

April 22, 2025

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

April 23

This is a *Breathe* week when we have no regularly scheduled *Wednesdays@First* activities other than Sanctuary Choir rehearsal. We'll be back together next week!

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

WORSHIP

April 27

Second Sunday of Easter

10:30am in Sanctuary

Communion

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Sermon Series: Christ Is Risen: Now What?

Sermon: Set the Table

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir
Colleen Allard-Smith, Soloist

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of John and Mary Ellison by their daughters, Judi Rushton and Jane Milford and their families, and the family of the late Peggy Good. 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.



From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

Immediately following worship on Sunday, April 27, we will gather in the Remembrance Garden for a prayer of thanksgiving and rededication. We will give thanks for the ministry this space has provided over the years, honor the many lives memorialized there, and reaffirm our commitment to caring for this sacred place in the years to come.

With gratitude,
Carol McEntyre

Remembrance Garden Celebration—April 27, 2025

It is hard to believe our Remembrance Garden has reached its 25th year! Its history began with Hardy Clemons appointing a research committee of Charlie Bryan, Jim Neal, Lisa Stamm, Fletcher Kirkland and myself to study the addition of a columbarium for First Baptist.

Following site visits to other area churches the committee was led

to the design by Robert Hayter, a Pinehurst, NC, landscape architect and principal partner of Columbarium Planners Inc. Robert's design was a 250-niche columbarium with 80 memorial plaques within a garden located among the campus historic oaks, azaleas and magnolias. Presentations were made to the Diaconate and church town hall meetings resulting in special donations by several church members toward its construction. The columbarium with its stack stone facade and gracious garden plantings became a reality with its dedication on April 16, 2000.

The columbarium has a wrought iron cross locally crafted by the late Howard McCall. The Good Samaritan statue designed by Charlie Pate was added as a part of the "Giving Because We Care" stewardship campaign along with the addition of a labyrinth designed by Joel Kirby.

The church Property and Grounds

Committees give top priority to the Remembrance Garden for its maintenance and care funded by niche and plaque sales.



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April 25

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of SC
General Assembly
at FBG

May 2

Friday Lunch & More
Baxter Wynn, Speaker

May 4

11:30am Lunch for Visitors & New Members
3:00pm Greenville Chorale Concert—ticketed event

FBG to Host CBF of South Carolina's General Assembly

Friday, April 25, 2025, 8:30am-4:00pm

What kind of baptist church is FBG? You have likely heard this question or asked this question. The answer is....it's a trick question! Technically, we are not part of a denomination at all, at least not in the sense that Presbyterians or Lutherans are. Instead of functioning within a larger "Baptist" denomination, we, like other baptist churches, affiliate or fellowship or form alliances with other churches to collaborate on large-scale ministry while maintaining congregational autonomy.

One of the baptist networks we support with our giving and representation includes the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina (CBFSC). CBF of SC hosts an annual General Assembly to gather, pray, meet new friends from other CBF churches, celebrate long-time relationships, learn about the work of CBFSC and nonprofit partners, and vote on organizational policy. First Baptist is this year's host for the CBF of SC General Assembly!

The day will include a morning worship service led by Baptist Women in Ministry, breakout sessions on various topics (including one on cultivating a strong children and youth ministry led by our very own

Bridget Kokolis and Mary Carol Anderson!), catered lunch, information, finances and celebrations in the business session, afternoon worship and plenty of opportunity for fellowship and connection with CBF folks from across SC.

Many FBG staff are involved in planning and leading assembly elements, including Carol, Kyle, Matt, Camille, Bridget, Mary Carol and Fred; and many church members will be assisting guests all day. The whole church is warmly encouraged to participate in General Assembly through volunteering or attending.

Register at <https://cbfsc.org/general-assembly/>. Registration, events and childcare are free! Lunch may be reserved for a cost.

We need volunteers! Interested in helping? Fill out the volunteer interest form at: tinyurl.com/CBFatFBG.

—Fred DeFoor, Matt Rollins, Camille Loomis Rehnberg;
CBFSC General Assembly Committee Members



Foundation Seeks New Trustees

Nominations are being accepted for new trustees to serve on the nine-member First Baptist Greenville Foundation Board. The terms of three trustees will expire at the end of June. To maintain the regular rotation, three trustees should be appointed to serve for three years. The criteria for serving are as follows:

1. Must be a member of First Baptist Greenville
2. Enthusiastic dedication to the concept of permanent endowment to support missions and church causes
3. Experience in and dedication to mission and ministry work
4. Experience and knowledge in the making of investment decisions

All church members are invited to submit their nominations for

these positions. Please send your nominations to Laurin McDonald, chair of the Diaconate, laurinhome@charter.net, or Leah Wynn, chair of the Foundation, leahwynn141@yahoo.com no later than the deadline listed below.

The chair of the Diaconate, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Diaconate, will recommend a slate of trustees to the Diaconate and congregation for approval.

The trustees currently serving on the Foundation Board are: Don Caldwell (2025), Taylor Davis (2027), Doug Girvin (2027), Becky Hartness (2025), Sarah Herring (2026), Beverly Lambert (2026), Freda Lark (2025), John P. Smith (2026) and Leah Wynn (2027).

Trustee nominations are due no later than Sunday, May 4.

—Stacey Shinas, Staff Liaison to the Foundation

Flower Gifts for Easter

An Easter lily was given...

...in memory of Annelle and Dick Locke by John and Beverly Lambert.

...in memory of Clark Mizell by the Hope Sunday School Class.

...in memory of Richard Harper by his family.

...in memory of Mareon Stall by the Carson Class.

...in memory of Al Bell by his family.

...in memory of Dorothea Thomasson by John F. Thomasson.

...in memory of Robert and Katherine Ledbetter by Tom and Sheri Ledbetter.

...in memory of Robert Lewis Shaw by Tom and Sheri Ledbetter.

...in loving memory of Teresa C. Gray by her husband, David Gray.

...in honor of Jeanette Cothran by John Cothran.

...in memory of Barb Lovell by her son, Gregg Lovell.

...in memory of Joyce Overway by her son-in-law, Gregg Lovell.

...in loving memory of James Palmer LaCoste Jr. by his family.

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...in memory of Bill and Ruby Stoddard by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.

...in memory of Thomas and Pauline Pillow by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.

...in memory of Sue Woods Burt and Donny Woods by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.

...in memory of Fran Nau Jones by her husband, Mark W. Jones.

...in memory of Henry and Ruth Little with love and gratitude by their family.

...in memory of Bill and Sharon Lewis with love and gratitude by their family.

...in memory of Lee Counts by Jim and Emily Fayssoux.

...in memory of Scott Fayssoux, Verde Fayssoux and Jack Grady by Jim and Emily Fayssoux.

...in memory of Pete Fayssoux, Mary Jo Fayssoux Garner and Lila Fayssoux Mosley by Jim and Emily Fayssoux.

...in honor of Sue Grady by Jim and Emily Fayssoux.

...in honor of the Hope Class by Jim and Emily Fayssoux.

...by Parma Holt in memory of her husband, Robert C. Holt.

...by Parma Holt in memory of her son, David Parker Holt.

Two Easter lilies were given...

...in memory of Gerald Stroud by Lois, Ginny, Steve and David Stroud and their families.

...by Becky and Ralph Bouton in memory of their parents, Frances and Bill Bouton and Blanche and Bill Carpenter.

The flowers on the gate to the Remembrance Garden are given in loving remembrance of Don Bolt by the Bolt family.

The flowers on the gate to the Remembrance Garden are given in memory of Billy Mitchell by his family.

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A place of reflection, peace and comfort is experienced when walking through its gates to hear the church bells and sounds of children on the playground.

As a church organization with carefully developed guidelines, found on the church website, the Remembrance Garden Committee consists of Charlie Bryan, Wofford Green, Janice Johnson, Stephanie Wright, Ryland Brown and Jenna Manning. It is a true calling to assist the Pastoral Care Ministry in honoring those interred and memorialized there, as well as aid

in future planning within this sacred space.

Hardy's prayer of dedication 25 years ago is the Garden's foundation now and for its future:

O God, you have been our help in ages past.
You are our hope for years to come.
Be thou our guide while life shall last
And our eternal home. Amen.

Thanks be to God.
— Janice Johnson

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 4/23 **Breathe Week**—No *Wednesdays@First* Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 4/25 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of SC General Assembly at FBG
- 4/27 **WATCH** 10:30am Second Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Communion
- 5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ Community Group Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 4/30 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)
- Wednesdays@First* Activities
- 6:00pm *Adults@First* Opportunities
- 5/2 10:30am-1:00pm Friday Lunch & More (Media Center, Fellowship Hall) with Speaker Baxter Wynn
- 5/4 **WATCH** 10:30am Third Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Music Ministry Proclaimers
- 11:30am Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Parlor)
- 11:30am Celebration Lunch for Fifth Graders (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:00pm Greenville Chorale Concert (Sanctuary)—ticketed event
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Introducing



...Cathy Goldfarb who joined FBG during worship on Sunday, April 6. Cathy is a member of the Rose-Grace Sunday School Class and is our new Director of the AYM.



...Jordan and Laura Shane who also joined FBG on Sunday, April 6.

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

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April 30

Adult: Tuscan Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Zucchini & Squash, Salad, Fruit, Roll, Dessert

Child: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries

Sympathy

...to Janelle Rogers in the death of her husband.

...to Debbie Shelnut in the death of her mother.

FBG Is Hiring!

Visit the church website for more information: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/open-positions-at-fbg/>

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4/30/2025 Budget: \$994,000



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or email pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com. One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.