

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

February 11

Wednesdays@First celebrates a *Breathe* week with no activities except Sanctuary Choir rehearsal. It will resume next week with a new block of *Adults@First* opportunities. Supper will be served at 5:00pm. Make your reservations and view menus here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

WORSHIP

February 15

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

10:30am

Communion

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Sermon: An Open-Handed Life

Anthem: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" —arr. Donald Busarow; "The Stranger's Guise" —Karen Marroli

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir; Bennett and Keylee Dean, trumpets; Zoey Gallagher-King, violin

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in remembrance of Lee Counts by her husband, Pat, and her children: Christopher, Farrow, Claire and Prentiss.

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for a future worship service, contact Kimberly Coates (kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527 ext. 128).



Iftar Dinner

CAMILLE LOOMIS
REHNBORG

Minister of Spiritual
Formation and
Outreach

Homemade baklava, stuffed grape leaves, kebabs and the chance to make a friend from another faith? Sign me up! On Saturday, February 21, First Baptist will partner with our Muslim friends at the Palmetto Care & Share Institute to host an Interfaith Iftar Dinner. The Palmetto Care & Share Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by Turkish-American residents of South Carolina, dedicated to building bridges among diverse communities. This meal reflects our communities' shared commitment to promoting peace, compassion and multifaith dialogue.

What is iftar? During the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims around the world fast from sunrise to sunset and then break their daily fast with an evening meal known as iftar. For Muslims, one of the most meaningful traditions of this month is sharing this meal with friends and neighbors of different faiths to foster understanding, friendship and community.

Many of you met two of our friends from Palmetto Care & Share, Fikret and Zeliha Burgazli, when they shared during this Advent's joint Sunday School series in the Fellowship Hall. The Barzaglis first came to FBG for Amanda Tyler's lecture on ending Christian nationalism in early 2025. They were curious to see what type of church would host a lecture like this. During his Advent presentation, Fikret shared, "It is an unsettling time to be an immigrant in America, especially a Muslim, but after attending this event, I knew if my family needed help, I could come to this church and be safe."

My family is looking forward to this opportunity to connect with our Muslim neighbors, show hospitality to a cultural group often maligned by our civic leaders and enjoy a (free!) delicious meal. Join us! Muslims fast during Ramadan, but you do not need to fast to attend. Children are enthusiastically welcome to participate; no separate childcare will be provided. There is no charge to attend, but space is limited. Register on Realm Connect (tinyurl.com/FBGIftarMeal), by scanning the QR Code or by calling the church office.



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Breathe week with no *Wednesdays@First* activities except Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

February 17

5:30-6:30pm
Engaged Aging Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party (Fellowship Hall)

February 18

6:00-7:00pm
Ash Wednesday (Sanctuary)

Youth Ministry Fundraising Week—Save the Dates!

Our Youth Family is excited to host Youth Ministry Fundraising Week, a joyful time for our church and community to support and celebrate our youth ministry. All events are open to everyone, so invite friends and make plans to join us!

Learn more and give donations online at: www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/youthministryweek

\$1-\$200 Envelope Fundraiser—Begins Sunday, February 15 (Narthex)

Or give online: <https://onrealm.org/firstbaptistgreenville/-/form/give/youth>

Adults vs. Youth Games—Sunday, February 22, 5:00-7:00pm (AYMC)

\$20-\$25 includes games and pizza! Join us for friendly competition at games such as Pickleball, Bingo, Trivia, Mahjong and more!

White Duck Taco Profit Share—Wednesday, February 25, Noon-8:00pm

301 Airport Rd, Greenville—Mention “First Baptist Greenville” at checkout.

Parent Social & Dinner Party—Friday, February 27, 6:00pm

Tickets are \$40 and include dinner and beverages.

RSVP: <https://shorturl.at/sk6wi>

Youth Sunday Worship—Sunday, March 1, 10:30am

Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministry!

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

An Invitation to All FBG Kids (and Parents)!

Who’s up for a FREE pancake party?! Shrove Tuesday is on February 17. To celebrate, our Engaged Aging team has been working with the Children’s Ministry to plan a “Mardi Gras” Pancake Party in the Fellowship Hall for all FBG Kids and their grownups.

Volunteers from the Engaged Aging Ministry will host the event,

take orders, cook pancakes, and serve the kids around the tables. Pastor Bridget and I will share a bit with the kids about why we are doing this and the meaning of the season of Lent we are about to begin on Ash Wednesday. This party is open to all FBG Kids and their grownups. Dinner will be from 5:30-6:30pm. Volunteers will need to arrive between 4:30-5:00pm.

We are asking parents and kids to register on Realm Connect: tinyurl.com/ShroveTuesdayPancakeParty. We hope you will make plans to join us!

—Michael McEntyre, Minister of Engaged Aging & Bridget Kokolis,
Minister of Children



Children's Winter Retreat

For the second year in a row, our Children's Winter Retreat was canceled due to inclement weather. While we love snow, we were disappointed not to gather with churches from across South Carolina and Georgia for the weekend. Instead, we did the next best thing! All our retreat participants and chaperones gathered in the AYMC for a lock-in, and we had a blast! We played games, enjoyed a glow-in-the-dark party, shared lots of snacks, and spent time diving deeper into our Children's Ministry theme for the year: Making Space. It was a great night with an amazing group of FBG Kids!

—Bridget Kokolis, Minister of Children

CHILDREN



Know a College or Seminary Student in Need of Financial Assistance?

The First Baptist Greenville Scholarship Committee is accepting applications from qualified individuals seeking financial assistance in pursuing an undergrad or seminary degree. This opportunity is not restricted to church members. Friends and loved ones are also welcome and encouraged to apply! These scholarships are made available through the First Baptist Greenville Foundation and funded by the incredible generosity of current and former church members.

Scholarship applications are due to Sarah Dunn by mail or email no later than Sunday, April 12. Visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/youngadults/> to download an application.

For more information on how you can support these worthy students through the Foundation, please contact Stacey Shinas at stacey.shinas@firstbaptistgreenville.com.

—Sarah Dunn, Scholarship Committee Staff Liaison

COLLEGE

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 2/11 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Breathe Week—No Wednesdays@ First Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 2/12 9:30am Engaged Aging Hike—Stool Mountain at Table Rock
- 2/17 5:30-6:30pm Engaged Aging Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party (Fellowship Hall)
- 2/18 6:00-7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- 2/19 11:00am Roadrunners Lunch at Just Shon's and Tour of Phillis Wheatley Center
- 2/21 6:00-8:00pm Interfaith Iftar Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 2/22 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Carol McEntyre
11:30am-3:00pm First Baptist 101 (Register on Realm Connect)
Youth Ministry Fundraising week begins
5:00-7:00pm Youth vs Adults Games (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 2/24 2:00pm Engaged Aging Tea Party (Parlor)
- 2/25 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
- 2/27 6:00-9:00pm Parent Social & Dinner Party (Register on Realm Connect)
- 3/1 9:00-10:00am Coffe with Carol (Reception Area)
WATCH 10:30am Youth Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) including Communion
11:30am-3:00pm First Baptist 101 (Register on Realm Connect)
No Sunday Night Live for Youth
- 3/4 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
- 3/6 10:30am-1:00pm Engaged Aging Lunch & More (Fellowship Hall)
- 3/8 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
11:30am-3:00pm First Baptist 101 (Register on Realm Connect)

Yard Sale Donations

The Yard Sale Committee is accepting donations on Thursdays between 10:00am and 2:00pm at the Practice Gym lobby entrance.

Wednesdays@First Schedule (exceptions noted in Upcoming Events)

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

6:00-7:00pm *Adults@First*
MidWeek Classic: Where the Sidewalk Ends; Navigating Life's Unwanted Transitions (Fellowship Hall) led by Kyle Matthews

Freeing Jesus Book Group (Media Center) led by Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Introduction to Hand Chimes led by Julie Treu

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/>

February 18

Adult: Parmesan Encrusted Pork Tenderloin, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Succotash, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Children: Hot Dog, French Fries, Fruit, Cookie

2/25

Adults: Chicken Cordon Blue, Rice Pilaf, Asparagus, Fruit, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Children: Chicken Fingers, Tater Tots, Fruit, Cookie

Canned Fruit Collection

During the month of February, our missions focus will be canned fruit for United Ministries; donations can be brought to the Reception Area.

Sympathy

...to Ally Alicki and family in the death of her grandmother.

...to Elizabeth Jemison and family in the death of her grandmother.

...to Sherry Atkinson and family in the death of Tom Atkinson.


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1/31/2026 Budget: \$256,583



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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.