

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

August 27

Supper is served at 5:00pm.  
Make reservations here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

MidWeek Classic: *Invited to Remember & Share Your Spiritual Story* (Fellowship Hall) with Carol McEntyre

Fall into Fitness (AYMC) with Personal Trainer Thomas Stroud

Nurturing Healthy Family Systems (Media Center) with Canterbury Counseling Center Practitioner Andrea Helm

## WORSHIP

August 31

**Stephen Ministry Emphasis**

**Proclaimer:** Carol McEntyre

**Sermon Series:** The Road to Christlike Character: We're All Being Formed—What If It Was on Purpose?

**Sermon:** What Will They Say about You?

**Scripture:** Matthew 23:23-28;  
Colossians 3:12-17

**Anthem:** "God of Our Life"—Sally Ann Morris

**Service Musicians:** Sanctuary Choir

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 dates are August 31 and September 7 and 21.

**August 27**  
12:00-1:00pm

Community Engagement Lunch & Learn

**September 1**

FBG Closed in Observance of Labor Day

**September 5**  
4:30pm

Engaged Aging Kickoff and Trivia Night



## From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

Our theme for the year is *Invited*, based on Romans 15:7. We are invited by God into grace, belonging, service and purpose. In turn, we invite others into faith, friendship and the life of the church. To reflect on this theme, I've invited newcomers to share their experiences. —Carol

### Reflection by Cliff and Jeanette Christian, visiting FBG since last fall:

"In August, I watched Cameron Young win his first PGA Tour golf event. After the handshakes and interviews, he only had one question: 'Where do I go?' We've all been there. Not the PGA Tour's winner's circle, but in an overwhelmingly new place, unable to tell the entrance from the exit. This is the situation my wife Jeanette and I found ourselves in last fall. We closed on our house in Asheville two weeks before Hurricane Helene. We moved into our new home in Greer just two days before the storm. Our first several weeks here included trips to Asheville to help.

We moved to the area to be close to our only child, Lauren, and her family. Even though we were moving only 1.5 hours away, the decision was difficult. Jeanette grew up in Asheville, with family still there, and I lived there for nearly 40 years. It was especially hard to leave our church, First Baptist Church in Asheville. We were married there, ordained as Deacons there, and I was later ordained into ministry there. All our conversations about

Greenville included the reality that our new community would primarily be our church family.

Carol met with us a few months after we started attending, and we talked about the challenges of moving. I'd always heard it takes a year to feel settled. She thought a year was not nearly enough time. As we approach one year, I agree! Jeanette and I had moved previously for work and grad school, but we were much younger then, and we moved into situations where community was a built-in. FBG is a large, wonderful church with many opportunities for connection. But we've realized it requires effort to engage. After years of belonging to a church family, we both yearn for that sense again. We are trying. Jeanette has helped with the yard sale, we have attended some events and tried a Sunday School class. I sing in the choir and help with Local Relief. Still, we're often reminded that we tend to gravitate toward people we already know. We hope for the day when we will be invited to Sunday lunch with a group of friends, just like we used to do.

Sunday can be both the most rewarding and most challenging day of the week for us. There are high and holy moments of connecting with God in spoken word and music. There is also the hope for belonging and "kin-dom" living that has seemed somewhat elusive. After I joined the church in Asheville, that awareness stayed fresh for a long time. I greeted every guest and new member. Over time, I didn't always follow that practice—maybe I was too eager to get to lunch or out of my robe. But greeting a stranger is important. We can all do better."

# Hygiene Kits & United Ministries Fruit

## SEPTEMBER MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

Last spring, some of our youth met with me for a MidWeek brainstorming session about ways to care for our neighbors in the community. After some great questions, suggestions and conversation, what resulted was a plan to collect hygiene items. We would pack them into small baggies and keep



them on hand for the congregation to hand out to our siblings in Christ experiencing homelessness. Later in the spring, my Furman intern, Luke McElveen, built on their brainstorm and developed their plan into a church-wide mission project. Because of their efforts, during the month of September the church will be collecting the items listed. These

items will be packed into hygiene kits and made available to the congregation to be handed out to people in need that they may encounter. The kits can be an alternative to handing out cash and will contain items that everyone can use. The goal is to have

these kits available year-round in the Narthex. If you would like to participate, please bring your donations (travel-size containers) to the front office entrance or the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall during the month of September.

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|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
| • Body wash  | • Lotion            | • Sunscreen      |
| • Shampoo    | • Feminine products | • Tissues        |
| • Bar soap   | • Chapstick         | • Hand sanitizer |
| • Toothbrush | • Socks             | • Bandages       |
| • Toothpaste | • Floss             |                  |
| • Deodorant  |                     |                  |

In addition, please remember we collect canned fruit year-round for our neighbors at United Ministries. There are bins available at the church entrance and the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity to our community!

—Matt Rollins, Minister of Community Engagement & Nancy Schlepphorst, Missions Committee

Text “JOIN” to (864) 215-3304 to be added to First Baptist Greenville’s Community Engagement text list.

Go to <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/community-engagement/> to visit our Volunteer Hub or Sign up for the Community Engagement e-blast.

# FBG Kids Is Back for Another Amazing Year!



Get ready to dive into our theme of *Making Space* as we learn, grow and have so much fun together. Check our yearly calendar to learn more about upcoming events and opportunities! —Bridget Kokolis, Minister of Children

Scan for more info & registrations



AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 02- Pool Party</li> <li>• 17 - Blessing Sunday &amp; Block Party</li> <li>• 20 - First Midweek</li> <li>• 24 - Acolyte Training (4<sup>th</sup> graders and new 5<sup>th</sup> graders)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 - Acolyte Dedication</li> <li>• 17-No Midweek</li> <li>• 21 - Sunday Funday: Scavenger Hunt</li> <li>• 28 - Parent Education initiative: Jennifer Bashaw</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 - Sunday Funday: Denver Downs</li> <li>• 16: Playground Playtime</li> <li>• 19 - Church Picnic</li> <li>• 22- No Midweek</li> <li>• 26- Blessing of the Pets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 - Parent Dinner Party Mental Health</li> <li>• 10 - Sunday Funday: Game Day</li> <li>• 26 - No Midweek</li> <li>• 30- First Sunday of Advent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 - Christmas Parties</li> <li>• 14 - Children's Choir Christmas Program</li> <li>• 17, 24, 31 - No Midweek</li> <li>• 21 - Candlelight Service</li> <li>• 24 - Christmas Eve Service</li> <li>• 28 - Family Worship, No Sunday School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4- Family Worship, No Sunday School</li> <li>• 7 - No Midweek</li> <li>• 11 - Parent Dinner Party</li> <li>• 23-25 Winter Retreat 3rd-5th</li> </ul>
FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 - Bowling for 4th 7th graders</li> <li>• 11 - No Midweek</li> <li>• 22 - Sunday Funday: Big Air</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 - Playground Playtime</li> <li>• 16-20 - GCS Spring Break (No Midweek)</li> <li>• 22 - Discipleship Retreat for 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders</li> <li>• 29 - Easter Egg Hunt &amp; lunch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 - Easter</li> <li>• 12 - Children's Sunday Prep Day</li> <li>• 19 - Children's Sunday Prep Day</li> <li>• 26-Children's Sunday</li> <li>• 29 - Final Midweek</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 - 5th Grade Luncheon</li> <li>• 17 - Playground Playtime</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8-11 - Mission Week (recently completed 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders)</li> <li>• 22-25 - Worship/Arts Camp (4-year olds to recently completed 5<sup>th</sup> graders)</li> <li>• Preschool Event TBD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12- Camp Prism Meeting</li> <li>• 14-17 - Camp Prism (recently completed 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders)</li> </ul>

# Happy Birthday!

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

— Kyle Matthews, Minister of Pastoral Care

**September 2**  
Gerry Batson

**September 12**  
Gene Morin

**September 15**  
Debbie Tate

**September 25**  
Joe Roberts

**September 5**  
Darrell Corder

**September 13**  
Annabelle Kennedy  
Frank Smith

**September 18**  
Sandra Funderburk

**September 30**  
Barbara Christopher

PASTORAL CARE

## FBG YOUTH Family 2025-2026

Together, we can create a space where everyone feels invited, included and at home in this family of faith. Week after week, we gather knowing we belong to God, to each other, and to our Youth Family. Our hope is that both youth and parents will find joy, purpose, and belonging here. Parents are an essential part of this invitation, helping create a safe and inviting place for our Youth Family. From teaching and volunteering to chaperoning and supporting meals, there's a place for you too!

— Mary Carol Anderson, Minister to Youth & College  
Andrew Tonks, Associate Minister to Youth & College

YOUTH

### Wednesdays@First for Youth

**4:00-7:00pm** (AYMC Terrace Level)

Come after school or drop by later for Hang Time, Dinner & Fellowship!

### Youth Sunday School

**9:15-10:15am** (AYMC Terrace Level)

### Sunday Night Live

**5:00-7:00pm** (AYMC Terrace Level)

**5:00-5:45pm**—Bible Study & Games

**5:50-6:10pm**—Fellowship Meal

**6:15-7:00pm**—Bible Study & Games

### SEPTEMBER

**8/30-9/1** All Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Kanuga, Hendersonville, NC

**Sunday 9/28, 9:30am & 10:30am** Education

Initiative: Faith—Jennifer Bashaw in Sunday school & worship

### OCTOBER

**Sunday, 10/5, 11:30am** Middle School to Denver Downs—meet @ AYMC

**6:00pm** High School to Haunted House—meet @ AYMC

### NOVEMBER

**Thursday, 11/6, 6:00pm** Parent Dinner Party (Mental Health: Loneliness & Bullying)

**Sunday, 11/9** Youth & Parent Sexuality Series

**Sunday, 11/16, 5:00-7:00 pm** Youth Family Thanksgiving One Table—SNL

**Sunday, 11/23** Pack College Care Packages during Sunday Night Live

**Sunday, 11/30** “Low Key” Sunday (casual evening of hanging out with pizza, games, movie & popcorn)

### DECEMBER

**Sunday, 12/7, 5:00-7:00pm** Youth Christmas Decorating Party, Senior Tree & White Elephant

**Sunday, 12/14, 9:00-10:15am** Youth Christmas Fellowship Breakfast

**5:00-7:00pm** “Low Key” Sunday (see 11/30 for more info)

**2025/26 FBG YOUTH FAMILY RETREATS AND TRIPS**

**REGISTER NOW!**

<b>8/30-9/1</b>	<b>All Youth Fall Retreat</b> Camp Kanuga
<b>1/30 - 2/1</b>	<b>All Youth Winter Retreat</b>
<b>3/27-29</b>	<b>Middle School Mission Blitz</b> Asheville, NC
<b>6/13-19</b>	<b>High School Mission Trip</b> Costa Rica
<b>7/6-10</b>	<b>Unidiversity Youth Camp</b> Maryville College - Maryville, TN



## Upcoming Events

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

- 8/27 12:00-1:00pm Community Engagement Lunch & Learn (Media Center)
- Wednesdays@First Activities
- 8/30-9/1 Youth Fall Retreat
- 8/31 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Stephen Ministry Emphasis
- 9/1 FBG Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 9/3 Wednesdays@First Activities
- 9/5 4:30pm Engaged Aging kickoff and Trivia Night, \$5 for meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 9/7 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Acolyte Dedication
- 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 9/10 Wednesdays@First Activities
- 9/11 10:00am-3:00pm Engaged Aging Hike-Ashmore Heritage Persevere, Lake Wattacoo
- 9/14 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship in Song Service (Sanctuary) with Kyle Matthews
- 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 9/17 Breathe Week—No Wednesdays@First Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 9/18 10:00am-2:00pm Roadrunners Event
- 9/21 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Guest Proclaimer Edgardo Colón-Emeric, including Communion
- 11:30-1:00pm FBG Kids Sunday Funday Scavenger Hunt
- 4:00-7:00pm Engaged Aging Night at the Saad Farm
- 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)

## Friday Morning Bible Study

Join *The Prophetic Heart: It All Comes Down to Love* Bible study led by Michelle McClendon this fall, Fridays 10–11:30am (Sept. 19–Nov. 21) in the AYMCC lower level. Cost \$50. Register by Sept. 15 with Michelle (michellemc216@gmail.com) or Becky (beckybouton@gmail.com). This study explores the prophetic vision in Hosea, Amos, Jonah and Micah.

## Wednesdays@First Schedule

### Youth@First

4:00-7:00pm Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)

### Wednesday Night Supper & Prayer Time

5:00-6:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

### FBG Kids

5:30-7:00pm Worship Care for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)

5:45-7:00pm K4 & K5 Making Space Block & Playtime (C302)

5:45-6:10pm 1st-5th Grade Choir (C303) Gathering Time (Media Center)

6:15-7:00pm Making Space Block (C300)

### Adults@First

6:00-7:00pm Adults@First (MidWeek Classic & Other Adult Education Offerings)

7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## MidWeek Opportunities for Adults

August 27 6:00pm

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Fall into Fitness with AYMCC Personal Trainer Thomas Stroud (AYMC)

Nurturing Healthy Family Systems (Media Center) with Canterbury Counseling Center Practitioner Andrea Helm

## Wednesday Night Supper Menu



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

### August 27

Adult: Meat Loaf, Mac & Cheese, Peas & Mushrooms, Salad, Fruit, Roll, Dessert

Child: Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Tater Tots, Fruit, Cookie

## Congratulations

...to Sara Kathryn Coates and Brandon Gaunt in the birth of a daughter, Samantha Eevee Gaunt, on August 15, 2025. Samantha's grandparents in our church are Kimberly and Lee Coates.

## Sympathy

...to Joan Kellett and family in the death of her sister.

...to Michael Kellett and family in the death of his aunt.

...to Betty Stall in the death of her sister.

...to Ryland Brown and family in the death of his mother

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8/31/2024 Actual: \$1,745,425

8/31/2025 Budget: \$1,988,000



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