

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

March 4

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 Rehnborg

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

## WORSHIP

March 8

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30am

**Proclaimer:** Carol McEntyre

**Sermon Series:** Rediscovering Jesus

**Sermon:** Rediscovering Jesus, Our Teacher

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:24-29

**Anthem:** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” —Wood

**Soloist:** Crieg Price, “Steal Away” —Spiritual

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for this or a future worship service, contact Kimberly Coates ([kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or 864-233-2527 ext. 128). The next open dates are March 8, 15 and 22.

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



## Colors of the Church Year

CAMILLE LOOMIS  
REHNBORG

A participant of our newcomer class, First Baptist 101, asked an excellent question: what do the colorful banners draped on the pulpit, communion table and around our ministers’ necks represent? Why do we redecorate the sanctuary every few months? FBG follows the liturgical calendar, meaning we keep track of “church time” and the “church calendar.” “Liturgical” comes from “liturgy,” a Greek word meaning the “work of the people,” describing public worship. The liturgical calendar keeps time by telling the story of Jesus’ birth, life, and death, and the story of the church. Each season has a color. The pulpit and communion table are draped with paraments—colorful cloths—and ministers wear vestments called stoles, which change with the season.

The year begins with Advent, a time of expectant hope and preparation for the birth of Jesus. Advent colors are blue and purple. Blue is associated with Mary, who bears the Christ child and the hope of the world. Purple represents royalty (a new King is born!) and repentance. Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and continues through Epiphany in early January. Epiphany marks the

presentation of Jesus by Mary and Joseph in the Temple and the end of his birthday season. The colors for Christmas and Epiphany are white and gold, representing light, joy, and life. Between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday, we observe Epiphany season, focusing on the good news of Jesus’ birth spreading into the world. The color is green, representing growth.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Week. The color is purple, symbolizing repentance and Christ’s sovereignty. Historically, Lent was a season of reflection, penitence, and preparation for baptismal candidates. In the Medieval era, everyday Christians typically took communion and practiced baptism once a year, on Easter. The confession and repentance of Lent prepared them to receive communion or baptism with a restored spirit. Maundy Thursday, marking the Last Supper and Jesus’ arrest, is red, reminding us of Christ’s sacrificial blood. Paraments are removed on Good Friday to represent the grief of the crucifixion.

White and gold return on Easter morning and remain through the fifty days of Easter as Christians celebrate the resurrection. Other special feast days calling for white and gold include the Baptism of Christ (January), Transfiguration Sunday (February), Trinity Sunday (May or June), All Saints Day

## Focus on Mission in March: YouthBASE

The Missions Committee would like to extend our thanks to all of you for your outpouring of generosity in 2025. Your donations to our Monthly Mission Box helped to support many of our local non-profits, and so far in 2026 you have helped fill our Mission Backpack food bags and replenish canned fruit donations for United Ministries' Food Pantry. We will continue both of these projects throughout the year.

For March, we will collect items for YouthBASE ([www.youthbase.org](http://www.youthbase.org)), an educational intervention program to help children build a strong foundation for lifelong success. Their afterschool program goes beyond supervision, helping students build their reading, writing and math skills as well as teaching age-appropriate social-emotional learning and behavioral skills. The program also offers homework support, engaging and fun field trips, and hands-on activities in STEM, art and creative learning, as well as summer camp programming to decrease the summer slide.

To assist with their efforts, our church will be collecting the items listed below for YouthBASE throughout the month of March. Please drop off donations in the Reception Area.

Individually wrapped snack bags of the following:

- Teddy Grahams or other graham snacks
- Nabisco classic variety pack
- Cheeze-Its
- Goldfish crackers (all flavors)
- Chips
- Cookies
- Chewy chocolate chip granola bars
- Peanut butter crackers
- Cheese dip and breadsticks/crackers
- Ritz crackers
- Belvita Biscuits
- Granola bars
- Nutri-Grain bars
- Cereal bars
- Pretzels

- Pop Tarts
- Chex mix
- Apple sauce cups or pouches
- Fruit cup snacks
- Jello cups
- Pudding cups (vanilla & chocolate)

Miscellaneous items:

- Plastic forks
- Plastic spoons
- Paper plates (10-inch)
- Plastic Solo-type cups
- Paper towels
- 13-, 8- and 4-gallon garbage bags
- Swiffer WetJet mopping pads
- Hand soap

—Catherine “Clay”  
Gilbert, Missions  
Committee

## Let's Get Moving in March!

We wintered in January. We slowly shook off our hibernating habits in February. So, what do we do in March? We Get Moving! With the weather warming and the sun giving us some much-needed vitamin D, it is the perfect time to start moving our bodies in one way or another.

To help you make some moves this month, the AYMC Fitness Staff is providing multiple opportunities to Get Moving! On Friday, March 6, we will be participating in the Engaged Aging Lunch & More offering a panel Q & A with our personal trainers and fitness instructors. Each staff member has a unique story to tell and professional perspective to share,

along with lots of encouragement and information related to the importance of prioritizing our physical health. To follow up on this event, we are offering weekly classes each Tuesday in March (10, 17, 24, 31) from 10:00am to 11:00am so you can try a variety of classes and workouts that the AYMC instructors offer. We will have classes ranging from Tai Chi to Yoga to Cross Fit. These classes are free and we encourage you to bring a friend! More information to follow on Instagram @aymc\_fbg.

Whether you're a beginner or an original AYMC member, join us for these special events in March so we can all Get Moving together!

PLEASE NOTE: The AYMC Fitness Center, Walking Track and Main Gym will be CLOSED for gym floor maintenance from Monday, March 16 to Tuesday, March 23. We are hoping to open on Wednesday, March 24 if the gym floors are done and the smell is gone. Senior Exercise and Pickleball that week will still be held in the Fellowship Hall and Practice Gym.

—Cathy Goldfarb, AYMC Director

## Service of Ordination to the Gospel Ministry Annie Deaton

Join us as we celebrate God's calling on Annie Deaton's life and ministry! You are invited to the Service of Ordination for Annie on Sunday, March 8, at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary. Come celebrate, pray and support Annie as she is ordained to the Gospel ministry. All are welcome! Church family, friends and community!

Annie will also share her testimony as part of our 10:30am worship on Sunday, March 8.

Annie is no stranger to First Baptist Greenville. She was dedicated here as a child, grew up in our preschool and children's ministries, sang in our choirs, served as an acolyte, learned in our Sunday School classrooms, and found her voice and calling through our Youth Ministry. Many of you have watched Annie grow from a curious kid running through the halls of our church into a

thoughtful, compassionate leader who continues to pour back into the very ministries that helped shape her own life and ministry.

Over the years, Annie has served as a Youth Ministry intern, returned time and again to chaperone and support trips and retreats, and invested deeply in the life of this church. She earned both her undergraduate and MDiv degrees from Gardner-Webb University.

Today, Annie lives in Spartanburg, where she serves in full-time ministry with Young Life,

Spartanburg, mentoring and walking alongside high school and college students.

Ordination is both a recognition of God's call and a communal promise to encourage, support, and pray for those who have committed their lives to serving others in Christ's name. We hope you will join us as we celebrate this significant moment in Annie's journey and in the life of our church.

—Mary Carol Anderson,  
Minister of Youth & College

## Our Neighbors Voice with Springfield Baptist Church

On Wednesday, March 11, from 5:00-7:00pm, you're invited to join us for an evening of meaningful conversation and connection with our sibling congregation, Springfield Baptist. We will first enjoy dinner together in our Fellowship Hall. You do not have to join us for dinner, but if you plan to, please call the church office to make your reservations! No reservations are required if you plan to arrive at 6:00pm to join us for the conversation. After dinner, we'll use the My Neighbor's Voice format for guided table discussions designed to encourage deep listening and community building.

This will be the only adult programming for MidWeek that evening. While this will not be the focus of our conversation, for those who are new to First Baptist, here's a bit of background: Springfield is a historic Black Baptist congregation with whom we share deep roots. Following the Civil War, formerly enslaved members of First Baptist sought to establish a spiritual home of their own, founding the church we now know as Springfield.

—Carol McEntyre, Senior Minister

## Two by Two: Becoming a Prayer Partner for Our Costa Rica Mission Team

As our high school and college students prepare for their Mission Immersion to Costa Rica this June, we are reminded that meaningful mission work is never done alone. While a team may be the ones who travel, serve, and build relationships on the ground, they are supported by an entire community that walks alongside them in prayer, encouragement, and love.

One of the most impactful ways our congregation has offered support in years past is through our Prayer Partner ministry. This tradition provides a meaningful opportunity for both participants and church members to connect in a deeply personal way during our time away. Sign up here: [tinyurl.com/CostaRicaPrayerPartner](http://tinyurl.com/CostaRicaPrayerPartner)

## Upcoming Events

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

- 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*
- 3/29 **WATCH** 10:30am Palm Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre  
11:30am Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
No Sunday Night Live for Youth
- 4/1 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)

## 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

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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/>

#### March 4

**Adults:** Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Salad, Roll, Dessert  
**Children:** Hamburger Sliders, French Fries, Fruit, Cookie

## Congratulations

...to Jeff and Beth Linville in the birth of their granddaughter.

...to Jean Linville in the birth of her great-granddaughter.

## Colors of the Church Year, continued from p. 1

(November), and Reign of Christ Sunday (November). White is also used for weddings and funerals in remembrance of new life and resurrection hope. After Easter comes Pentecost, marking the arrival of the

Holy Spirit (Acts 2). Pentecost colors are red and orange, representing "tongues of fire." Finally, we enter Ordinary Time, when we tell the story of the early church and commit to growth in faith. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin

for "numbered" or "in order" – these are numbered weeks bridging Pentecost to Reign of Christ Sunday in November. Then we begin again with purple Advent parments and a new liturgical year.

  
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2/28/2025 Actual: \$540,558

2/28/2026 Budget: \$513,167



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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](mailto:pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com). One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.