

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

October 22

This is a *Breathe* week when the only regular activity is Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal. Prepare now to be in attendance on October 29 when a new block of opportunities will begin. Supper will be served at 5:00pm.

Make supper reservations and view menus at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

WORSHIP

October 26

10:30am

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Scripture: Mark 1:4-45

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

Sermon: Emotions: Information and Fuel

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir; Anneka Zuehlke, horn

The flowers in the Sanctuary on October 26 are given by Beth and David Taylor in loving memory of her parents, Francis and Nilaouise Bonner.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on October 19 were given in loving memory of Charles Watson by his life partner, Jane Birmingham Morlan.

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.

Parent Dinner Party

Join us for our next Parent Dinner Party on *Loneliness & Bullying*—11/6, 6–8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy dinner and meaningful conversation on supporting your child's mental health. Learn more and register: tinyurl.com/ParentDinnerParty2025



Lula Whilden World Missions Offering

missionary work of our denominational affiliates, as well as of specific missions personnel. Its namesake, Lula Whilden, was a member of FBG who was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary to China in 1872. She worked there until 1914, serving in several ministries, including opening a school for blind girls. We honor both her courageous work and her distinction of being the first single woman appointed as a career missionary by the Foreign Mission Board.

In addition, one of the affiliate offerings that is supported by the Lula Whilden funds, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina's Offering for State Missions, is named for Beverly Greer. Beverly is a current member of First Baptist who previously worked as Missions Coordinator for the CBF of SC.

Donations to the Lula Whilden World Missions Offering may be made by designating "Lula Whilden" on your check or offering envelope, or by donating online at <https://onrealm.org/firstbaptistgreenville/-/form/give/now> and selecting the Lula Whilden option from the dropdown. Your generous gifts will be used by the following partners to show love and support to those for whom Jesus calls us to care:

First Baptist not only directly ministers to those in need but also supports the ministry of others in many ways, from the local level to the global. One specific resource for this ministry is our Lula Whilden World Missions Offering, which supports the field

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's (CBF) "Offering for Global Missions"—<https://cbf.net/global-missions>

Specific CBF Field Personnel: Jonathan Bailey, Carson and Laura Foushee, and Tina Boyles Bailey—<https://cbf.net/field-personnel>

The Alliance of Baptist's (AOB) "Active Hope Partners"—<https://allianceofbaptists.org/partners/>

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina's (CBFSC) "Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions"—<https://cbfsc.org/missions/beverly-greer-offering/>

Amani Sasa's ministry to refugee families in Uganda—<https://www.amanisasa.org>

—Matt Rollins,
Minister of Community Engagement

10/26

9:00-10:00am

Coffee with Carol for Visitors & New Members (Chapel Lobby)

11/2

11:30am-1:00pm

First Baptist 101 (C403)

FBG Food Service Update

The Uptown Company, formerly Uptown Catering, led by Michael and Carol Rosensteel, has provided food service to our church family and adjacent events for more than 12 years. Michael and Carol Rosensteel have decided to close the business, and we are thrilled that they want to continue to provide food service to FBG! Please use their shared email address to contact them: kitchen@firstbaptistgreenville.com and see their message to us below.

—Jenna Manning, Director of Church Operations

Hello to our dear FBG friends,

We are happy to announce we are semi-retiring. As you know, we have been on a journey for the last few years, and it has opened our eyes to what is important. Time is something you can't get back. So, we have decided to close Uptown Company as of September 30, 2025. It has been a great journey for us and for our family, opening many doors. One of the greatest doors is the relationship we share with First Baptist. We could not be more blessed by the congregation and the staff, as we have all become friends and workmates.

With all that said, we will not be going anywhere. Through much conversation and working through logistics, First Baptist offered us (Michael and Carol) a Kitchen Co-Managers position to continue food service at the church. We are honored by this and have accepted. Please continue to contact us for your personal food service needs. So, while we are semi-retired, we are still here for you.

Thank you so much for the many years, and in advance for the future.

Warmly, Carol and Michael Rosensteel,
Co-Kitchen Managers

It's Time to Decorate for Advent and Christmas!

Can you believe it? Advent begins next month! Our Flower Guild is scheduling workdays to get our worship space and exterior of our building festive for the season. Orders for wreaths and poinsettias have deadlines that are quickly approaching. As a faith family, we will celebrate the symbolism of the decorations in our Sanctuary during the Hanging of the Green Service on Sunday morning, November 30. Don't miss this meaningful service!

If you are interested in helping decorate our spaces, be in contact with Charmaine Fuller or Leah Wynn, Flower Guild Co-Chairs, or me (kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527 ext. 128). Help is requested for decorating the Chrismon Tree and Sanctuary and beyond.

The decorations are provided by the donations of church members. Church members may purchase poinsettias to help provide all of our decorations. The poinsettias may be given in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living person. A list of all memorials and honor gifts will be published in upcoming editions of the newsletter. We have an online option for giving again—this year utilizing Realm. (Be sure to get your account set up, if you have not yet done so. It has many helpful uses!) If you are interested in providing a poinsettia, visit tinyurl.com/FBG-Christmas-Poinsettias and follow the instructions to submit your dedications. You may even pay online! If you would prefer, you may still mail the following information and your payment (checks payable to First Baptist Church) to me at church or drop it

off at the Reception Desk. Orders and checks (\$30 each) should be received by Friday, November 21.

—Kimberly Coates,
Music & Worship Ministry
Assistant

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of Poinsettias (\$30 each): _____

Dedication (In honor of or in memory of): _____

Mail to:
Kimberly Coates
c/o First Baptist Church
847 Cleveland Street
Greenville, SC, 29601

Newcomer Class this Fall: First Baptist 101

Do you want to learn more about the history of First Baptist Greenville or how to get involved in church life? First Baptist 101 is a class for you! This three-part series is designed for visitors, new church members or anyone considering church membership who wants a broad overview of the life of the church, as well as a way to get answers to specific church questions. We will learn about FBG history, values, ministries and ways to engage in church life. In addition, First Baptist 101 is a great way to meet other newcomers! The sessions are conversational and informal. We will meet after worship in the Adkins-Bouton Classroom for refreshments, followed by a trip around the church to become familiar with the building and ministries.

Sunday, October 26, 11:30am -1:00pm

What does “Baptist” mean at FBG?

Sunday, November 2, 11:30am -1:00pm

What does FBG teach about God?

Sunday, November 9, 11:30am - 1:00 pm

Joining God’s work through FBG

Register on Realm (<http://tinyurl.com/fb101fall>), by scanning the QR code, or by contacting Camille.

Registration is \$15 if meals are included, or free if you prefer not to order lunch. Childcare is complimentary with advanced registration.



— Camille Loomis Rehnberg, Minister of Spiritual Formation

Celebrating a Year of FBG Hikes

A little over a year ago, our Engaged Aging ministry, with the help of Ralph Bouton, began taking hikes on the second Thursday of the month and inviting our church family and friends to join us.

Over the year, our hikes have included places like Bearwallow Mountain, Table Rock’s Carrick Creek and Pinnacle trails, Tallulah Gorge, Oconee Station, Keowee-Toxaway, Wildcat Falls, and more, plus a few rainy-day treks on the Swamp Rabbit Trail. If you enjoy the outdoors, are comfortable hiking 2–4 miles off the beaten path over moderately rough terrain and can find the time on the second Thursday of the month, we’d love for you to join us on our next adventure. Special thanks to all who have helped make this group such a success.

Let’s Take a Hike!

— Michael McEntyre, Minister of Engaged Aging



Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 10/22 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Noon-1:00pm Community Engagement Lunch & Learn (Media Center)
Breathe Week—No *Wednesdays @First* Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10/26 9:00-10:00am Coffee with Carol for Visitors & New Members (Chapel Lobby)
WATCH 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
11:30am-1:00pm First Baptist 101 (C403)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
6:30pm Blessing of the Pets (Labyrinth)
- 10/29 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
- 11/2 Daylight Saving Time Ends
WATCH 10:30am All Saints Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimers Michael McEntyre and Laura Ritter, including Communion and Service of Remembrance
11:30am-1:00pm First Baptist 101 (C403)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 11/6 6:00-8:00pm Parent Dinner Party on Lonliness & Bullying (Fellowship Hall)
- 11/7 10:30am-1:00pm Engaged Aging Lunch & More (Fellowship Hall)
- 11/9 **WATCH** 10:30am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
11:30am-1:00pm First Baptist 101 (C403)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 11/13 9:30am-2:00pm Engaged Aging Hike to Table Rock State Park
- 11/14 10:00am-2:00pm The Power of Our Tears Grief Seminar (Parlor)
- 11/16 **WATCH** 10:30am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)

Wednesdays@First Schedule

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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

6:00-7:00pm *Adults@First* MidWeek Classic (Fellowship Hall) led by Elizabeth Gandolfo

JustFaith Immigration Module (Parlor) led by JustFaith Leaders

Basketball with Matt (Practice Gym) led by Matt Rollins & Brian Jones

Chrismon Class (Media Center) led by Kay Hardage

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/>

This Wednesday, October 22, is a *Breathe* week. Take some time to rest and reset. We will see you next week!

October 29

Adults: Chicken Pot Pie GF Option, Rice GF, Broccoli GF, Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Dessert

Children: Chicken Strips, French Fries, Fruit, Cookie

Yard Sale

The Yard Sale Committee is accepting donations on Thursdays between 10:00am and 2:00pm at the Practice Gym lobby entrance. Contact Matt. Rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com for more information.

Sympathy

...to the family of Arnold Burrell.
...to Ruth Zimmerman and family in the death of Annabelle Kennedy.
...to Paula Wynn in the death of her sister.
...to Doug Girvin in the death of his father.


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10/31/2025 Budget: \$2,485,000



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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.