

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

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

WORSHIP

June 1

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30am in Sanctuary

Communion

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre, including Communion

Sermon: Final Instructions

Scripture: Acts 1:1-9

If you would like to provide flowers for this or one of our future services, email kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or call 864-233-2527, ext. 128.

Donations Needed for High School 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. Thank you!

All-Adult Summer Sunday School Is Back!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall from June 1 through July 27 at 9:15 AM as we explore The Fruit of the Spirit together!



From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

A couple of weeks ago, I spent a few days at Edisto Beach. My friend from graduate school was turning 50, and to celebrate, she rented a beach house and invited about 15 women from different seasons of her life—childhood friends, grad school friends, church friends, and colleagues who had become dear friends. We were all invited to come for all or part of the week. I was there for three days, along with six other women, including two friends from graduate school that I hadn't seen in twenty years.

It was such a gift.

We stayed up late. We hurkle-durkled (a new term I learned on the trip, which is Scottish slang that basically means relaxing with no particular agenda). We walked on the beach and through Edisto State Park. We talked about everything from raising children to caring for aging parents, our faith journeys, and what it means to be a middle-aged woman navigating this stage of life.

When I got home, I was exhausted. I slept nine hours that night! I was also full of joy and the deep contentment that comes from meaningful connection. It reminded me just how important friendship and community are. We were never meant to go it alone. God did not create us to be lone rangers. From the very beginning, we were made for relationship—with

God and with each other. It is no wonder that the loneliness epidemic is causing so much harm in our culture. We are relational beings, hardwired for connection. When those connections are strong—when we laugh together, cry together, walk together, pray together—we flourish.

My time at the beach was a beautiful reminder of the gift of friendship and the power of presence. It also made me think about our church community and how essential it is that we continue creating space for real relationships across generations, through life's many seasons, and in the everyday rhythms of faith. That is why one of the three things we encourage every new member to do is join a small group of some kind; we believe connection is vital to our spiritual well-being!

If you have not already, join a Sunday School class, sing with the Sanctuary Choir, ring with the handbells, try an upcoming Affinity Group, serve alongside others in one of our community ministries, or attend our fellowship gatherings. If you are already connected, I invite you to be someone who helps others find their place! Greet people whom you do not know in worship. Enthusiastically welcome those who visit your Sunday School class. Invite new people to sit with you in worship. Introduce folks to your circle of church friends. Those small acts of hospitality can make a world of difference and remind people they can find a place of belonging and connection.

With gratitude and joy,

Carol

Happy Birthday!

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

June 9

Virgil Story

June 11

Sue Skarupa

June 13

Joe Greer

June 14

Dann Kirby

Coco Williams

June 18

Sharon Benston

June 28

Beth Jefford

June 30

Judy Jett

Habitat for Humanity and Juneteenth GVL

Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County is excited to partner with Juneteenth GVL to announce their inaugural Juneteenth Community Build, a groundbreaking initiative that celebrates unity, resilience, and progress in honor of Juneteenth, the historic commemoration of emancipation in the United States. Habitat Greenville's ongoing Bridge Building series brings together diverse community members, volunteers, and partners to build homes and bridges of understanding and solidarity.

First Baptist is particularly excited about this build as part of the funding for the project came from a Faith Fund grant we awarded to Habitat for Humanity last fall, and the chosen site for the new home is in our neighboring community, Nicholtown. We are honored to have the opportunity to invest sweat equity for the build, which will begin with the ceremonial wall raising on June 11.



Habitat worksite supervisors are specially trained and capable of putting anyone to effective and safe work at the build, so please consider volunteering for one or more of the shifts available here: <https://forms.gle/kbmPU2vH2qqJkKdv6>. Volunteering as a family or as a Sunday School class is an excellent way to do some good in our local community while strengthening relationships with friends and loved ones!

—Matt Rollins, Minister of Community Engagement

Phoebe Fellowship: A New Goal-Setting and Accountability Ministry

The Phoebe Fellowship Ministry offers compassionate support and practical guidance to those who have discerned a need for more stability and structure in goal setting and financial accountability.

Interested in learning more about how to join the team? Please stay after worship Sunday, June 1, for a brief overview and information

session by the Come Unto Me Window.

You are also invited to join us for a training and planning meeting Sunday, June 8, at 11:45am in the Parlor (light lunch provided).

We would love for you to attend these two sessions to see if this ministry might be a good fit for

you to serve in the church. You can contact Kyle Matthews (kyle.matthews@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or Matt Rollins (matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com) with any questions.

—Matt Rollins, Minister of Community Engagement & Kyle Matthews, Minister of Pastoral Care

Summer with Our Youth Family

Join us on Wednesdays for **MidWeek Missions & More**, 9am–2pm, when our Youth Family is in town. All youth are invited to serve in local missions, share lunch, and grow in faith through Bible study. This weekly time together helps build community and deepen spiritual connections. We also invite high school graduates to join us for college nights, and there will be plenty of other exciting events throughout the summer.

Be sure to join us for our big trips this summer!

June 14-20 High School Mission Trip to Middlesboro, KY

July 7-11 Unidiversity Youth Camp 6th-12th grade and College

Aug 30-Sept 1 Fall Retreat @ Camp Kanuga (Labor Day weekend)

FBG Youth Family Summer 2025

JUNE

6/2-6 High School Senior Trip to Hilton Head, SC

6/3 Frankie's Fun Park, 6-8pm Drop off/pick up @ Frankie's

6/4 MidWeek Missions & More, 9am-2pm (local missions, lunch, and Bible study)

6/5 College Bible Study, 6pm

6/8 Mission Commissioning in 10:30am Worship

6/11 Game Night, 7-11pm—AYMC

6/12 College Bible Study, 6pm

6/14-6/20 High School Mission Trip—Middlesboro, KY

6/25 MidWeek Missions & More, 9am–2pm (local missions, lunch, and Bible study)

JULY

7/2 Lunch @ Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack, 12-1:30pm; Drop off/pick up @ Rocky's

7/4 FBG Offices Closed

7/7-11 Unidiversity Youth Camp, Maryville, TN

7/16 MidWeek Missions & More, 9am–2pm (local missions, lunch, and Bible study)

7/17 College Bible Study, 6pm

7/21 Carowinds

7/23 MidWeek Missions & More, 9am–2pm (local missions, lunch, and Bible study)

7/24 College Bible Study, 6 pm

7/31 College Bible Study, 6pm

AUGUST

8/3 End of Summer Pool Party, 4-7pm

8/7 College Bible Study, 6pm

8/17 Blessing Sunday, 9am Breakfast & 10:30am Worship

8/17 Youth Family Block Party, 5–7pm

8/24 Merge Retreat & First Sunday Night Live

8/27 First Wednesday Night

SEPTEMBER

8/30-9/1 All Youth Fall Retreat @ Camp Kanuga

YOUTH



All adults are invited to participate in a special summer Sunday School class organized by the Spiritual Formation Committee. This series will explore the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5. Together, we will explore questions like, “In what ways does walking in God’s Spirit transform our lives?” and “What does a community or church shaped by the Spirit look like?”

Beginning Sunday, June 1, all adult classes are invited to attend class in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15–10:15am. We will gather for coffee and fellowship at 9:15am, with instruction beginning at 9:30am. The series will be taught by a variety of teachers and members from different Sunday School classes. Not a member of a Sunday School class? This space is for you, too! Come and make a new friend in a casual setting.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 5/28 7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5/29 9:00am-3:00pm Roadrunners Visit the Table Rock Tea Company and Lunch at Aunt Sue's
- 5/30 11:30am-2:00pm Bonus Friday Lunch & More (Fellowship Hall) with Speaker Kevin Treu as Babe Ruth
- 6/1 9:15am Adult Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) A Fruitful Summer: Fruit of the Spirit
- WATCH** 10:30am Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Communion
- 6/2-6 High School Senior Trip to Hilton Head, SC
- 6/8 9:15am Adult Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) A Fruitful Summer: Fruit of the Spirit
- 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
- 9:00am-12:00pm 1st-2nd Grades
- 9:00am-3:30pm 3rd-5th Grades
- 6/14-20 High School Mission Trip
- 6/15 9:15am Adult Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) A Fruitful Summer: Fruit of the Spirit
- WATCH** 10:30am Trinity Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
- 6/19-20 FBG Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- 6/22 9:15am Adult Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) A Fruitful Summer: Fruit of the Spirit
- WATCH** 10:30am Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre

Sympathy

...to the family of June Winterbottom.

- 5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 6/23-27 9:00am-12:00pm Children's Worship Arts Camp
- 6/29 9:15am Adult Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) A Fruitful Summer: Fruit of the Spirit
- 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 Adult Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) A Fruitful Summer: Fruit of the Spirit
- WATCH** 10:30am Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Communion
- 7/7-11 Unidiversity Youth Camp
- 7/13 9:15am Adult Summer Sunday School Series (Fellowship Hall) A Fruitful Summer: Fruit of the Spirit
- WATCH** 10:30am Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre

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Introducing

Four youths made professions of faith during Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 18: Kate Fuller, Seanna Johnstone, Eliza Willingham and Sara Lois Willingham. Offer them all a warm official welcome to the congregation!



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