

April 7, 2026

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

April 8

Wednesdays@First activities continue this week with a new block of opportunities. Supper will be served as usual with 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: When Scripture Hurts: Stories of Abuse and Resilience in Scripture (Fellowship Hall) led by Carrie Nettles

Being Baptist in Democracy Discussion Group (Media Center) led by Andrew Tonks

Running with Doug and Pam (AYMC Lobby) led by Doug Stout

Here are just a few meaningful moments from Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday on Wednesday, and the FBG Kids Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to everyone who came out and shared in these special times; your presence truly made them unforgettable.



WORSHIP

April 12

10:30am

Second Sunday of Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Family Dedication

Communion

Proclaimer: Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Sermon: Invited to Explore

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir; Vocare and 5th Grade Children's Choir; Pam Kenney-McIntyre, Flute

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Betsy Dew Ashley and Nancy Dew Taylor by Joan and Mike Kellett. 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). The next open date is April 26.



Flower Gifts for Easter

The arrangement of lilies in our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday as well as the flowers on each gate to the Remembrance Garden were made possible by gifts from congregants. These are their dedications.

An Easter lily was given...

...in memory of Richard Harper by his family.

...by Prudence Taylor in honor of the Johnson Class.

...in honor of Beverly Lambert by Heyward Locke and Martha Drake.

...by Heyward Locke and Martha Drake in memory of Annelle and Dick Locke.

...in loving memory of Teresa C. Gray by David Gray.

...in memory of Dorothea Thomasson by John Thomasson.

...by John Thomasson in memory of Tom Atkinson.

...in memory of Pauline and Thomas Pillow by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.

...by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard in memory of Ruby and Bill Stoddard.

...in memory of Sue Pillow Burt and Donnie Woods by Jeanie and Bill Stoddard.

...in memory of Robert and Katherine Ledbetter by Tom and Sheri Ledbetter.

...in memory of Robert L. Shaw by Tom and Sheri Ledbetter.

...in memory of Jack Higdon by the Higdon family.

...by the Hope Class in memory of Judy Alexander.

... in memory of Ruth and Henry Little with love and appreciation by their family.

...in memory of Sharon and Bill Lewis with love and appreciation by their family.

...in memory of David Cline by his wife, Julie, and family.

Two Easter lilies were given...

...by Gregg Lovell in honor of his mother, Barbara Lovell, and of his mother-in-law, Joyce Overway.

... in memory of Gerald Stroud by Lois Stroud, Ginny, Steve and David and their families.

...by Lynne Holcombe in memory of her parents, Dan and Gerry Batson.

...by Becky and Ralph Bouton in memory of their parents, Frances and Bill Bouton and Blanche and Bill Carpenter.

...in memory of Fran Nau Jones by her husband, Mark Jones, and her family.

...by Parma Holt in memory of her husband, Robert C. Holt, and her son, David Parker Holt.

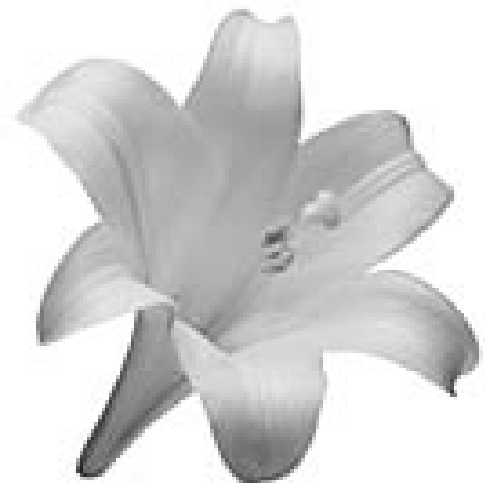
...in memory of Tom and Edna Hartness by Becky and Bobby Hartness.

Three Easter lilies were given...

...by Gray and Brenda Geddie in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Getty, and Mr. and Mrs. G.K. Blanton, and Mrs. Louise C. Blanton.

The flowers on one gate to the Remembrance Garden are given in loving remembrance of Don Bolt by the Bolt family.

The flowers on one gate to the Remembrance Garden are given in memory of Billy Mitchell by his family.



Spring Is in Motion at the AYMC

Spring is bringing fresh energy and exciting updates to the AYMC! If you've stopped by recently, you may have noticed the refinished main gym floor—giving our space a clean, renewed feel just in time for a new season of activity.

We're counting our spring blessings as we anticipate a Fitness Center Refresh in May, when new cardio and fitness equipment will be arriving! This upgrade will enhance your workout experience with more variety, improved functionality and something for everyone—whether you're just getting started or looking to level up your routine. Some of the new features will include a Smith machine, dual cable station, recumbent elliptical (NuStep machine), a stair master, and a Peloton bike.

And speaking of getting started, I am looking for 2-3 ladies who are interested in piloting a workout program with me that I'm calling **Spring Squads** (because who doesn't need a squad to support them in their fitness goals?!). The concept is that small groups of 2-4 people will meet once a week, at a time that works best for them, to work out together, encourage each other, and hold each other accountable (because who doesn't need friends to hold them accountable?!). Using a workout split created by our personal trainers, squads will follow

the program for 6-8 weeks, once a week together and the other days on our own schedule. The progressive overload program will be designed to focus on lifting weights to build consistency, strength and confidence over time. We will add in a dash of cardio and lean in to how fun it is to work out with friends! It's simple, structured and most importantly, done in community with others.

If you've been looking for just the right time to join the fun at the AYMC, and just in time to be the first to enjoy the new equipment, this is the perfect opportunity! If you've got a friend who wants to do it, too, BONUS! I will be participating in the pilot because even I need some support getting back into a steady lifting routine (I've got a full-time job these days, so you know how that is!). Everyone is encouraged to express interest in a squad because I'm hoping this pilot will lead to SUMMER SQUADS for all!

Ladies, let's do this! All you need to do is reach out to me in person at the AYMC, by email cathy.goldfarb@firstbaptistgreenville.com, or call 846.233.2527 ext 122. Let's get moving together this spring!

—Cathy Goldfarb, AYMC Director

Calling All Graduates!

On Sunday, May 17, First Baptist Greenville will celebrate and honor the graduating classes of 2026—high school, college and graduate school. The day will begin in the AYMC, when graduates and their families are invited to share in a time of breakfast and fellowship with our Youth Family. During worship at 10:30am, graduates will wear their graduation caps and gowns and will be individually recognized and given a special gift from the church. A special luncheon for our high school graduates will follow worship.

We understand that some graduates may not be present for our 10:30am worship on Sunday, May 17. However, we ask that every graduate submit a recent photo of themselves by Sunday, April 12 so we can recognize them in our church newsletter, *The Branch*, and display pictures of our graduates on the bulletin board outside Carol's office.

All graduates who are connected to FBG and are graduating this May, please help us by completing a Graduate Info Form no later than Sunday, April 12! You can find the form by using the link listed here: <https://tinyurl.com/FBGGradSunday>

—Sarah Dunn, Ministry Assistant to College & Youth

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 4/8 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
- 4/9 9:30am Engaged Aging Hike to Whitewater Falls (near Cashiers, NC) and Duke Energy Bad Creek Hydro Facility Tour
6:00-8:00pm GOAL Nehemiah Action Assembly (Sanctuary)
GOAL (Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership) Nehemiah Action is the gathering of individuals and churches to hear about issues facing our community and to ask elected officials to help solve them.
- 4/10 11:00am-2:00pm Caregiver Respite Event (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/12 **WATCH** 10:30am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnberg, including Communion, Family Dedication, Vocare and 5th Grade Children's Choir
2:30-3:30pm Grief Support Group (Chapel)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth
- 4/15 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
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- 4/17 10:30am-1:30pm Engaged Aging Friday Lunch & More (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/19 **WATCH** 10:30am Engaged Aging Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre and Bell Tower Ringers
2:30-3:30pm Grief Support Group (Chapel)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth
- 4/22 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
Wednesdays@First Activities
- 4/24 1:00-7:00pm Yard Sale Day 1
- 4/25 8:00am-1:00pm Yard Sale Day 2
- 4/26 9:00-10:00am Coffee with Carol (Reception Area)
WATCH 10:30am Children's Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
2:30-3:30pm Grief Support Group (Chapel)
5:00-6:30pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth

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)

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Wednesday Night Supper Menu

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4/8

Adults: Pot Roast w/ Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Onions, Baked Apples, Fruit, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Children: Fish Sticks, French Fries, Fruit, Cookie

4/15

Adults: Pasta Bar w/Spaghetti and Mini Bow Tie Pasta, Meat Sauce & Alfredo Sauce, Italian Salad, Italian Bread, Fruit, Dessert

Children: Buttered Noodles, French Fries, Fruit, Cookie

Yard Sale Donations

Donations accepted until April 9 on Thursdays, 10:00am-2:00pm, at the Practice Gym lobby entrance.

Introducing



Terry and Necie Holliday who joined our church on March 29 during worship. Be sure to welcome them soon!


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