

May 12, 2025

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

May 14

MidWeek Spring Celebration (AYMC)  
with \$5 Hot Dog/Hamburger  
Supper, Inflatables for Children and  
Youth, Soft Play Area for Toddlers,  
Music, Pickleball, Games and FBG  
Trivia

Make supper reservations at  
[https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/  
wednesdays-at-first/](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/)

## WORSHIP

May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Graduate Recognition

10:30am in Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Sermon: Show Up In Love

Scripture: John 21:15-25

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

The flowers in the Sanctuary are 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](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com)  
or call 864-233-2527, ext. 128. The  
next open date is May 25.

### Village Engage—May 15, 6:00PM

Join us for an interactive workshop  
in the FBG Fellowship Hall to explore  
how we can better support our  
refugee and immigrant neighbors.  
This year's event will dispel common  
myths, include an immigration process  
simulation, and help us find ways to  
build a more just community. To register,  
contact Matt Rollins at [matt.rollins@  
firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com).



## From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

Dear First Baptist Family,

We are deeply grateful for your  
generous giving. Your gifts matter—not  
just because they keep the lights on,  
but because they change lives. Still,  
we know it is not always easy to see  
the direct impact of your generosity.

We hope to share more stories that connect the dots between your giving and  
the significant ministry it makes possible.

Emily Fayssoux, a member of our Finance Committee, shares one such story  
below—a powerful reminder of how even a single line item in our church  
budget can be a lifeline for someone in crisis:

Have you ever wondered where your First Baptist contributions are really  
going? Once a year the congregation receives the annual budget to look over  
before it is voted upon at the annual meeting. The funds go to different areas  
such as Missions and Affiliations, Congregational Life, Church Operations,  
and, of course, Property. But where does it truly specifically go? Let me give  
you an example.

Jane, a single mother, and her three children lived adequately renting a home  
month to month. Then along came Hurricane Helene. When Helene hit, it  
was scary. The power went out, the food went bad, and Jane's family had  
to move to a hotel temporarily because a tree went through the roof of their  
house. Unfortunately, not only did the storm cause problems at her home,  
it also caused problems for Jane at her work. She worked at a fast-food  
restaurant, which lost power for several days as well. Jane lost many working  
hours because of the storm. Soon after Jane was able to return to work,  
her child was diagnosed with COVID. COVID spread throughout her family  
person by person. All of this led to Jane losing several weeks of paychecks.  
Though she did her best, she could not find enough money to pay the bills  
and the rent. Times were extremely tough. She fell behind and was told she  
was going to be evicted. Can you imagine the fear for her family?

Let me tell you about the HoSEA program, which was established by First  
Baptist in collaboration with four partner churches. The HoSEA program is  
a congregation-led program that, in conjunction with the assistance and  
representatives of our trusted nonprofits and their skilled, experience case  
managers, helps to provide for individuals and families that have dealt with  
unexpected financial hardship and are being faced with eviction. The person  
facing eviction must have the adequate income to maintain their rental  
payments going forward after the HoSEA program assists them.

I am thankful to tell you that the HoSEA program kept Jane and her children  
in their home. I am honored to tell you this is one tiny line item in the Missions  
and Affiliations portion of our First Baptist Budget.

—Emily Fayssoux



# Congratulations, Graduates!

Here are the high school graduates from whom we received pictures. All graduates will be honored during worship on Sunday, May 18.



**BECK BURNS**  
Greenville High School



**HARRIS DAVIS**  
Greenville Technical Charter High School



**BLAKE DENNIS**  
Greenville High School



**JACKSON FARRAR**  
St. Joseph's Catholic School



**CAROLINE FELDMAN**  
St. Joseph's Catholic School



**KATE FULLER**  
J.L. Mann High School



**AVA GRACE HART**  
SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities



**CAMPBELL HOLLIS**  
Eastside High School



**SEANNA JOHNSTONE**  
J.L. Mann High School



**HENRY KING**  
Greenville Technical Charter High School



**NATE MARSHALL**  
Riverside High School



**FORD MCDONALD**  
Greenville High School



**SAMUEL MCELVEEN**  
Wade Hampton High School



**BRET NETTLES**  
James Island Charter High School



**WELLS SHELLEY**  
J.L. Mann High School



**GRAYSON SNYDER**  
Wade Hampton High School



**CHLOE THOMPSON**  
Greenville Technical Charter High School



**SAM UNION**  
Belton-Honea Path High School



**MEREDITH WARTHEN**  
Greenville High School



**ELIZA WILLINGHAM**  
J.L. Mann High School



**SARA LOIS WILLINGHAM**  
J.L. Mann High School



# Spring Celebration for All Ages

Wednesday, May 14, 5-7pm, 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

## 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

MISSIONS-YOUTH

## 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

AYMC

## Affinity Groups

Want to deepen your friendships across the congregation? Join a First Baptist summer affinity group—small groups centered on shared interests like arts and crafts, camping, dog park meet-ups, and theology on tap. Scan the QR code and fill out the interest survey to learn more!



CHURCH LIFE

## Upcoming Events

**WATCH** indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 5/13 10:00am-2:00pm Holy Rollers to Lunch at The Junction of Gowensville
- 5/14 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level) Final *Wednesdays@First* Activities of the Spring  
5:00-7:00pm MidWeek Spring Celebration (AYMC) with Hot Dog/ Hamburger Supper (\$5), Inflatables for Children & Youth, Soft Play Area for Toddlers, Music, Pickleball, Games and FBG Trivia—Make \$5 meal reservations at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>
- 5/15 6:00-8:00pm Village Engage Justice Ministry Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
- 5/16 Noon-1:00pm Greenville Area Parkinson's Society (Fellowship Hall, Media Center, AYM) *The Greenville Area Parkinson's Society (GAPS) gathers to support those with Parkinson's and their caregivers.*
- 5/18 9:00-10:15am Breakfast for Graduate Families and Youth (AYMC Terrace Level)  
**WATCH** 10:30am Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Graduate Recognition  
11:30am-1:30pm Celebration Luncheon for High School Graduate Families (Fellowship Hall)
- 5/21 7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5/25 **WATCH** 10:30am Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre  
5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 5/26 FBG Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

- 5/28 7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5/29 9:00am-3:00pm Roadrunners Visit the Table Rock Tea Company
- 5/30 11:30am-2:00pm Bonus Friday Lunch & More (Fellowship Hall) with Speaker Kevin Treu as Babe Ruth  
*Sponsored by the Engaged Aging Ministry, this Bonus Friday Lunch & More features lunch followed by a program.*
- 6/1 **WATCH** 10:30am Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Communion
- 6/2-6 High School Senior Trip
- 6/7 9:00am-3:00pm PrideFest Greenville



## Wednesday Night Supper

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

May 14

in the AYM

Adult: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs (GF), Mac and Cheese, Baked Beans (GF), Buns, Cole Slaw (GF), Fruit (GF)  
Child: Hot Dogs, Mac and Cheese

## FBG Is Hiring!

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

## Sympathy

...to Holly Pinheiro in the death of his grandmother.

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## Revenue Report

4/30/2025 YTD: \$949,540

4/30/2024 Actual: \$920,945

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



Scan here to support the financial needs of First Baptist Greenville.

## For After Hours Pastoral Care, please call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, leave a message by pressing the number "2" for "Pastoral Care"

or email [pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com). One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.

## From the Senior Minister, continued from p. 1

This is just one story among many. Because of your generosity, First Baptist is a place where faith is put into action—a community where every member is a minister, offering care and compassion to those in need. It is a place where people facing hardship can find help, hope, and healing. Thank you for giving and for helping to create a church that does not simply speak of Christ's love but strives to embody it.

With gratitude, Carol McEntyre