

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

February 25

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

6:00pm Adults@First Opportunities MidWeek Classic: Where the Sidewalk Ends—Navigating Unwanted Transitions with Faith (Fellowship Hall) led by Kyle Matthews

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

Introduction to Hand Chimes (Parlor) led by Julie Treu—This group meets February 25 & March 4 only.

WORSHIP

March 1

Second Sunday in Lent

Youth Sunday

Baptism

Communion

10:30am

This is the Sunday in the church year when Youth Family members lead in every aspect of our worship service.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the Youth Ministry in honor of the youth of FBG whose energy and enthusiasm enable us to dig deeper and soar higher than we ever imagined and the Youth Sunday School teachers and the Youth Committee members whose dedication and support throughout the year strengthen all of us—Youth Family and youth leaders.

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).

You are invited to the Service of Ordination for Annie Deaton on Sunday, March 8, at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary.



Youth Ministry Fundraising Week

FEBRUARY 22–MARCH 1

What do envelopes, tacos, Mahjong, Pickleball, and teenagers leading in worship have in common? Youth Ministry Fundraising Week!

This is more than our largest fundraiser of the year. It is a week where laughter and fun fill the AYMC, generations compete in friendly competition, tacos turn into youth ministry support and our youth step confidently into worship leadership. It is a week when our church family shows up. When you participate, you provide retreats, mission experiences and discipleship opportunities! Even more importantly, you're sending a clear message to our youth and their families: *You matter here.*

We saw it during the **Adults vs. Youth Games** yesterday when our youth challenged adults in 9-Square, Pickleball and so many other games! You'll feel it when envelopes begin disappearing from the **\$1–\$200** board in the Narthex. You'll taste it during dinner on Wednesday at our **White Duck Taco Profit Share**. You will experience it on **Youth Sunday**, when our youth lead in every aspect of worship with courage and authenticity.

All events are open to the church and the broader community! Learn more about Fundraising Week: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/youthministryweek/>

\$1–\$200 Envelope Fundraiser

We kicked things off on **Sunday, February 15**, with our \$1–\$200 Envelope Fundraiser. Two bulletin boards in the Narthex are filled with envelopes numbered \$1–\$200.

We hope everyone will choose an envelope, place the matching dollar amount inside, and return it by Sunday, March 1 (Youth Sunday). Envelopes are available Monday–Friday, 9:00am–5:00pm. Cash and checks are welcome, and you're welcome to grab more than one envelope! You can also donate any amount online! <https://onrealm.org/firstbaptistgreenville/-/form/give/youth>

More Ways to Support!

White Duck Taco Profit Share Night
Wednesday, February 28 | 4:00–8:00 pm | 301 Airport Rd, Greenville, SC 29607. Enjoy dinner out and support our Youth Ministry. Dine in or take out.

Youth Sunday Worship *Sunday, March 1 | 10:30am*

We'll end the week on a high note with our annual Youth Sunday, when our youth lead in all aspects of worship. This is a wonderful opportunity for our entire community to show visible support while celebrating their faith, leadership, and the ministry you help to make possible. For full details, event information, and donation links, visit: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/youthministryweek/>

Thank you for showing up, spreading the word, and supporting our Youth Ministry in so many ways. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

—Mary Carol Anderson, Minister of Youth & College

Happy Birthday!

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

3/1
AY Brown

3/6
Anne Simmons

3/15
Tom Maddox

3/29
Gerry Benston

3/2
Patsy Mitchell

3/7
Evelyn Owens

3/24
Beverly Greer

3/31
Kathy Hughes



Introducing Our Pastoral Resident!



After a prayerful and dedicated search, the Ministry Education and Formation Committee is excited to introduce our incoming Pastoral Resident, Taylor Long! Taylor will join our ministerial

staff in August and be with our congregation for 2 to 3 years. The Pastoral Residency Program at FBG provides structured, in-depth, practical ministry experience to a recent seminary or divinity school graduate called to local church ministry. Residency provides experience in pastoral care, worship leadership, church administration, student ministry, and daily rhythms of church service you can't learn in a seminary classroom.

Currently, Taylor works as the graduate research assistant for Campbell Divinity's Empowering Families for Spiritual Formation initiative through the Lilly Endowment as she concludes her Master of Divinity studies at Campbell. Taylor feels called to be with people as they explore who they are and who God is calling them to be in wholehearted and curious ways.

Get to know Taylor in her own words:

"Hey, First Baptist Greenville! I am so excited to be joining y'all very soon as the pastoral resident. I am from Clayton, North Carolina which is a small town just outside of the capital city of Raleigh. I am pursuing my Master of Divinity with a concentration in Biblical Studies, and I am looking forward to graduating in May and joining y'all in August! When I am not studying, I love a good cup of coffee, spending time outside and reading—all of which I am excited to explore in Greenville.

When I began to think about what came next after school, I was excited to learn about the residency program at FBG. This opportunity and the ability to continue exploring and strengthening my calling and skills for ministry felt like the next faithful step in my journey. I am excited to join a congregation who is living out what it means to love God and neighbor wholeheartedly while also seeking to creatively move the church forward. On my visit to FBG, I felt welcomed and energized by the community and I am excited to be a part of it. I am looking forward to learning, growing and having fun together over the next few years as I continue to explore my vocational calling!"

Look for opportunities to get to know Taylor in August and beyond. Thank you for being a welcoming congregation dedicated to forming new ministers and supporting future leaders in the church!

—Camille Loomis Rehnberg, Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach

MidWeek Groups for February and March

MidWeek learning and worship for adults continues this spring! All are invited to gather for Supper from 5 to 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call the church office to make meal reservations. First-time attendees always eat for free!

Ash Wednesday Service | February 18 @ 6pm | Sanctuary

Following MidWeek Supper in the Fellowship Hall, gather with the whole church to mark the beginning of Lent with a participatory worship service of song, prayer and imposition of ashes.

New MidWeek Groups for Adults | February 25-March 4 | 6-7pm

MidWeek Classic: Where the Sidewalk Ends: Navigating Unwanted Transitions with Faith with Kyle Matthews, Fellowship Hall

One inevitable part of life is change. Join Kyle Matthews, Minister of Pastoral Care, as we explore stories of transition in Scripture and uncover signs of God's presence amidst our own seasons of change.

Freeing Jesus Book Discussion Group with Camille Loomis Rehnberg, Media Center

Come with your questions, laughter and reflections as we discuss our Lenten one-read book, *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. We will discuss two chapters each week, beginning on February 25 with chapter 1 ("Friend") and 2 ("Teacher"). Reading along is encouraged but no quizzes will be given!

Introduction to Hand Chimes with Julie Treu, Parlor

Just when you thought it couldn't get any easier to play an instrument—it does! Join us for this 2-week series as we make a joyful noise together.

On **March 11**, we will welcome our friends from Springfield Baptist Church for "My Neighbor's Voice," an evening of fellowship and conversation around the table intended to develop friendships and strengthen community ties.

March 18 will be a "Breathe" week with no activities other than Sanctuary Choir rehearsal. MidWeek will resume on **March 25** with a special evening of "Sharing Our Stories," a series where church members of all generations share who and what has shaped their faith.

—Camille Loomis Rehnberg,
Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach

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Palms and Easter Lilies



We are preparing for our Palm Sunday and Easter celebrations. To aid in our celebration,

we will place palms in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, March 29, and an arrangement of lilies as both honorary and memorial gifts on Easter Sunday, April 5. All lily gifts will be published in the newsletter. If you are interested in providing an Easter lily gift, please visit Realm Connect and search events for Easter Lilies 2026; then 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 in person. Orders and checks (\$30 each) should be received by Wednesday, March 25. If you would like to make a gift toward this arrangement, complete the online form or send the following information to my attention at the church (First Baptist Church, Attn: Kimberly Coates, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC 29601), along with your contribution of \$30 per dedication:

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address (if applicable):

Number of Gifts (\$30 each):

In honor of:

In memory of:

Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

Orders should be received by March 25.

—Kimberly Coates,
Music & Worship Ministry
Assistant

EASTER

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 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
- 3/1 9:00-10:00am Coffee 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)
- 3/15 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
No Sunday Night Live for Youth
- 3/18 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Breathe Week — No Wednesdays@First Activities
- 3/22 **WATCH** 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with America Spiritual Ensemble
- 3/25 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities

Organ Recital

Our FBG Organist, Dr. Charles Tompkins will perform an organ recital this Tuesday evening, February 24, at 7:30pm in the Charles E. Daniel Memorial Chapel at Furman University. The recital is free of charge and open to the public. Dr. Tompkins will be joined by his Furman music faculty colleague Dr. Matt Olson, Professor of Saxophone and Director of Jazz Studies. The recital will feature both music for solo organ, as well as for the unusual and colorful combination of saxophone and organ.

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 25

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

Children: Chicken Fingers, Tater Tots, Fruit, Cookie

March 4

Adults: Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Children: Hamburger Sliders, French Fries, 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.

Yard Sale Donations

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

Sympathy

...to Matthew Loomis Rehnborg in the death of his grandmother.

...to Gene Morin and family in the death of Betty Morin.

...to the family of Jane Street.


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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.