

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

September 24

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

MidWeek Classic: Summer One Reads—Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman (Fellowship Hall) led by Camille Loomis Rehnborg

How to Have Difficult Conversations (Media Center) led by Matt Rollins

Watercolors with Patrick (AYMC Lobby) led by Patrick Bairefoot

WORSHIP

September 28

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre & Jennifer Bashaw

Service Musicians: Elementary Children's Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Matt Olson, Saxophone; Bell Tower Ringers

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. Upcoming open dates are September 28 and October 19 and 26.

September 24

12:00-1:00pm

Community Engagement Lunch & Learn (Media Center)

September 28

10:30am

Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Jennifer Bashaw and Carol McEntyre, Bell Tower Ringers and Elementary Children's Choir

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3:00pm

Organist Charles Tompkins & Violinist Gergory Tompkins in Recital (Sanctuary)

How to Ask Good Interpretive Questions



Dr. Jennifer Bashaw
Guest Proclaimer

Everyone who reads the Bible interprets it, often without realizing it. Come learn and practice principles of interpretation with scholar and minister Dr. Bashaw! You'll leave with new ways to engage with Scripture.



Sunday

September 28,
2025



9:15am- Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
10:30am-Worship

- Associate Professor of New Testament & Christian Ministry, Campbell University
- Ordained American Baptist minister
- Author: *Scapegoats*, *John for Normal People*, *Serving Up Scripture* (coming 2026)
- Contributor: Baptist News Global, *The Bible for Normal People*

This Sunday, join us at 9:15am for a morning of faith formation and worship led by Dr. Jennifer Bashaw. Dr. Bashaw will be with us throughout the morning, beginning with a special Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall centered around how to interpret the Bible. All classes are invited to join this informative and educational class! She will conclude her time with us in morning worship at 10:30am as our guest proclaimer.

Jennifer Garcia Bashaw (Ph.D., Fuller Seminary) is Associate Professor of New Testament and Christian Ministry at Campbell University in North Carolina. She has a passion for teaching the Bible on a lay level and contributes

social media content to outlets such as *Baptist News Global* and *The Bible for Normal People*, where she is a nerd-in-residence. Dr. Bashaw is an ordained American Baptist minister who enjoys preaching as well as training and resourcing pastors. She is the author of *Scapegoats: The Gospel through the Eyes of Victims*; *John for Normal People: A Guide through the Drama and Depth of the Fourth Gospel*; and *Serving Up Scripture: Interpreting the Bible for Yourself and Others* (coming January 2026).

—Mary Carol Anderson,
Minister of Youth & College and
Bridget Kokolis,
Minister of Children

Recital of Organ and Violin Music Scheduled

Father and son duo Dr. Charles Tompkins and Gregory Tompkins will present a recital of music for organ and violin (as well as selections for solo organ and solo violin) in our Sanctuary on Sunday, September 28, at 3:00pm. The program celebrates the completion of a recent project of renovating, restoring, upgrading and adding new components to the console of our Casavant organ, Opus 3583, installed in 1984. Music to be performed includes works by J.S. Bach, Heinrich Biber, John Stanley, César Franck, Cécile Chaminade, Florence Price and Naji Hakim.

In addition to serving as FBG's Organist, Charles Tompkins is the Distinguished University Organist and Professor of Music Emeritus at Furman University and the Artist in Residence at Christ Church Episcopal. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music (University of Rochester) and the University of Michigan, Charles is recognized as one of America's most outstanding concert organists, performing at prestigious venues in both the United States and abroad every year.

Gregory Tompkins is a versatile violinist who regularly performs in solo, chamber and orchestral settings throughout the United States. Gregory is a member



of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra and the Cape Symphony Orchestra and serves as principal second violin for Orchestra New England. Gregory frequently appears in recital with his father, performing in venues including Trinity University in San Antonio, TX; Harvard Memorial Church in Cambridge, MA; and at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. Gregory currently teaches on the faculty of Gateway Community College and at the Hopkins School in New Haven, CT.

Put this date on your calendar and enjoy this special opportunity!

—Kimberly Coates,
Music & Worship Ministry Assistant

Deacon Nominating Committee Announcement

The Deacon Nominating Committee invites all church members to submit names of servant leaders for consideration to serve on the Diaconate. This group of sixteen individuals will begin their three-year term on January 1, 2026. The Deacon Nominating Committee has agreed to consider all nominees based on the Scripture references found in the *Rules of Church Order*: John 13:1-15 and Romans 12:1-18.

The committee has agreed on the following additional criteria:

- Members with active church participation, dedication, service, and financial support are eligible.

- The committee will work to balance the new slate of deacons to represent the diversity of the congregation.

- Deacon Nominating Committee members are not eligible.
- Staff members (full-time or part-time) and their spouses are not eligible.

Please submit nominations to Jenna Manning by Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Nominations should include a brief statement of each nominee's qualifications and include your contact information. Nominations can be made by written letter or by email to jenna.manning@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

Members of the Deacon Nominating Committee include:

Bruce Brown
Pam Davis, chair-elect
Beatriz Dennis
Dan Dorroh
Herlane Edwards
Beverly Lambert, chair
Matt Good
Jennifer Murphy
Bert Taylor

—Jenna Manning, Director
of Church Operations &
the Deacon Nominating
Committee

“What Can I Do?”

Among the many barriers to meaningful service and community engagement, most prominent is not knowing where to start. Between the multiple economic crises our most vulnerable populations are experiencing and the flurry of social posts and commentary shining a light on community problems, it can feel overwhelming when feeling the nudge to “just do something, anything.”

A good place to start is to get into the habit of asking: “What needs to be done?” and “What can I do?” Responding to both questions together and in the context of our community’s current issues is the art of spiritual engagement: connecting your faith story to the work of God out in the world.

Want to get up to speed on Greenville Together’s mission to end homelessness? Attend Wednesday’s Lunch & Learn on September 24 and join a conversation with members of the Housing Surge effort. Noon in the Media Center, bring your own lunch.

Is intentional prayer on behalf of our most vulnerable important to you? Email me (matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com) to learn more about the new Intercessory Prayer Team that is developing out of the prayer requests received through our Local Relief Ministry.

Do you wish you could engage more confidently with friends and family around sensitive topics and issues? Consider attending a new *Wednesdays@First* breakout series with me called “How to Have Difficult Conversations.”

Interested in talking more about connecting your faith journey to God’s work in the world? Visit

our Volunteer Hub (<https://tinyurl.com/yhsh8vjv>), then set up a time with me for a conversational assessment of ways for you to explore these and other faith and engagement questions. To sign up for the Community Engagement e-blast, click here—<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/community-engagement/>

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

—Matt Rollins, Minister of Community Engagement

New Wednesdays@First Courses Sept 24-Oct 15

Our next round of Wednesday courses begins September 24 and runs through October 15. MidWeek Supper is served 5:00–6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by these learning options 6:00–7:00pm. October 22 will be a “Breathe” week, with the next round of fall courses beginning on October 29.

MidWeek Classic: “Summer One Reads”

Fellowship Hall

MidWeek Classic will explore two Summer One Read books: *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. I will lead the discussion on Thurman’s work on September 24 and October 1. Jonathan Brown will lead a class on the biography of Bonhoeffer on October 8, and Carol McEntyre will teach on themes from *Life Together* on October 15. Pre-reading is not required—all are invited!

“How to Have Difficult Conversations” led by Matt Rollins

Media Center

How do we have tough conversations about things that matter? Matt Rollins will lead a discussion group based on the JustFaith civil dialogue series, which empowers people of faith to navigate disagreement in a healthier way, whether to engage social issues or in personal relationships.

“Watercolors with Patrick” with Patrick Bairefoot

AYMC Lobby

Back by popular demand! Have you ever wanted to paint but thought you couldn’t? Take a few nights and impress yourself by learning to paint with Patrick Bairefoot. We will laugh (and not at our work!) and learn the basics of watercolor painting. All materials are provided. Limited to 20 participants. Guarantee your spot by emailing me at camille.loomis@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

—Camille Loomis Rehnborg, Minister of Spiritual Formation & Outreach

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 9/24 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
12:00-1:00pm Community Engagement Lunch & Learn
Wednesdays@First Activities
(new course block begins)
- 9/28 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Jennifer Bashaw and Carol McEntyre, Bell Tower Ringers and Elementary Children's Choir
3:00pm Organist Charles Tompkins & Violinist Gergory Tompkins in Recital (Sanctuary)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
- 10/1 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
- 10/3 10:30am-1:00pm Engaged Aging Friday Lunch & More (Fellowship Hall)
- 10/5 **WATCH** 10:30am World Communion Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre and the Clemson University Singers, including Communion
11:30am FBG Kids Sunday Funday: Denver Downs
11:30am Middle School Youth to Denver Downs
6:00pm High School Youth to Haunted House
- 10/8 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
- 10/9 1:00-7:00pm Special Engaged Aging Hike and Dinner at Sierra Nevada Brewing Co in Asheville
- 10/12 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Family Dedication
- 10/15 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
- 10/16 10:30am-3:00pm Roadrunners Trip to Happy Cow Creamery
- 10/19 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre and Bell Tower Ringers
4:00-7:00pm Fall Church Picnic (FBG Garden)
- 10/22 Breathe Week—No *Wednesdays@First Activities* except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays@First Schedule Beginning September 24

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)

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

Adults@First

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How to Have Difficult Conversations (Media Center) with Matt Rollins

Watercolors with Patrick (AYMC) with Patrick Bairefoot

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

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

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

September 24

Adults: Pasta Bar: Bow Tie, Spaghetti with GF option, Marinara Sauce GF, Alfredo Sauce GF, Meatballs, Italian Green Beans GF, Salad, Fruit, French Bread, Dessert

Children: Buttered Noodles, Meatballs, Fruit, Cookie

October 10

Adults: Pork Tenderloin GF, Potatoes Au Gratin GF, Green Beans GF, Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Dessert

Children: Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Fruit, Cookie

Sympathy

...to Sarah Herring in the death of her brother.

Yard Sale Donations

The Yard Sale Committee is accepting donations on Thursdays between 10:00am and 2:00pm at the Practice Gym lobby entrance. You can contact matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com for more information.



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or email pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com. One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.