toney.
 ...by Gail House in memory of her sister, Sharon Newton, and her niece, Lisa Carpenter.
 ...by Gail House in memory of her special friend and neighbor, Verna Ballinger.
 ...in memory of Alan Cochran by Candy and Neil Cochran.
 ...by Candy and Neil Cochran in memory of Shields Cochran.
 ...by Anne Cargill in memory of her family.
 ...in memory of Dorothea Thomasson by John F. Thomasson.
 ...by the Margaret Allen Aiesi Circle in memory of Peggy Ellison Good.
 ...in memory of Robert Ledbetter by the Ledbetter family.
 ...by the Ledbetter family in memory of Katherine Ledbetter.
 ...in honor of Arnold Burrell and in memory of Patsy Burrell by their children and grandchildren.
 ...in memory of Al Bell by his family.
 ...in honor of Rowan Mans by his grandmother, Donna Parrett.
 ...in loving memory of Johnny Anderson by Judy Anderson, Anna Goldston and Elizabeth Warlick.
 ...in loving memory of Don Bolt by his family.
 ...by Julie Cline in memory of Edward Mixon.

...in memory of Richard and Annamarie Burts by their daughter, Julie Cline.
 ...in honor of Joe Fuson by his grandson.
 ...in memory of Mary Chester Gabrels and J. Leon Gabrels by Nancy Strange, Laura Gabrels and Anne Peterson.
 ...in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Strange by Bert and Nancy Strange.
 ...in honor of Jeanette and John Cothran by their great-grandsons, Andrew and Asa.
 ...in memory of Oscar Funderburk by Sandra Funderburk and Suzy, Jaby and Jon.
 ...in memory of Sara Chalmers by her granddaughter, Sara Grambach.

Two poinsettias are given

...by Becky & Ralph Bouton in memory of their parents, Bill & Frances Bouton and Bill & Blanche Carpenter.
 ...by Jim & Phyllis Altenbern in memory of their parents, Audrey & Bob Altenbern and Dot & Gene Hammett.
 ...in memory of Erwin and Helen Austin by Carole and John Austin and children and Jim and Martha Fayssoux and children.
 ...in memory of Gerald Stroud by Lois, Ginny, Stephen and David Stroud and their families.
 ...by Marie and Skip Hall in loving memory of Marie and Ned Clay and Buddy Clay.
 ...by Mark W. Jones and family in memory of Fran Nau Jones, beloved wife and mother.
 ...in honor of Dr. Tom and Sherry Atkinson by John F. Thomasson.

Happy Birthday!

Please remember these FBG members celebrating birthdays in January who are not always able to be with us in worship.

January 2
Bob Mace

January 6
Connie House

January 19
Carolyn Godsey

January 24
Joanne McCoy

January 27
Genevieve Manley

January 3
Skip Foster
Ethel Martin

January 13
Gwen Smith

January 21
Keeter Horton

January 26
Jenice House
John Snyder

Monthly Collections: Looking Back and Planning Ahead



The Missions & Affiliations Committee would like to extend a huge “Thank You” to all of you for your outpouring of generosity in 2024 for the monthly Mission Box. Your donations helped to support many of our local non-profits, such as Jasmine Road, YouthBASE and United Ministries. You donated school supplies for United Way’s School Tools event, which ensures our students have the supplies they need to start school. Your donations also helped to fill our Mission Backpack food bags, which are taken to 3 local schools every week to make sure students in need have enough to eat over the weekend. We can’t thank you enough!

For January we will collect items for YouthBASE (www.youthbase.org), which is a Greenville non-profit whose mission is to equip children in K5 through 2nd grade with behavioral, academic, social and emotional (BASE) skills

they need in order to succeed at school, at home, and in the community. YouthBASE works with children and their families to build these skills through after-school and summer programs that provide academic support to help children to reach grade-level proficiency by 3rd grade, as well as behavioral and emotional support to help children grow and achieve their fullest potential.

To assist with their efforts, our church will be collecting the following items for YouthBASE throughout the month of January, which can be dropped off in the Reception Area:

- Individually-wrapped snacks, such as:
 - Teddy Grahams® or other graham snacks
 - Cheez-Its®
 - Goldfish® crackers (all flavors)
 - Pretzels
 - Granola Bars
 - Apple sauce cups or pouches

- Fruit cups
 - Chips
 - Cookies
 - Plastic forks
 - Paper plates
 - Paper towels
 - Bottled water
 - 4-, 8-, 13-gallon garbage bags
 - Printer paper
 - Crayola markers
 - Construction paper
 - Gift cards for gasoline and grocery stores
 - Small toy prizes (please avoid anything with small pieces that come apart):
 - Stickers (small for behavior chart)
 - Mini Play-Doh®
 - Plastic necklaces and bracelets,
 - Mini Pop-Its® toys
 - Mini Slinkies®
 - Mini bouncy balls
 - Mini stuffed animal toys
 - Jelly bracelets
- Nancy Schlepforst,
Missions & Affiliations Committee

Poinsettia Dedications, continued from page 2

...by Parma Holt in memory of her husband, Robert C. Holt, and of her son, David Parker Holt.

Three poinsettias are given

...in memory of Max Kennedy by his family.

Four poinsettias are given

...in memory of Catherine Ann Jeter by Scott, Greg, Brad and Jimmy.

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 12/18 7:00am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group Gathering (Offsite)
6:00-8:00pm Bridge Christmas Party (Home of Camille and Matthew)
- 12/20 10:00am** First Baptist Day School Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
6:00pm College Christmas Party (Brian and Susan Shelley's Home)
- 12/22 9:15am** Advent Sunday School: Who Is My Neighbor? (Fellowship Hall)—"Just Matt" with Matt Rollins
WATCH 10:30am Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
WATCH 6:30pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)
- 12/24 WATCH 5:00pm** Christmas Eve Service of Communion (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
- 12/25-27** FBG Closed for Christmas
12/29 WATCH 10:30am First Sunday of

Annual Church Yard Sale

To donate items to the Annual Church Yard Sale, contact Matt Rollins at matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com

From the Senior Minister

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Sunday, January 5 – Epiphany Celebration

We'll mark the beginning of the new year with a churchwide breakfast at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by worship at 10:30am. Children and youth are invited to participate in a beautiful procession of lights to begin the service. Please note that there will be no Sunday School or childcare for this service. You can register for the breakfast at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/epiphany-breakfast/>

We look forward to celebrating this holy season and the start of 2025 together. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
 —Carol

Christmas Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Kyle Matthews—Worship Service Only—No Sunday School or Child Care

- 1/1** FBG Closed for New Year's Day
1/5 9:00am Churchwide Epiphany Sunday Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 Make reservations for this breakfast (\$5) at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/epiphany-breakfast/> by January 1.
WATCH 10:30am Epiphany Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre—No Sunday School or Child Care
- 1/8** Breathe Week—No *Wednesdays*@ *First* Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Wednesday Night Supper

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

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Wednesday Night Supper will return on January 15, 2025.

FBDS Enrollment 2025-2026

January 7-10, 2025: All current students and church members must enroll during this period to receive priority placement.

Contact Chrissy Martin at chrissy.martin@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-271-2613 ext. 3 to receive enrollment information.

Introducing



...Billy and Janice Haywood who joined FBG during worship on Sunday, December 8.



They are members of the Sanctuary Choir. Offer them a warm welcome!

Sympathy

The Pastoral Care Ministry is unaware of any new sympathies.


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 12/31/2024 Budget: \$2,935,000



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