

May 19, 2025

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

Our *Wednesday@First* activities for Spring 2025 have ended. We look forward to gathering again on Wednesdays in the Fall; stay tuned for the schedule!

WORSHIP

May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30am in Sanctuary

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Sermon: Jesus Is Risen, the World Is Still a Mess

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

The flowers in the Narthex are from the wedding of Brenda League and Gray Geddie.

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.

Donations Needed for HS Mission Trip

June 14–20, our High School Youth will serve in Middlesboro, KY, partnering with FBC Middlesboro through projects and VBS. Join us in supporting them by donating VBS supplies: scissors, beads, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, felt, foam, markers, paints, wipes, Ziploc® bags, and first aid kits. Donations may be left at the Reception Desk by May 31.



From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

In 2013, when my mom was diagnosed with cancer, I leaned heavily on the support of my church community. Their care steadied me. They checked in regularly, asked how she was doing, and reminded me they were praying. When I wrestled with guilt over spending time away from church responsibilities to be with my mom, they reassured me I was exactly where I needed to be. Their love made a painful season more bearable.

This kind of care is sacred. But sadly, not all faith communities offer it. During that time, my sister heard many hurtful remarks from Christian friends about our mom's illness. Some asked, "What are you learning?" or "What is God

teaching you through this?"—as if cancer were a lesson plan from God. Another told her that if we just had more faith, our mom would be healed. One Sunday morning, when my sister stayed home to sit beside our mom instead of going to church, a friend said, "The devil is really working on you on Sundays." As if being in a sanctuary is holier than holding the hand of someone who is dying.

There's a better way. And I see that better way in you, too. Here's what people in pain most often need:

- A quiet "I'm here for you."
- A steady "I'm praying for you."
- A humble "I don't know what to say, but I care."
- A meal. A note. A hug. Silence with presence.

You do these things. Keep doing them.

With gratitude,
Carol



"We wrapped up our spring MidWeek season with an evening of fun! Over 150 church members and friends gathered in the AYMC for a delicious meal from Uptown, activities for children and youth, TCBY frozen yogurt, and a lively round of First Baptist trivia. Congratulations to our trivia winner, Amy Joye! A special thank you to the AYMC staff for extra help with event set-up. Regular Wednesday night activities will resume in August. We can't wait to see you then!"

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Churchwide Summer Sunday School Is Back!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall from June 1 through July 27 at 9:15 a.m. for a churchwide Sunday School option, offered by the Spiritual Formation Committee.

Congratulations, Graduates!

We're excited to see the amazing things you'll do next and are here to support you every step of the way. We are so proud of each and every one of you!

—Mary Carol Anderson, Minister of Youth and College

COLLEGE GRADUATES



**COLLEEN
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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE



LUCAS PATON
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Rev. Carrie Nettles Named 2025 South Carolina Baptist Woman Minister of the Year

South Carolina Baptist Women in Ministry named Rev. Carrie Nettles as the 2025 Baptist Woman Minister of the Year.

The award honors Rev. Nettles' groundbreaking and compassionate ministry—from serving as the first chaplain at a Child Advocacy Center in the nation, to co-creating the When Faith Hurts conference, equipping faith leaders to better protect and serve children.

Rev. Nettles is not only a board-certified chaplain and fierce child advocate—she's also a mentor, friend, mother, and beacon of hope to families navigating trauma. As Amber Blackwell Childers shared in her tribute, "Carrie inspires all who know her to be better humans, better ministers, and better friends."

We celebrate Carrie's faithful, fearless witness and unwavering commitment to justice, healing, and hope.

—Mary Carol Anderson,
Minister of Youth and College



Carrie Nettles is pictured second from the left.

A Note of Gratitude

Dear FBG friends,

I was so very proud of my church's staff on April 25! You all served in critical roles to make the CBFSC General Assembly event at FBG an effective gathering, a wonderful time of fellowship, of learning, and of worship. In my conversations with old and new friends, they were complimentary of both the experience and the staff, and of our volunteer church members.

I sincerely appreciate all the hard work that went on "behind the scenes" for many weeks. In my experience as the chair of the planning team, I have seen that's exactly what it takes—staff and volunteers committed to making the event an impressive, excellent, inspiring experience. You did it. Preparation ahead of time—by moving tables, preparing possible tech needs, getting signage ready, enlisting volunteers, anticipating

guests' needs, embracing a variety of roles in leading worship, helping to guide guests in the right direction, leading breakout sessions, introducing people to each other all day, and, in general, making First Baptist Greenville a warm, welcoming, friendly, beautiful, uplifting place.

Proud! Grateful! Thank you!

—Fred DeFoor, Interim Minister of Music and Worship

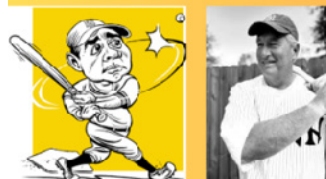


Special Friday Lunch & More on May 30

Engaged Aging is sponsoring a special Friday Lunch & More on May 30.

We are excited to offer the chance to experience a dress rehearsal of Kevin Treu in his *Chautauqua History Alive* performance of Babe Ruth. Kevin will perform his one-person monologue and then take questions from the crowd as Babe Ruth, followed by a time of answering questions about all he has learned in preparing for this role. It will be a fantastic event, and we are grateful for this opportunity.

Please note, the timing for this event is different from our normal schedule for Friday Lunch & More. We will start with lunch at 11:30 a.m. (no book club or games) and follow with the performance. If you can't make this special presentation, you can



Bonus Friday Lunch & More

May 30 @ 11:30 am
Special Dress Rehearsal for
Kevin Treu's Chautauqua performance of Babe Ruth

Begin with lunch @ 11:30 am
Followed by performance
(No Book Club or Games)

catch Kevin at one of his performances in the second and third weeks of June. Specific dates, locations, and times can be found at <https://historycomesalive.org/>. You can sign up for this great event and many others on our Engaged Aging Registration Page!

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 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 9:15am Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall)
The Spiritual Formation Committee offers a churchwide Sunday School option during the summer.
WATCH 10:30am Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Communion
- 6/2-6 High School Senior Trip to Charleston, SC
- 6/7 9:00am-3:00pm PrideFest Greenville
- 6/8 9:15am Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) See 6/1.
WATCH 10:30am Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimers Camille Loomis Rehnborg, Kyle Matthews and Andrew Tonks, including Missions Commissioning
- 6/9-12 Children's Ministry Mission Week
Children enjoy exploring faith together as they serve God alongside helping organizations.
- 6/14-20 High School Mission Trip
This group will work with Appalachian Immersion in Middlesboro, KY.
- 6/15 9:15am Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) See 6/1.
WATCH 10:30am Trinity Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)

- 6/19-20 FBG Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- 6/22 9:15am Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) See 6/1.
WATCH 10:30am Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 6/23-27 9:00am-12:00pm Children's Worship Arts Camp
Children 4-years-old through 5th grade enjoy Bible study, art projects, music, worship elements and more culminating in leading worship on Sunday.
- 6/29 9:15am Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) See 6/1.
WATCH 10:30am Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Kyle Matthews, including Stephen Ministry Emphasis
- 7/4 FBG Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 7/6 9:15am Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) See 6/1.

FBG Is Hiring!

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

Sympathy

...to the family of Tom Batson.

...to Tom Oswald in the death of his son.

Congratulations

...to Jordan and Laura Shane on the birth of a daughter, Camille Louisa Shane, born May 5, 2025. Camille's older sister is Margaret.

Introducing



... Richie and Kelly Barrineau joined on Sunday, May 4, along with their daughter, Kelsie, a Herring Choral Scholar. Richie works for Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Kelly works for the Department of Veterans Affairs.


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