

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

February 5

Adults@First Options

MidWeek Classic: Exploring Heaven, Pondering Hell Part 2 (Fellowship Hall) with Carol McEntyre

Journaling (Parlor) with Ken Kraft

Intro to Weightlifting (AYMC) with Dante Gliatta

Make reservations at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

WORSHIP

February 9

10:30am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Family Dedication

Souper Bowl of Caring

Proclaimer: Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Scripture: Luke 5:12-16

Sermon: Redefining Reality: A Kin-dom Perspective—Choosing Life

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir; Bell Tower Ringers

Called Church Conference at Conclusion of Worship

On Sunday, the flowers in our Sanctuary are given in remembrance of Lee Counts by her husband, Pat, and her children: Christopher, Farrow, Claire and Prentiss. If you would like to provide flowers for one of our future services, email kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or call 864-233-2527, ext. 128.

Called Church Conference
Sunday, February 9

Sanctuary, immediately following
Worship

The agenda includes the approval of the 2025 Committee on Committees list. Paper copies of the list are available at the Reception Desk.



From the
Senior
Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

I am looking forward to traveling in the Apostle Paul's footsteps! You can still join me—a spot has just opened on the trip I am coordinating, "In the Wake of Paul," which will take place September 10-21, 2025.

This unique pilgrimage will immerse you in the rich history and breathtaking beauty of the Mediterranean. Imagine exploring Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site and home to one of the seven churches of Revelation. Picture yourself gazing upon the majestic Taurus Mountains, traversed by Paul and Silas themselves.

But the adventure doesn't stop there. For six unforgettable nights, we will set sail along the stunning Aegean coast aboard a small yacht called the "Love Boat"! We will enjoy fabulous Mediterranean cuisine prepared by our



onboard chef as we cruise through turquoise waters, discovering hidden coves and ancient sites. Join me for this incredible opportunity to delve into the life and teachings of Paul while exploring the lands that shaped early Christianity. If you are interested, you can email me at mcentyre@firstbaptistgreenville.com for more information. —Carol



March 7-9, 2025

Churchwide Retreat

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

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 9

Following Worship

For more than 25 years, youth groups have made a united effort to use the energy of the Super Bowl® to collect dollars to help care for partnering people and communities. Immediately following worship this Sunday, February 9, members of our Youth Family will be at Sanctuary exits collecting monetary donations in soup pots. Our collection this year will benefit Mercy Chefs, an organization working to feed people in Western North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Mercy Chefs is partnering with First Baptist Asheville to provide a weekly meal for their community. Mercy Chefs' website is listed here so you can learn more about their disaster response work, <https://mercychefs.com/helene-response/>

Youth Football Tailgate Party

Sunday, February 9

6:00pm–End of Halftime

AYMC Terrace Level

The Youth Family will gather together to watch the big game. Youth are encouraged to bring friends for fellowship, enjoy the football game and commercials, eat yummy tailgate snacks, and win prizes.

—Andrew Tonks,
Associate Minister of Youth & College

Automatic Door Opener Added to the Narthex

The Property Committee is pleased to share that an automatic door opener has been added to the Narthex! Looking at the Sanctuary from the parking lot, the doors on the far right have a push plate on the column near the bench. The interior push plate is found on the column nearest the door. Both doors will open wide to greet you or make your exit from the building easier.

This addition is one of many ways we aim to make worship and the building accessible to all visitors.

- Family Bathroom in the Narthex—Find this restroom next to the water fountain in the Narthex (near the women's restroom). Perfect for parents, partners or caregivers accompanying a family member to the restroom or anyone needing space and privacy.

- Sensory Cart—Do you or someone you love need a little sensory support to feel comfortable in our Sanctuary (or small group/Sunday School)? The Children's Ministry has purchased items for a sensory cart, including noise reducing headphones, fidgets and weighted lap pads. The cart is located in the Narthex by the visitors' table.

- Magnifying Glasses—These are available on the credenza by the visitors' table.

- Sound Amplifiers—These are available on the credenza by the visitors' table. The Sanctuary is also equipped with a T-loop for compatible hearing aids.

- Closed Captions on Livestream—Our services and events broadcast on Vimeo and Facebook are equipped with closed captions.

Click the "cc" button at the bottom of the video to display captions.

- Elevators—These are available throughout the building. Greeters are positioned from 9-9:30am and 10-10:30am to help open doors and escort you to and from your vehicle as needed.

- Visitor Parking and Accessible Parking—There are reserved spots for visitors close to the Chapel entrance and designated accessible parking close to the main entrance.

- Parking Lot Golf Cart—Volunteers circle our parking lots before and after service to provide transport assistance from your car to the entrance.

—Jenna Manning,
Director of Church Operations

Engaged Aging February 2025

February 7, 10:30am—Friday Lunch & More

Begin with Book Club in the Media Center (*Dear Black Girls* by A'ja Wilson led by Rob Pyett) or Games & More in the Fellowship Hall. At 11:00am, gather in the Fellowship Hall for the program featuring Jonathan Brown, "Helping a Friend in Grief," followed by lunch, announcements and prayer time.

February 11, 10:00am-1:30pm—Holy Rollers Historic Nicholtown Bus Tour with Yvonne Reeder

Learn the interesting history of our neighboring community and dialogue with others about its future. The group will then enjoy lunch at Olive Garden for more conversation around the tables.

February 13—FBG Engaged Hike to Keowee Toxaway State Park-Raven Rock Loop Trail

This 4-mile hike on a section of the Palmetto Trail includes the Natural Bridge and Raven Rock Loop trails. The hike is rated

moderate, and might be one of your new favorites. Details are on the Engaged Aging website sign up page.

February 23—Engaged Aging Sunday at FBG

Our Engaged Aging community will be highlighted in morning worship service. We'll celebrate the life and beauty of this ministry while learning about its participants. We ask that those in our Engaged Aging Ministry consider submitting fun facts about yourself along with a picture that we can use to create an interactive space for the church to get to know you better. Fun Fact sheets for submission can be found in Sunday School classrooms and at the front desk. You can drop them in my mailbox or email them to michael.mcentyre@firstbaptistgreenville.com by February 12.

February 23, 2:00-6:30pm—Roadrunners to the Mill Town Players, "And Then There

Were None" by Agatha Christie (Sunday Trip)

Join us for this dark thriller at the Historic Pelzer Auditorium. We have a limited number of tickets, so register soon. Depart at Rotunda breezeway. The cost is \$15 for ticket and transportation. (Note: *This is a Sunday afternoon affair, so plan accordingly.*)

Looking Ahead:

March 14—Friday Lunch & More will feature Baxter Wynn's presentation of, "Two Sons of Atlanta."

April 17—Roadrunners sponsor a Holy Week trip to see the Living Gallery. Tickets are limited and are \$20. Check out the registration page for more information.

Visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/engagedagingevents/> for more information and to register for any of these events.

—Michael McEntyre, Minister of Engaged Aging

How to End Christian Nationalism Book Tour

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 6:30pm

Location: FBG Sanctuary

Register: firstbaptistgreenville.com/amanda-tyler

Amanda Tyler, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Religious Freedom, discusses her 2024 book, *How to End Christian Nationalism*, the essential guidebook for Christians alarmed by the rising tide of Christian nationalism yet unsure how to counter it. Join this timely discussion about this dangerous ideology and how people of faith can do in response. The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty is a longtime partner of FBG and advocates for religious liberty for people of all faiths and no faith.

The evening will include a reading from the book, a conversation with Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, facilitated Q+A, and a book signing. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

This event is free, though registration is required. Register here: firstbaptistgreenville.com/amanda-tyler. Donating is optional, but gratefully received to support this event outside the church budget.

Interested in volunteering to support this event? Sign up to volunteer at: <https://tinyurl.com/amandatylervolunteer>.

The whole community is welcome. Invite your friends!

—Camille Loomis Rehnberg, Minister of Spiritual Formation & Outreach

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 2/5 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
 6:00pm *Adults@First* Opportunities
 MidWeek Classic: Exploring Heaven, Pondering Hell, Part 2 (Fellowship Hall) with Carol McEntyre
 Journaling (Media Center) with Ken Kraft
 Intro to Weightlifting (AYMC) with Dante Gliatta
- 2/7 10:30am-1:00pm Friday Lunch & More (Media Center, Fellowship Hall) with Program, "Helping a Friend in Grief," by Jonathan Brown
- 2/9 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnborg, including Family Dedication and Souper Bowl of Caring with Called Church Conference following Worship
 11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 5:00-8:30pm Youth Football Tailgate Party (AYMC)
- 2/11 6:30pm Amanda Tyler Book Tour (Sanctuary) *See page 3 for details.*
- 2/12 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)
Breathe Week—No Wednesdays@First Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 2/13 9:30am-3:00pm Engaged Aging Hike: Keowee Toxaway State Park—Raven Rock Loop Trail
- 2/16 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Communion
- 2/17 FBG Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day

February Focus on Missions

Remember to bring gifts for Jasmine Road: USPS Forever Stamps; Gift Cards to Target, Wal-Mart, QT, Amazon, etc.; Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels; Hygiene Products: Shampoo, Conditioner (including those specific for Black hair), Razors, Body Wash, Face Wash, Tampons (all sizes), deodorant, etc.; Cleaning Supplies: Laundry Detergent (regular & sensitive), Lysol® All Purpose Cleaner, Swiffer® Wet Jet Pads, Swiffer® Wet Jet Wood Floor Refills; and Copy/Printer Paper. More info? Visit <https://jasmineroad.org> or reach out to Nancy Schlepphorst or Matt Rollins.



Wednesdays@First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar

- 4:00-7:00pm *Youth@First*: Youth Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)
 5:00-6:00pm Supper and Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)

Children@First

- 5:30-7:00pm Childcare for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)
 5:45-7:00pm K4 & K5 Co-Creator Block & Playtime (B422)
 5:45-6:10pm 1st-5th Grades Choir (B423) Gathering Time (Media Center)
 6:15-7:00pm Co-Creator Block (B424)
 6:00-6:50pm *Adults@First* (MidWeek Classic & Other Adult Education Offerings) (Fellowship Hall)
 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/>

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Adult: Lasagna, Zucchini & Squash, Salad, Fruit, Italian Bread, Dessert
Child: Pizza Bread

February 12

Breathe Week—No Supper

Sympathy

The Pastoral Care Ministry is unaware of any new sympathies.

Annual Church Yard Sale

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


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1/31/2024 Actual: \$276,428

1/31/2025 Budget: \$248,500



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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.