

April 28, 2025

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

April 30

Adults@First Opportunities— 6:00pm

MidWeek Classic: A New Understanding of Family and Belonging (Fellowship Hall) with Michael McEntyre

Reading Scripture Out Loud (Parlor) with Camille Loomis Rehnberg and Kyle Juresich

Move with Purpose: Where Do I Start? (AYMC) with Cathy Goldfarb

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

WORSHIP

May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am in Sanctuary

Sing a Mighty Song—Music Service

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir, Vocare, Children's Choir, Bell Tower Ringers, Instrumentalists

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 27, were given in loving memory of Helen Horton Hunt by her family: Keeter Horton; Grice, Caitlin, Helen and Hollis Hunt; and Jamie, Annie and Ellie Hunt.

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.

May 2

Friday Lunch & More
Baxter Wynn, Speaker

May 4

11:30am Lunch for Visitors & New Members

3:00pm Greenville Chorale Concert
—ticketed event

May 10, 2:00-5:00pm

Bake & Pray® Workshop with Kendall Vanderslice

Register: firstbaptistgreenville.com/bakeandpray



From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

First Baptist Greenville family, what a truly joyous Easter Sunday we shared! From the early morning sunrise service around the fire—complete with ringing bells—to the family garden service accompanied by guitar, and finally the glorious 10:30 Sanctuary service, each gathering offered its own unique beauty.

The music was undoubtedly a highlight of the day. One of my favorite moments came during the Sanctuary service when the phenomenal Sanctuary Choir lifted their voices in the Easter anthem—

and the children joined in with egg shakers on every “Alleluia.” Their joyful participation, attentively timed and full of energy, added a delightful layer to our worship. It was a beautiful reminder of how our youngest members are actively engaged in our life together.

Another favorite part of the day was the joyful hum of conversations, before, during and after each service. In the hallways, in the Narthex, and outside on the church grounds, people greeted one another with hugs and laughter, celebrating both the resurrection and the gift of community.

Thank you to everyone who made this Easter so meaningful. Christ is risen indeed! —Carol



Affinity Groups

Want to deepen your friendships across the congregation? Join a First Baptist summer affinity group! An affinity group is a small group of people that share a common interest or an “affinity” in a wide range of hobbies, activities, or life stages. Potential affinity groups include activities like arts and crafts, camping, dog park meet-ups, and theology on tap. Fill out the affinity group interest survey to learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/FBGaffinitygroups>

—Camille Loomis Rehnberg, Minister of Spiritual Formation & Outreach

Focus on Missions: VBS Supplies to Support High School Mission Trip to Middlesboro, Kentucky



The FBG Youth Family is travelling to Middlesboro, KY, for our High School Mission Trip, June 14-20. FBC

Middlesboro runs an organization called Appalachian Immersion. It is dedicated to working to educate groups on stereotypes about the Appalachian region. In the past, groups have worked on literacy initiatives, construction, and in nursing homes. Our high school students will be working on some of these types of projects this summer.

FBC Middlesboro began operating a STEAM-based VBS for local

children last summer. They wish to do it again this year and need supplies for their activities. Part of the need for a program like this is the lack of education in the Appalachian region during the summer. FBC Middlesboro seeks to be a place of fun and growth for the children during this week.

Help us collect the following supplies for their VBS that can be picked up at places like Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, craft stores, etc. Please bring donations to the Reception Desk area of the church. Thank you for your generous support!

- Child-friendly scissors
- Pony beads
- Pipe cleaners
- Brown paper lunch bags

- Glue sticks
- Washable markers
- Assorted pom-poms
- Washable paints
- Paint brushes
- Hand sanitizer
- Cardstock
- Assorted sizes of googly eyes
- Felt
- Craft foam sheets
- Fabric markers
- Construction paper
- Pencils (regular)
- Colored pencils
- Sharpies® (any and all colors)
- Baby wipes
- Ziploc® bags
- First aid kits (to put in classrooms)

—Andrew Tonks, Associate Minister to Youth and College

Calling All Bakers and Bread Lovers!

Saturday, May 10, 2-5pm

Do you love to bake your own bread? Do you want to learn to bake, but are intimidated by the process? All are invited to a hands-on retreat about baking as a spiritual practice and to learn the practical skill of creating dough, shaping and baking your own loaf. Kendall Vanderslice, a baker, author and food theologian, brings her Bake & Pray™ workshop to First Baptist on Saturday, May 10! For three hours in the Fellowship Hall, participants will learn how to slow down, get out of our minds and into our bodies, and bake bread as a form of prayer. Everyone will get their hands doughy and will create two loaves (one baked and one to bake at home). You'll also take home a bowl scraper and new ways to pray. Whether you are a sourdough master or scared of yeast, Bake & Pray™ will open your eyes to God's gift of bread in a new way—you'll never bake or break a loaf the same way again.

This workshop makes a wonderful gift for Mothers' Day, a friends' get together, and a way for anyone to learn about bread baking for the first time! Recommended age of participants is ages 12 and up, though children as young as 4th grade may participate. All children and youth must attend with an adult.

Register before April 30 with early bird pricing at \$30 for one person and \$50 for a pair. Registration prices increase on May 1 (\$40 for one person and \$60 for a pair), and registration closes May 7. Partial refunds are available for cancellations made before May 1. All registration costs are non-refundable after May 1.

Space is limited and going quickly! Register soon to secure your spot. Read more and register at firstbaptistgreenville.com/bakeandpray.

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg, Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach

Happy Birthday!

Remember these members celebrating birthdays in May who may not always be able to be with us in worship:

May 2
Frances Ridgill
Bob Simmons
Corrinne Stewart

May 9
David Evans
Millie Wilson

May 11
Rachel Mullinax

May 5
Betty King

May 12
Doris Clanton

May 13
Janelle Rogers
Winnie Williams

May 18
Claudia Caldwell

May 28
Dick Stanford

PASTORAL CARE

Late Spring MidWeek at FBG

There are three more weeks in our MidWeek calendar before summer break. Read about the last 2 weeks of adult learning options and make plans to attend our Spring Celebration on Wednesday, May 14!

April 30 & May 7, 6-7pm:

MidWeek Classic: A New Understanding of Family and Belonging—Paul's Paradigm Shift in Galatians with Michael McEntyre (Fellowship Hall)

Christians use the words “belonging” and “family,” but what do those words really mean? In several Sunday School classes this spring, Michael led a discussion on this topic using Paul's words in Galatians to explore a profound theological shift concerning our place in the family of God. We will expand this discussion with a 2-week series for our MidWeek crowd. Whether you have been a part of one of our Sunday morning discussions or not, make a point to join us for this transformative conversation.

Reading Scripture Out Loud with Camille Loomis Rehnborg and Kyle Juresich (Parlor)

We think of the Bible as a written artifact (after all, it's the “Good Book!”) but millennia of God's people knew Scripture only as spoken word, story and song. Scripture is meant to be read aloud! Join Camille and Kyle Juresich for two weeks of learning the ins and outs of reading Scripture out loud: in personal devotion or study, in groups, and from the pulpit. Participants should meet in the Parlor, but we will take field trips to the Sanctuary!

Move with Purpose: Where Do I Start? with Cathy Goldfarb (AYMC)

Have you wanted to take advantage of the amazing AYMC facility and move your body more, but just aren't sure where to start? Join AYMC Director

Cathy Goldfarb for two weeks of guided workouts designed to help build a foundation for new healthy habits. Week one will focus on how to structure a basic workout from warm-up to targeted upper-body strength training with a dash of cardio of choice. Week two will focus on lower body movements. If nothing else, attendees will get a good Wednesday night workout! Participants will also receive printed Cathy's best “getting started tips,” including guidelines for hydration and protein intake. Meet in the lobby of the AYMC, and be sure to bring water and wear comfortable clothes to work out in.

May 14, 5-7pm:

Spring Celebration for All Ages (AYMC)

Celebrate our final MidWeek gathering of the spring with your church family! We'll have a hot-dog and hamburger supper from Uptown for \$5 a plate, free TCBY frozen yogurt for the first 200 attendees, inflatables for children and youth, a soft play area for toddlers, music, pickleball, games and FBG trivia! Supper and all activities will take place in the AYMC, with indoor and outdoor seating available. Sign up for a \$5 meal at: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>. Come send off the year in style!

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg, Minister of Spiritual Formation & Outreach

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

4/30 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)

Wednesdays@First Activities

6:00pm *Adults@First* Opportunities

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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) *Sing a Mighty Song* with Sanctuary Choir, Vocare, Children's Choir, Bell Tower Ringers and Instrumentalists

11:30am -1:00pm Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Parlor)

11:30am -1:30pm Celebration Lunch for Fifth Graders (Fellowship Hall)

3:00pm Greenville Chorale Concert (Sanctuary)—ticketed event

Spring Into Song!

Greenville Chorale presents their annual spring concert on Sunday, May 4, at 3pm in our Sanctuary celebrating their beloved longtime accompanist and FBG member Nancy Smith. This concert will feature some of the great choral anthems performed throughout history alongside newer works. This is a ticketed event.

Shape the Space Where Community Happens



The AYMC is a place to build strength, faith and community! We invite you to share your thoughts and ideas by participating in our survey, whether you are an AYMC member or not. All voices matter as we nurture the ministries of the AYMC.

—Cathy Goldfarb, AYMC Director

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/>

April 30

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

Child: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries

May 7

Adult: Stuffed Pork Loin, New Potatoes, Broccoli Normandy, Salad, Fruit, Roll, Dessert

Child: Fish Sticks, Tater Tots

Sympathy

...to Tyrone Edwards and family in the death of his uncle.

...to the family of Mary Barr Behlke.

FBG Is Hiring!

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

Introducing

...Daniel and Emily Lennon who joined FBG during worship on Palm Sunday, April 13. Daniel is self-employed, and Emily works with Family Hospice. They have two children.

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



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One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.