

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

Our *Wednesdays@First* activities for Spring 2025 have ended. We look forward to gathering again in August. Watch for details later!

WORSHIP

June 22

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Called Church Conference: Foundation
Trustee Election & Senior Minister
Update

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Sermon Series: After the World Has
Ended: Jeremiah's Call to Resilience

Sermon: Speak, Even When You
Tremble

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1-10

Anthem: "To Love Our God"—Hayes

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
by Anne Cargill in loving memory of
her family: Mabel, Ed, Paula, John and
Perrie Cargill and Eleanor C., Roy and
Tick Strickland.

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. The
next open date is June 29.

All-Adult Summer Sunday School Is Back!

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



Children's Hallway Updates

BRIDGET KOKOLIS

Have you noticed some changes happening on the Children's Hallway? We are in the midst of a renovation and are so excited! A few months ago, we started dreaming about helping the Children's Hallway become more visible, easy to navigate, and a bright and welcoming space that FBG Children would love.

Cabinets and countertops have already been removed, new paint is on the walls, and the space is transforming. Besides new paint, cabinets, open shelving, and countertops, what can you expect in this renovation? From the moment you walk into the rotunda, a mural will help draw you toward the entrance to the hallway. This mural will not only add some fun and color to the space but will also be an easy way for visitors and newcomers to identify our hallway.

We are creating a new check-in space in the hallway, signage for the doors, and the new carpet will have wayfinders to help our children easily navigate to the various rooms. We hope these updates will help our space to be more inviting and welcoming to visitors and members alike.

The rooms will be updated with new furniture that will support a variety of learning styles, creating spaces that are more inclusive for all of our children. We are also opening a new Bible Study/multipurpose room with flexible seating for Wednesday Nights. The next few months will be busy as we work toward opening this new space for the upcoming school year!

Our Sunday School teachers have been amazing through this process as we had to clean out rooms and relocate for the summer. They've worked hard and are so appreciated. We are also grateful to the Property Committee, Finance Committee and Facilities Staff for helping our vision come to fruition and for their work to make the transformation of this space a reality.

Thank you for being a church that values children and creates welcoming spaces for all!

Grace and Peace,

Bridget Kokolis, Minister to
Children, and
Caroline Hiatt, Children's Ministry
Assistant

CBF Global General Assembly Next Week

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Global gathers in St. Louis next week for its annual general assembly.

Have you ever been to a restaurant whose menu is so full of options that ordering requires true effort? The server returns with everyone's glasses of water, but you are still only on page 1 of 12. This is how I feel as I am planning my time at CBF Global's annual general assembly in St. Louis. Next week, Carol, Michael and I will be joining staff, pastors, and lay representatives from partner congregations all around the world. We will fellowship, network, learn, conduct business, and worship together from Tuesday-Thursday. Our version of that 12-page menu is a lineup of 64 gatherings, learning labs, services, and breakout sessions from which to choose.

I plan to attend the CBF of South Carolina gathering and dinner, as well as the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists breakfast. In addition, I will attend the CBF Advocacy Listening Session to get an update on the "sensitive locations" lawsuit and represent the church at the annual business session. On the final day, Michael and I will join Carol at the table she reserved for the Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM) Luncheon. There, we'll celebrate and affirm

women in ministry and leadership, and hear from speaker, author, pastor and journalist Angela Denker.

I think this is a good summary of the vision for this year's general assembly:

"In a year that feels more polarized than ever before, we want to be a place of belonging—where everyone is not just welcome to our table and in our communities but feel a deep sense of belonging in our Fellowship. Together, we will reflect on what radical hospitality can look like and explore the texts that call us to no longer be strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household."

It is a privilege to represent our congregation at these gatherings, and I look forward to reporting back when we return!

—Matt Rollins, Minister of Community Engagement



Explore a New Hobby with Summer Affinity Groups

This summer, deepen your friendships across the congregation by having fun and exploring new hobbies in an FBG affinity group! An affinity group is a small group of people who share a common interest or an "affinity" in a wide range of hobbies, activities, or life stages.

Church members have organized eight affinity groups for the summer: Arts and Crafts, Birding, Book Groups, Dog Park Meet-Up, Mahjong, Playground Meet-Up with Kids, Theology on Tap, and Walking on the Swamp Rabbit

Trail. If you are interested in organizing an affinity group, please contact Camille.

This is a great way to connect with new people while doing something you love. Come join the fun! Read descriptions and find more details about each summer affinity group by visiting the church website: firstbaptistgreenville.com/affinity-groups.

—Camille Loomis Rehnberg,
Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach



Summer Fun & Fresh Starts at the AYMC

The AYMC is buzzing with energy this summer, and we're excited to share all that's happening! We listened carefully to the survey responses and are taking steps to expand hours, offer more classes and incorporate new ways to build community at the AYMC. Whether you're an early riser, yoga enthusiast, or looking for ways to keep the kids moving, our summer schedule is full of opportunities.

We're thrilled to launch a new **Rise & Cardio** class Mondays at 6am beginning June 16. It's the perfect way to jump-start your week with

high-energy, strength-building movement and motivation. All classes are free to AYMC members and \$5 for guests.

Also new this summer is **Chair Yoga** with Anna Rinaldi on Tuesdays at 9am, beginning June 17. Anna will offer a gentle and grounding experience, ideal for all ages and mobility levels, promoting flexibility, balance and relaxation.

Summer hours begin Monday, June 16. The AYMC will open early on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00am, and at 11:30am on

Sundays—perfect for early morning workouts or a walk around the track right after church.

Kids Gym Time is coming this July! If you have kids aged 0–10 that you are spending time with this summer, you are invited to bring

them to the AYMC for **open free play** in the gym. We'll have kid-friendly equipment, games and fun activities set up to keep little ones moving while you have a chance to connect with our community. More information to come!

Don't forget our ongoing favorites like Senior Exercise, Yoga, Pickleball, fitness center hours, and Pick Up Basketball. Visit our website for full details!

Whether you're building strength, finding your flow, or simply enjoying time with your church family, the AYMC has something for everyone this summer! Follow us on **Instagram @aymc_fbg** to stay connected with AYMC this summer!

—Cathy Goldfarb, AYMC Director



Election of Foundation Trustees

There will be a brief called church conference during worship on Sunday, June 22. One item on the conference agenda is to elect three trustees to the Board of Trustees for the Foundation of First Baptist Greenville. Becky Hartness, Freda Lark and Tom Ledbetter have been nominated to serve a three-year term on the board. Those currently serving on the Foundation's board are Don Caldwell (2025), Taylor Davis (2027), Doug Girvin (2027), Becky Hartness (2025), Sarah Herring (2026), Beverly Lambert (2026), Freda Lark (2025), John Smith (2026) and Leah Wynn (2027).

The Foundation is a separate auxiliary organization of First Baptist Greenville with its own Board of Trustees made up of church members. The Foundation provides additional funds for the Church's budget and special projects. It allows church members to supplement their annual giving with permanent gifts directed toward areas of their particular interest. For more information about the Foundation, please visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/give/> or contact the church office.

Be in worship on Sunday, June 22, to cast your vote!

—Stacey Shinas, Controller

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

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, including a Brief Called Church Conference

5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor/Labyrinth) *Come join us as we walk the Labyrinth in celebration of Pride Month and the beauty of every human being.*

6/23-27 9:00am-12:00pm Children's Worship Arts Camp

6/25 9:00am-2:00pm MidWeek Missions & More for Youth

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 and Bell Tower Ringers

7/2 12:00-1:30pm Youth to Lunch at Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack (drop off & pick up at Rocky's)

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

7/10 9:00am Engaged Aging Hike to Jones Gap Falls

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, including Family Dedication

7/15-18 Children to Camp Prism


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6/10/2025 YTD: \$1,170,919

6/30/2024 Actual: \$1,315,866

6/30/2025 Budget: \$1,491,000



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Prayer Vigil to Remember Victims of Gun Violence

On Tuesday, June 17, at 7pm, there will be a gathering in our Parlor to commemorate the victims of the Mother Emanuel shooting on the anniversary. We will sing Amazing Grace, share prayers and, for anyone who might find it meaningful, spend time walking the prayer labyrinth. All are invited.

—Matt Rollins, Minister of Community Engagement & Kathy Stewart

Introducing



... Ronald and Sandra Frady who became members on Sunday, May 25. Join us in welcoming them to our church!

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. One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.